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JANUARY, 1981FROM THE VESTRYTHE FUTURE IS GOD'S GIFT

"Where there is no vision the people perish" and become lost in vain speculations about the future. In an age where there is no 'open vision' men and women will be endangered by dark thoughts and gloomy prospects.

The remedy for all this is to HOLD TO CHRIST and to let HIM HOLD YOU. In this assurance let us greet the New Year and lift up our heads in prospect of the certain VICTORY which is ours in JESUS CHRIST.

Do look out for the services of healing, the next one is here on Thursday, 15th January at 7.30 p.m. Whatever else we may be doing within the Nationwide Initiative in Evangelism, and exciting things are ahead, do not fail in your committment to the present Ecumenical Services.

Our warmest appreciation to all who helped or gave to the Italian Earthquake Appeal. Money, Napkins, clothes, all tokens of love, were organised by Mr. A. Mercer, Mrs. M. Dobson, The Misses Reagan, Mrs. W.H. Pritchard and many others beside, a good example of practical Christianity.

A number of friends continue to express their interest in becoming members of the Church. Please see the Minister should you desire to take this important decision.

Can we continue to grow, both in the unsearchable riches of Christ and in numbers? To grow without Christ who is the VINE is impossible. Let us seek to grow in Him and give thanks for those who remind us of this need.

Evening Congregations have shown an improvement over the past weeks, with a diet of worship beginning at 8.0 a.m. with Holy Communion, let us continue to fill God's house with a praising people. The

introduction of 'New Music' is proving to be both interesting and inspiring.

Our warmest thanks to Mr. J. Robson Turton and our 'Festival Choir' whose music has added much to our joy, and to Gillian Long for her guidance of a Young People's singing group. These all, together with the Junior Church, have done much to enrich our Christmas.

With greetings to you all,
and blessings,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

James Osborne GREENWOOD 30.11.80

MARRIAGE

Norman Walter PRATTENT
Alma Coville HAYES 13.12.80

"That theirs may be the love which
knows no ending"

IN MEMORIAM

Nina ANDREWS 10.11.80
Gertrude STEARS 14.11.80
Alice CROSIER 3.12.80
James WRIGHT 7.12.80

"So He giveth His beloved sleep"

Please make sure that the name of your loved one is written in the Book of Remembrance. Mrs H. Redman
Tel: 45026 will help you.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Flashman on the birth of their Daughter Sarah Victoria.

The Pastoral Secretary and his wife Jean, have shared in visiting many friends at Christmas. The Minister shares your gratitude.

Miss Mabel Johnson is now home again, and Mr. Alfred Marsh hopes soon to return home after an operation. Mrs. W. Cox has spent further time in hospital. Mrs. E. Townsend and Miss Higgins are still unwell and our blessings and prayers go out to them. Jane Archer's parents have been injured in a motoring accident. Miss A.D. Madden and Mrs. M. Spence make slow progress but are a joy to visit.

Thank God for the fellowship, welcome home our Students, rejoice in the blessings that abound among us. Share your joys and sorrows in Christ.

New Address: HANDBOOK AMENDMENT
Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Raper, 4 Reigate Ct., Reigate Rd.
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

May I send a very big "Thank You" to all the friends, new and old, who sent to me on my special birthday. Receiving so many cards and gifts from you and the Girls' Brigade, Men's Fellowship and the Church, made it a day never to be forgotten. Again many thanks and blessings to you all.

ROBERT PEPPERDINE

RING OUT THE OLD; RING IN THE NEW

On this, the last of our Church Meetings in 1980, it was with joy that we heard of your marvellous response to the Appeal for the Italian Disaster Fund, and of the singular contribution of two very dear sisters in Christ who converted some £50 only into 310 nappies in a very few hours of hard work. This was the foremost example of the caring of our Church in these last twelve months. Caring is the hallmark of Goring U.R.C.

and long may it continue. But we must ask ourselves whether our caring goes far enough. There can be no doubting the generosity in monetary terms, in caring for the physical needs of others. There can be no doubting the compassion which prepares us so well in the Ministry of Healing. There can be no doubting the pastoral care for which we are so renowned.

In all these areas we are most wonderfully led by our Minister, Bill Connelly. Indeed Bill was absent from this meeting to partake of a week's conference on the subject of the Ministry of Healing and we give thanks to the Lord, not only for His continued guidance in this facet of His grace but also for this opportunity for Bill to relax under the ministrations of another.

However, there is more. Now, I don't want you to think that this is intended as criticism - for no matter what we achieve in the Spirit each achievement is only another step toward Christ and not an end in itself. I therefore see in our caring attitude evidence of growth in Christ and we must fervently pray for consolidation of what we have and for further growth through the Holy Spirit.

My title suggests that we ring out the old. Well, clearly that is not intended - we must consolidate the old. But we must ring in the new. We must prepare to meet our next challenge.

The challenge comes under the lofty heading of the "Nationwide Initiative in Evangelism". The Rev. Victor Daley of St. Symphorian's, the sidekick of our own Ron Christopher in the Durrington Outreach, very kindly came along and explained what this "Initiative" is all about, how it was conceived and reported on the inter-denominational conference which he attended at Nottingham where this new movement in the Spirit was aired. Now I don't think it would be right for me to report on what Victor had to say or on the form which the "Initiative" is going to take in Goring. I am

sure better coverage will appear elsewhere in these pages in the coming months. What I do think right is to draw to your notice the part of the reading which Ron Christopher chose so well, to set the mood of the meeting:- Romans 10 vv. 14-15. "How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Consider if you will - we already care for the pastoral needs of our fellowship, we already care for the needs for healing and for the physical needs of those within and without our fellowship. Is Christ, through His Holy Spirit, now challenging us to take the next step in caring - caring for the souls of those who do not yet know the Lord - the next step toward Him?

MATTHEW SMITH

REFLECTIONS ON OUR SYNOD

The Synod of the Southern Province of the U.R.C. was held on Saturday, 1st November under the chairmanship of our Moderator, the Rev. Cyril Franks. We met within the delightful setting of Caterham School. While the U.R.C.'s District Councils are concerned and responsible for matters relating to the local churches, the Synod reflects the wider concerns of our Church's witness in the nation and the world. It is not possible to give a full account of the proceedings and agenda of Synod, and therefore I will refer to three items of general interest.

1. "Seeking the Truth in Love" is the title of "Reflections" by the C.W.M. Visitors to South Wales, Bristol, and the West Midlands. The team consisted of a visitor from North India, Jamaica, Hong Kong and the Netherlands. These "Reflections" are interesting from the point of view of seeing

ourselves as others see us! For example, they see a need for us to recapture the significance of the total ministry of the whole people of the U.R.C. I commend this pamphlet for the consideration of the Elders and one of our prayer groups. I will obtain copies if they are required.

2. "With People of Other Faiths in Britain"

This subject was introduced by Dr. David A. Kerr, chairman of the U.R.C. Mission and Other Faiths Committee. To his surprise in the discussion that followed there is more happening in our Province in relation to the multi-racial communities than is perhaps realised. Some of our Churches allow their premises to be used by members of other Faiths for their worship, and this leads to understanding and dialogue between Christians and other Faiths. Mohammedans are beginning to ask for separate schools in order that their Faith may be taught because of the nature or lack of Religious Education in our State Schools.

Churches have been dedicated to the One True God.

3. "Towards Visible Unity": the first report of the Churches Council for Covenanting.

Having been interested and a worker for co-operation between the churches for over forty years I now rejoice at the progress which has been made in understanding and united action among the churches including the Roman Catholic. However, on the question of Covenanting we are concerned with the Anglican Church and the Free Churches notably the Methodist and the U.R.C. We in the U.R.C. have had experience of Covenanting. There was, first of all, a covenant between the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England, before we reached the stage of a consideration of a Scheme of Union. The Ten Propositions have caused a pain in the mind for all the churches in thinking out what is involved and where taken seriously they might lead. An act of Covenanting between the churches is not a Scheme of Union or an attainment of ultimate Unity. Covenanting, as I understand it, means an acknowledgment of each other, a willingness

to work through each other's ministries and traditions, and this may include bishops, that the world might believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of humankind. I hope our Church Meeting will give consideration to Covenanting when it receives the Report of the Assembly in May which I hope to attend.

The World Church and Mission Department of Synod gave a report on the Nationwide Initiative on Evangelism. Our Church Meeting on 4th December also considered this subject under the guidance of the Rev. Victor Daley of St. Symphorian's. We need to look at this opportunity more closely in detail as it affects Goring. I propose to record in this Chronicle each quarter for 1981 the events relating to Sussex and to Worthing in what might be called the Year of St. Wilfred (681-1981)

I would in these days echo a phrase of Karl Barth: "Let the Church be the Church!"

RON CHRISTOPHER

1981 Year of Celebration and Sharing

Sunday 18th January: this marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Sunday 29th March: (Mothering Sunday) Renewal of marriage vows and family commitment.

3-5th April: Sussex Council of Churches Conference at Worth Abbey: "Sussex, yesterday, today & tomorrow". Details from Mr. Christopher.

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING: THINKING CAN DAMAGE YOUR
PEACE OF MIND

Those who like their Church news cosy and
prefer less heady fare,
Who for controversial issue cannot find a
ready care

(Save to shun the awful author with their
stony steady stare)

Should avoid the next two pages and return
to "Teddy Bear"

NORTH AMERICA - BETTER PAGAN THAN REAGAN?

This month Governor Reagan takes over as President of the U.S.A. That his election should have been greeted with scorn and vilification by Christian as well as secular commentators should not have surprised anyone who has observed the steady abandonment by the Churches' establishment and media of their evangelistic role during the decade just ended. In a scathing attack both on the man and the American people the Baptist Times complained that 'the decisive factor was probably the orchestrated vote of the conservative Christian right'. The 'Christian right' is then pilloried for being 'anti-abortion and anti-homosexual' and for generally taking a 'moral attitude'. How dreadful - for Christian voters to take a moral attitude! No doubt the trendy left who control the Christian media would have been much happier to see Senator Kennedy win the Democrat nomination and the presidential election - they would have found his moral attitudes more acceptable.

SOUTH AMERICA - SALVATION IN SAO PAULO

In a worthier more recent issue the Baptist Times features the work of our missionary friends Frank and Dorothy Vaughan, whom I mention on this page from time to time. They are still heavily engaged in combined relief and evangelistic work in the shantytown slums of Sao Paulo, Brazil, said to be the world's fastest growing city. Somehow they manage to combine this work with running a home (and they make it a real home, not a hostel) for the children of missionaries in that country. Their work is both physically and spiritually exhausting but they are beginning to make an impression upon the slum-dwellers who are their concern, particularly the children. It is heartening to know that the authentic voice of Christian Mission is still to be heard in some parts and that it has not been completely dropped in favour of political (leftward of course) commitment.

NEARER HOME - DECENNIAL DEBACLE (OR TEN-YEAR DITCH) ?

The coincidence of the end of the decade and the recent resurgence of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (of which more another time, if I am spared) reminds me that in 1960 I was writing in a Church magazine about C.N.D. The minister was appalled to find that I was anti-C.N.D. and promptly refused to accept any further contributions to 'his' magazine. Ten years later, in another area, another minister invited me to write a series about Christian social commitment matters for his magazine. On finding that I did not equate social commitment with socialism he withdrew the invitation. For some years now I have enjoyed the freedom of this page - not, of course, without criticism, which has always been welcome. That the voices of intolerance and censorship have taken a longer time to organise themselves in Gorringe no doubt owes much to a gracious Editor and a tolerant Minister. I hear however that moves are afoot.....

P.S. Mr. Connelly tells me that the last part of Mrs. Connelly's article on another page is designed to provoke me. Good! thank heaven for another controversialist. I hope to survive long enough to respond!

R.F.B.

An address given at the Memorial Service
for FRANCIS WILLS M.B.E. at Holy Trinity
Church, Brompton on Tuesday, 21st October
1980 at 2.30p.m.

By Rev. W. Connelly

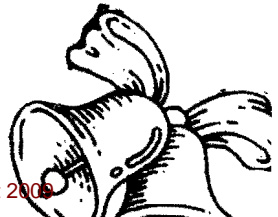
Whether it were better to have known a man at the beginning or at the ending of his life is a question easily resolved in the case of Francis Wills (and Gwen). It is as much my misfortune not to have known Francis within his early years, as it is now my privilege to speak in his praise at the end of his life.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

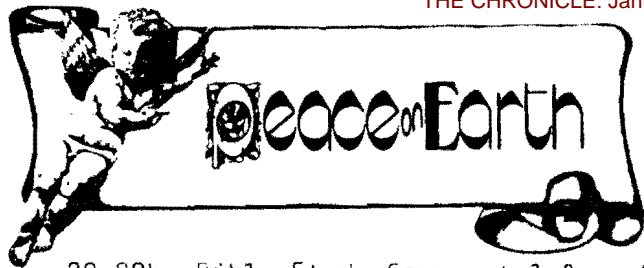
Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Spring Term begins 13)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Little Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

1st Thursday	08.00-22.00h	All day Prayer Vigil
4th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
5th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Rev. Connelly "The Things I like"
6th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - New Year Party
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Members' After "I thank God for ..."
7th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
8th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
11th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship



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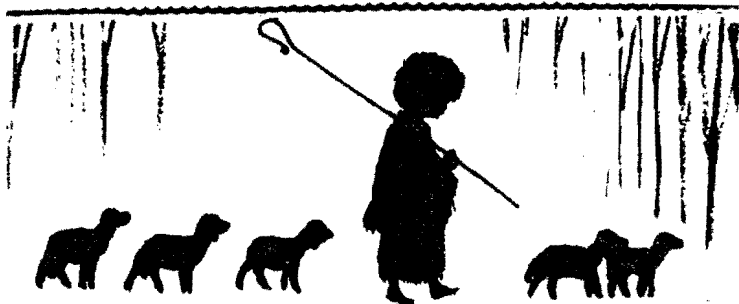


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- 13th Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
- 18th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 and The Ministry of Healing
- 19th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship -
 Miss D. Hutchinson "Slides of the
 Holy Land"
- 20th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - Slides of Australia
 Mrs. Burrage and Mrs. Knight
 14.45h Men's Fellowship - Mr. E. Popplestone
 "My Work as a County Councillor"
- 25th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship
- 27th Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close



N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be Sunday,
 11th January.



To have been born in 1893 meant for a man to have entered into the life of Europe on the eve of its triumph and disaster. That age of Victorian and the Edwardian summer which was to vanish for ever in the blazing sunshine and mud of 1st July 1916 taking with it so many of the fairest fruits of European civilization, would leave behind it more drawn blinds than eyes uplifted to the skies.

It was within this era that FRANCIS MILLS, Claude Graham White, Alan Cobham, Friese-Green and many others long since gone from us saw that the skills, insights and experience they had gained during the years of war could, and should, be used in the interests of peace and in rebuilding of the wastelands. The challenge of a second world war was met and overcome, and again FRANCIS was not found wanting in courage or in vision in War and Peace.

You who are here will know far more than I about the history and work of "Aerofilms" and later on the "Hunting Group". It would be difficult indeed for anyone who had not been part of the growth and development of the work to be able adequately to describe its growth and progress. I may safely leave this chapter with you who are the inheritors of the work. Perhaps the word of our Lord who always had an eye to growth and harvest and to the several parts that Providence and men and women together play in it will suffice.

"Others have laboured and you have entered into their labours".

Upon reading back into the records of the years some things stand out for which we will always give thanks to God. The enthusiasm, charm and organisational ability which marked FRANCIS' work, and the way in which everyone - wives, families, children - were made to feel part of a team moves us to say of FRANCIS and of GREN -

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Kalos - goodness that attracts was the great gift in FRANCIS' personal relationships.

Honours - and they came, success and problems, and they came - are at the last imposters in face of the faith and love which FRANCIS gave to us.

FRANCIS and GWEN came to Worthing twenty or so years ago, and not only to retire to sea and downs - which for so many have been "sea, sand and sorrow" but to a life of creativity and friendship which have enhanced the lives of so many.

Did you know that FRANCIS gave sacrificially of his skill, insight and ability to help to design and build a Church? Did you know that his home was a place of welcome, peace and refreshment to many ministers and still is!? What a wonderful and faithful support he has been to so many of us in Goring.

I began by saying that I consider it a misfortune not to have known FRANCIS in his youth and prime. Many of you do not suffer from that disadvantage - and since you may be thinking why does he not speak of that person or of that event the reason is that you, rather than I, could better supply the deficiencies in this address. Let us then keep silence, since there is no sweeter silence than the silence of love - and REMEMBER with THANKSGIVING.

- SILENCE -

Finally, as we have commended the soul of our dear brother FRANCIS to God's keeping, let us also commend ourselves to Him whose inspiration moves all good men to this service, and humble men best of all.

Let us remember GWEN - DIGBY, LEWIS and their wives and families from whose presence has gone a source of such strength and comfort. The words of Matthew Arnold as he speaks of his Father in his poem "Rugby Chapel" will not be inappropriate in our remembrance and thanksgiving -

"Yes! I believe that there lived
Others like thee in the past,
Not like the men of the crowd
Who all round me today
Bluster or cringe, and make life
Hideous, and arid and vile;
BUT SOULS TEMPERED WITH FIRE,
FERVENT, HEROIC, and GOOD,
HELPERS AND FRIENDS OF MANKIND."

BIBLE VERSES

Jesus said:

Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

from John 15.

NOTICES, REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID - Amount collected during December,
£37.60,

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

PRAYER VIGIL - The Prayer Vigil will be held in the Little Chapel from 08.00h to 22.00h on New Year's Day. All are welcome to come along and spend a while in prayer for the Church, the Neighbourhood, the Nation, and the World.

WOMEN'S GUILD - A very Happy New Year to all, and we look forward to our new programme, although at the time of writing I am still looking forward to our Christmas Meeting with the Men's Fellowship. Our new Session starts on 6th January with our

New Year Party when we hope to see all of you whom we know, and hope to welcome new faces to our Fellowship. On 20th January we go with Mrs. Knight on her "winter" holiday in Australia. To those who cannot be with us through illness we send our love. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE - "Happy New Year" and "Thank You" for the love and care shown to us during Christmas-time. We are so glad you enjoyed our Display way back at the beginning of December. Since, according to the majority, our displays get better each time, we shall certainly have to think up something extra special for the next one!

We start back on 13th January and already have a busy Session planned. Also during 1981, we shall be serving coffee in the Church Hall after Parade Services and we trust that these occasions may prove to be a means of blessing to us all. Please, we still need a pianist; don't be shy or afraid to come forward. We are all such a friendly lot, and we do offer a warm welcome plus any travelling expenses to anyone who can oblige!

The lovely film of Polyanna was shown on television during the recent holiday. Polyanna was always "glad" about everything that happened. Perhaps we too can "be glad" about all that is to be in 1981. May it be for all of us a year of love and joy and peace.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - We look forward to the New Year and to a Spring Session which we hope will be full of interest. At our opening meeting on 6th January we invite members to speak on the subject "I thank God for...." and hope that they will be encouraged to tell us what special episodes in life have led them to offer grateful thanks to God.

On 20th January we look forward to hearing from Eric Popplestone what the duties of a County

Councillor involve and we hope our members will think up a few interesting questions to ask.

May we add our congratulations to the many already offered to our Vice-President, Robert Pennington, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday on 10th December. We hope that the new syllabus will be available in the near future.

REG GOODCHILD

FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY - Important Notice:

Will all friends please note that as from 1st January, 1981, the Choir Secretary will be Mrs. Jenny Young 50 Boundary Road (Tel: 47191). I am most grateful to her for taking on this work, and wish her every happiness and success in it. I think she will prove a very efficient Secretary, please give her all your support.

EILEEN FISHER

BADMINTON CLUB - The Badminton Club is looking for new members to play on Thursday evenings commencing at 20.00h. If you would like to join us please come along or phone Steve Webber on W. 42027 for more information.

FAMILY CIRCLE - Please keep these dates free for the Family Circle events in the New Year:
February 16th "Sing-a-long" with the Goring Evening Townswomen's Guild.

March 23rd Quiz - with various Church teams.

April 25th An Evening of Entertainment.

MOLLIE HAWKE

FLOWER ROTA - As the list is not complete before press date, please see notice board.

FLOWER FUND - many thanks for £17.80 received during November/December.

A Very Happy New Year to everyone.

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary

REFORM 1981 - I am wondering whether there is anyone in the congregation who would like to take Reform for 1981, and has not already ordered it. If so

I should be glad to hear at once, as otherwise I will have to cancel the extra copy I have ordered inadvertently.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP - We were delighted to welcome friends from the Church who joined us to hear Mr. Jones speak of his work as National Trust South Down Warden. Although he has only been doing the job for about 3 years he had a wealth of knowledge to tell us about our own South Downs, from New Timber Hill, Southwick, Cissbury Ring, Highdown through to Bignor Hill. He illustrated his talk with slides showing in particular, flowers and orchids that are only to be found on the Downs. He also described how he and a student he has to help him each year, reclaimed a "Dew Pond" at New Timber Hill so that the pond life and surrounding plant vegetation could thrive once more. Mr. Jones ended with the thought that at last people were beginning to realize the beauty of their own countryside and were striving to preserve it.

Mrs. Dorward gave us an illustrated talk on Swaziland and its neighbouring countries. She and her husband had spent 22 years out in Africa where her husband had been responsible for much of the tree planting. Last year they went on a business trip returning to all the places they had lived and brought up their family. It was a most interesting evening as she recalled their experiences and the friends they had made while living there.

At our next meeting Mrs. Land came to spread the word about the "World Craft" shop opposite the Town Hall. The shop was bought and is run by volunteer helpers of the Tabernacle Church. They felt they wanted to help the poorer countries of the world in a really practical way and encourage them to put their different skills to good use making goods that could be sold. They started in a small way about a year ago, and have never looked back - this was their answer, however small to a great need. As the word spreads I'm sure

they will go on from strength to strength.

Last Monday a party of 30 went along to see "Godspell" at the Connaught Theatre. Many of us were totally unaware of what was in store for us but we soon found ourselves humming the tunes if not the words to the songs. Although opinions were voiced afterwards, generally speaking the evening proved to be a very happy experience and thought provoking.

We are now busily putting the finishing touches to our Christmas evening on 15th December, which is a great favourite.

OLIVE BUSHBY

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ON HOLIDAY?

Good food, a comfortable and friendly hotel, beautiful scenery, walking, trips to interesting and historic places? Going up cable-cars and lifts to mountain tops to view the wonderful panorama for miles around?

Last year I went to Austria and enjoyed all that and more. I had never heard of Raymond Cook Holidays so it was with some trepidation that, with a friend, I joined a group of people of mixed ages, mainly in their thirties, to travel to Landeck. This delightful town is small and quiet and our hotel was situated on a hill about twenty minutes walk from Landeck. My friend and I shared a bedroom facing a lake surrounded by mountains. It was breathtaking to wake up the morning after our arrival to see such wonderful scenery. Our leader worked with great goodwill and humour to make our stay very happy. Every day he arranged some outing we could go on if we so wished. We all mixed by changing our seats at every meal and on the coaches when we went on a long trip. We had many delightful walks, the pace being suited to everyone who decided that they could manage the toiling up as well as the easy ways down.

Nearly all the party were Methodists although there were a few Anglicans and me. On Sundays we had lively services in the hotel but there was no compulsion to attend. Our proprietor is an Austrian and a founder member of the Company and he and his wife did all they could to make our stay a happy one. Space prevents me from enlarging on one of the best holidays I have ever had, and I can recommend going with this Company to people who like Christian fellowship and laughter. We had a great time. Unfortunately the prices are a bit high but I felt that it was worth every penny.

Why not send for the Raymond Cook Holiday Brochure, Summer 1981, 25, High St., Dover, Kent, CT 16 1ED, and see where you could spend your next holiday. The leader we had will be at Landeck 13-17 August 1981 and I am sure that everyone who goes there during that fortnight will have a wonderful time.

MARGARET JOYCE

LONDON LETTER

As I write this preparations are going on for Christmas. When you read this, it will be all over and you will be looking forward to the year of 1981.

So many different kinds of preparations are going on. Children practising for nativity plays; choirs practising for carol concerts; decorations being put up inside houses and outside in the streets; forests and plantations being denuded for Christmas trees and holly; people making presents and buying presents; sending Christmas cards and letters, stirring, baking, making, buying in and stocking up food and drink; consuming vast quantities of food and gallons of liquid refreshment at dinners and parties. Hospitals, ambulances and police force make their own kind of preparations for this festive season. All to celebrate Christmas!

A sad, true little story of celebration which happened only a couple of days ago.

A sad, true little story of celebration, which happened only a couple of days ago: This man was becoming a grandfather for the first time. He had an elder son, married, whose wife became pregnant. The pregnancy progressed with the usual ups and downs and regular reports being passed on to the prospective grandparents. The time came when the daughter-in-law went into hospital and gave birth to a baby girl twelve hours later after a difficult labour. Great rejoicings! Arrangements were made for the family to go to the hospital during evening visiting hours.

When evening came, the family were waiting for 'Grandpa' to come home so that they could set out to visit the new baby. Unfortunately, Grandpa had been celebrating the baby's birth and his own elevation to the revered state of Grandparentage and become so drunk that he was unable to get home, let alone visit the grandchild.

Christ's birth will have been celebrated by millions of people and millions of people will have spent large amounts of money in indulging themselves in eating and drinking to a state of stupefaction, indulging their senses to a state of insensibility. How sad that so many celebrate for celebration's sake!

Christmas outside the churches has become seriously devalued. What do you think of a recent suggestion that in the interests of racial harmony Christmas should become some kind of multi-religious festival?

MARY CONNELL

SMALL ADS.

Old Christmas; birthday cards, 'pretty' boxes, wrapping paper, ribbons; old calendars with nice pictures or good, bold numbers gladly received for use in school. M.J.C.
WANTED: A good home for an aged 3ft wardrobe, free to a good cause or donation to Hayward House. Can be delivered locally. Tel: 42027

Italian EarthquakeMervine, 150 Ringmer Road

May I express the utmost appreciation for the immediate generous response of our members and friends to the Appeal for help for victims of the Italian earthquake particularly as there was no warning of such a collection.

This fund will be open at least until the first Sunday in February and to the time of writing stands at approximately £200.00. In addition we despatched a great many sacks of clothing and shoes within about the first week and I am grateful for the assistance during a whole day's packing, of Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Pritchard, the Misses Reagan (who in just over a day produced 300 babies nappies from towelling bought out of the fund, £184.00 of which was sent to the Rotary Club for the dispatch of Medical Supplies to Italy.

On your behalf I should also thank Mr. Dobson who engineered the transport of clothes etc. to the airport, and to our caretaker, Mr. James for his help on "packing day". I have kept close contact with events and to that end saw Mrs. Laurella of Upper Brighton Road, the original Working Organiser, who gave me first hand information of the present needs and her intentions. She is currently endeavouring to raise £13,000 to pay for a prefabricated house to be bought in Italy to house at least two families and I would wish that we will give her every help possible.

Her present intention is that any really good clothes left in balance or further contributions should be sold at "Good as New sales" to be organised as soon as possible at various local centres, and to that end she asked that Church Members and friends would offer their services to staff and safely supervise such sales. This would also require the services of gentlemen for security supervision. Details will be given as soon as possible. In the meantime I should appreciate names, addresses & phone numbers of friends willing to help. Yours Sincerely,

ARTHUR B. MERCER

FROM THE VESTRY

WHO PRAISES WINTER ?

The "Canticle of the three children" (No. 789 in Congregational Praise); Samuel Longfellow (in his hymn 653 C.P.)... these praise God in winter.

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow
Has left the heavens all coldly clear;
Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow
And all the earth lies dead and drear'.

read this hymn on praising God in winter
The last verse tells us

'O God! who givs't the winter's cold,
As well as summers joyous rays
us warmly in Thy love unfold,
And keep us through life's wintry days

Perhaps the learned 'Tapton' could find us some
more hymns to praise winter.

William Blake has an odd proverb:-

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter
enjoy".

Apply these words to human experience and you have
..... a man in hospital, against whom winter's
chill breath may blow in vain..... his heart is
stored, memory is filled with the gathered harvest
of God's love and he is glad in Christ.

Winter reveals to us as much about our spiritual
as our physical state. God's love keeps us warm
in winter.

We have been happy to welcome a number of new
people at services recently, and to them we offer
a warm welcome. A number of our friends have
fallen victim to winters ailments, but their
spirit has remained high and they cheer us in
their weakness.

Your generosity in gifts to the Communion Fund, and personal gifts at Christmas are much appreciated and much good work as been done. Arthur Mercer's enthusiasm for the Italian Earthquake victims has realised a much larger sum of money and of gifts than had been expected. Our thanks to all who gave of themselves - to bless others.

Look forward to spring, read Song of songs chapter 2 vv 11. 12.

Blessing and Love

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Sarah Victoria Flashman Jan. 4th
and He took them up in His arms and blessed them.

MARRIAGE

Norman and Alma Prattent Dec. 13th.
and the greatest of these is Love.

IN MEMORIAM

The first thing the Ministers do upon entering the Church morning by morning is to turn the pages of the Book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel. In order that your loved ones and your family may be remembered, please ask Mrs. Hilary Redman, Tel. 45026 for details. Ministry to the bereaved is a vital part of the Ministry of Healing.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pepperdine - Greta's loved sister Win has died. Give thanks to God for His promise of peace and life in Christ.

Mrs. E. Townsend and Miss M. Pettingill are both in Southlands Hospital.

Mr. S.A. Wheeler is in Worthing Hospital.

Mr. A. Marsh is now at home. Mr. F. Brewer who is also at home,

So many friends have been ill over the Christmas and New Year season.. To all, whether ill at home or in hospital we send blessing and love,

Please let the Ministers know of any sickness especially among the elderly or where friends are admitted to hospitals.

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH "FORUM 1981"

- a holiday Conference - August 22nd - 28th.

THEME - "The Church Expectant"

- The task of the Church in the 1980s.

THEME LEADER: Rev. Bernard Thorogood (Gen. Secretary
U.R.C.)

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Brenda Stephenson (Minister,
Charlton, London)

HOST & HOSTESS: Rev. & Mrs. Cyril Franks

Full details are given in the Church Porch and in the Main Hall. Application forms available from Mrs. Beryl Chatfield.

A holiday experience to be recommended - good food and good fellowship. Why not come?

Don't delay too long - this is popular!

AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

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Tel. No. 47191

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. C. Young)

Mrs. K. Flory) 50 Boundary Road

Miss E. Glue) Worthing 47191

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Mr. & Mrs. C. Adams, 60 Rackham Road. 65027

Mrs. R. Evans, 4 Doone End, Ferring. 45125

Mr. & Mrs. A. Morgan, 26 Chelwood Ave., Goring 41613

Mr. & Mrs. N. Prattent, 16 Hamililton Ct.

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CORRECTION TO ADVERTISEMENT:

COLIN ADAMS, Driver Training

Tel: Littlehampton

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Edmonds wishes to thank the Church for gifts of flowers at Christmas, and the Girls' Brigade for the bonbons.

Once again we would like to express our very grateful thanks to all members of the Church for the lovely, colourful plant sent to us for Christmas, which we appreciate so much. Our good wishes to all for 1981,

DORIS & OWEN WILLMOTT

I do thank all concerned for sending me that sweet little plant. Above all thank you for thinking of me.

MABEL A. JOHNSON

Mrs. Scudder sends her thanks and asks the Editor to add her appreciation for the beautiful flowers which have been given to her. She also thanks the Girls' Brigade for their cards and good wishes. The Minister is also high on her list of 'thank yous'. She is now walking with the aid of a frame which keeps her from falling.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1981

We praise the Lord and sincerely thank all who so willingly shared together in the Prayer Vigil on New Year's Day from 08.00h to 20.00h, those who manned the Little Chapel, those who came in to share, and those who prayed in their own homes. It was our joy and privilege to pray for everyone in the Church Handbook, but above all, we thank God for Jesus, who is our Great Intercessor.

In 1981 may we grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to Him be all the glory!

IRENE TULEY

A CAROL REDISCOVERED by Tapton

It was Robbie Turton who found it. Martin Luther's carol "O let us be glad today" had been hiding in the hymn book at No. 78 for years ... since the sixteenth century ... and Robbie found it, and we sang it at Christmas. And what a joyous message it brought us. There may be other little hymns and carols hiding away in their modesty, or fear of being noticed. Do you know one? Correspondence on this subject will always be welcomed. Please write to TAPTON c/o The Editor.

from:

LORD

OF

THE

MORNING

by Frank Topping

Forgive me for living my life
As if you were not present.
For trusting in my own strength
And not yours.
Teach me to trust you
Especially when the journey
Seems difficult and hard.
Give me peace
That cannot be disturbed
By the fiercest storm.
Give me the knowledge
That no matter how many problems
May strew the way ahead
You who have the power
To still the storm
Can bring strength and stillness
Into my life.

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WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

We have been privileged to have the Rev. Wm. Crittle (former Vicar of Christ Church) as our President for 1980. We are most grateful to him for his leadership.

Our new President for 1981 is the Rev. T.F. Cawthera (Minister of Goring Methodist Church). He was inducted at the Annual United Service in Shelley Road United Reformed Church, on Wednesday, 21st January 1981, when the Rev. J.R. Hamper, M.A. B.D. (General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council) was the guest preacher. We wish Mr. Cawthera much blessing in this very important year of Ecumenical 'Celebration and Proclamation' throughout Britain. Only by each member church giving its full support to the work and witness of each local "Council of Churches" can we hope to fulfil together our common calling to the glory of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

During the past year 'Invitation Notices' to all local Church Services in each area of our District have been placed in - large hotels and guest houses, libraries, doctors'/Dentists' Waiting Rooms, information bureaux etc. The 'Crown' design for these Notices has been given to us by the West Sussex College of Design in Union Place, Worthing. We are most grateful to the Principal and His Staff.

The new Estate at Durrington has been a point of much interest and activity, the aim of which is to provide a Christian presence on the Estate, to meet the pastoral needs of the people, and to welcome them warmly to those churches already working in or around that area. At present a 'Family Service' is held on the first Sunday of each month at 4.00 p.m. in the HAWTHORNE COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL. If you live in or near Durrington please give this Service your full support, and thus encourage others to do the same. It is hoped eventually to establish an Ecumenical Chapel within a proposed Durrington Community Centre.

The SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE has been considering ways in which we, as Christians, could help to bridge the gap in Social Services by reason of Government and Local Authority Cuts. These will effect the elderly, the disabled, school leavers and unemployed, and those in enforced retirement. Are there way in which our Churches can help?

1. Our PREMISES - are they being used to full capacity? - could we provide Voluntary Societies with much needed accommodation, without reducing the good work we are already doing?
2. Our FELLOWSHIPS - Could they extend their scope to include the lonely, and people who are casualties of unemployment or premature retirement?
3. Through PASTORAL CARE?

During 1981 there is to be a great NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE IN EVANGELISM (N.I.E.). The SPIRITUAL CONCERN COMMITTEE has been exploring ways by which we can play our full part in this 'Initiative'. Watch out for news of events and activities throughout our Area, and support, pray, and work for them. May ALL churches play their full part both individually AND COLLECTIVELY!! You will be invited to pray, serve, and give, so that Christ's Kingdom may be extended in our midst.

May we all unite in offering this Prayer:-

Heavenly Father, fill us with the spirit of praise
as we receive a new vision of your glory.

Pour out your Spirit upon your whole Church
granting a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your Word,
a new readiness to listen to others
and to know when to speak for you.

Renew us in your service,
that through our lives and our witness
together
Your Holy Name may be glorified
And your Kingdom advanced
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

CHRISTMAS AS A MULTI-RACIAL FESTIVAL

Of course, Christmas is already a multi-racial festival! Jesus would have welcomed this. He always preached against racial bigotry. (i.e. the woman of Samaria and the Good Samaritan). Anyone, who wishes to celebrate His birthday, should be welcomed.

At Christmas, I received 5 cards from Hindu and Muslim teachers:- lovely girls who were on my Staff in Wembley. One card spoke of God's grace to us all. When we taught together, Christmas was celebrated with the children.

FAY BLAKEY

WORLD CHURCH AFFAIRS

CHRISTMAS - OR CHRIST-LESS MESS?

I haven't much to say (cheers!) about the idea of making Christmas a multi-religious festival except that it hardly seems the right prescription to meet the problem of the majority's non-religious Christmas - and to ask whether it is also proposed that Ramadan and Passover should similarly be thrown open to all faiths. Poetically, I cannot improve upon Father Forrest's apt verse about wooly ecumenism. If I recall it correctly (apologies to Father Forrest and Mowbrays) it ends:-

To reach indeterminate Day
We traverse our dubious fen,
Our multi-directional Way
For ever and ever. Amen.

INVOLUNTARY DISABLEMENT

1981 is the year of the disabled. Clearly there is a need to focus the attention of people, authorities and governments on the special problems connected with disability and we will all hope that this effort will succeed and that its effects will continue far beyond the end of the year. If success is to be attained it is essential that the approach should be realistic and not merely sentimental, as tends to happen with these campaigns. While there is a lot to be said for ignoring as far as possible the differences which distinguish various disadvantaged groups - children, the poor, the disabled etc. from the rest of society, it often happens that those differences have to be taken into account if the right help is to be given. For example, I have heard of an office which already had a good record for employing people with various disabilities being asked to take on a more than usually immobile person. They agreed in principle but pointed out certain changes which would have to be made regarding access, equipment etc. to provide even the minimum acceptable environment for the newcomer and his colleagues. The appropriate authorities declined to take any account of such considerations and so the project fell through.

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Half Term 24th Feb)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	10.15h	Coffee served in Cornwall Room
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES The Minister will
preach at all services

1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
2nd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. Fricker - Breadmaking Demonstration
3rd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Rev. R.C. Christopher
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Rev. C. Charlton "Oddities & Eccentricities"
	19.00h	Enrolment Service for G. B. followed by refreshments in the Hall.
4th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road.
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

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10th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
11th Wednesday	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service With Holy Communion
15th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
16th Monday	20.00h	Family Circle "Quiz Evening"
17th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Interesting Sussex Plants (Slides) - Mrs. Buckle
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Mr. J. Durrant Postal Services Manager, G.P.O.
18th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road
19th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
22nd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
24th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
25th Wednesday	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
26th Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy - Sun. 8th Feb.

Even though compulsory compassion imposed by law seldom succeeds legislation may well have a part to play in this campaign. Even in a time of belt-tightening funds must be found to develop and put into production the many aids for the handicapped that God-given inventive genius has produced in recent years.

VOLUNTARY DISABLEMENT -THE WORST ADDICTION ?

For a start, huge sums could be saved by stamping out the evil intentions of I.T.V. to introduce break-fast television and a second commercial channel in the next two years. If I need to justify the word 'evil' I hope to do so another time. For now:

When taken o'er by TV AM
 The nation's morns will be a mayhem
 When risers try to get their pants on
 To toothy tone of Esther Rantzen.
 The warmth of night will soon be lost
 To freezing leer of David Frost.
 Will hours which aren't already Day
 Be taken up by Peter Jay ?
 And will the time when Jethro Larkin's on
 Soon fall to the perpetual Parkinson ?

And as for the B.B.C. I quote without comment (yet) from the Radio Times for 7th January:-

(New Series) SIXTEEN - UP

The first of ten films for young people "Fair Cop?"
 If the police stopped you on the street, would you know what to do and say? What is supposed to happen at the police station - and what really does happen?

R.F.B.

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY ENVELOPES

Amount collected - £8.00 received with thanks.

RON CHRISTOPHER

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during January - £9.20

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

We commenced our 1981 Session with a New Year's Party and our Secretary had organised a series of very interesting and stimulating competitions, and though they made us exercise our minds we had great fun and rivalry in trying to get the correct answers to the clues. Welcome refreshments were provided by the committee members.

J. BURRAGE

(And the said refreshments were really sumptuous, I gather from one of those present! EDITOR)

Recently it has been our joy to welcome new members and in our new Session we hope this will continue. The Church's financial year ended on 31st January - ours does not end until 30th April, but I thought you would like to know that our Treasurer has been able to hand a cheque for £40 to the Church Treasurer towards the cost of heating the Hall which we use.

January has proved an unhappy month healthwise for many of our members, and we hope to see them back with us soon. Remember:-

"Between the clouds the sky is blue, and bit of heaven is shining through.

If a gold edge gilds the grey

The sunshine can't be far away."

(P. STRONG)

Our Guild Christmas Service is now on tape and has been enjoyed by our sick folk, so if you want cheering up let me know and you can borrow it.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the time of going to press we have had just our opening meeting on 6th January, and we were very pleased that several of our newer members spoke on the subject "I thank God for ...". Sadly this was the last occasion on which we were to see and hear our good friend Fred Lock whose sudden death has shocked us all. His regular support of our meetings over a period of several years will be greatly missed.

In February we look forward to welcoming The Rev. Clifford Charlton from Sompting U.R.C. on 3rd and Mr. John Durrant, the Postal Services Manager of the G.P.O. in Worthing on 17th.

We would very much like to attract more retired men of the Church to our Fellowship and if anyone would like a copy of our programme I shall be very glad if they will approach me at any time.

REG GOODCHILD

GIRLS' BRIGADE

February 1st and 8th is Girls' Brigade Week and on Tuesday Feb 3rd we shall be holding our Annual Enrolment Service in the Church at 7.00 p.m. This short service will be followed by a buffet supper in the Church Hall, so why not come along and join us? It's "Open House" and welcome to all that evening. Also during early February there will be an exhibition in the East Transept which we hope will be of interest to you all.

All being well, we shall be on Parade on 8th February and after each Parade Service during 1981 we shall be serving Coffee in the Church Hall, and hope that you'll join us on these occasions for a chat. You'll also be encouraging the girls as they seek to "serve the Church and community" as part of their badge work. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Since last writing our Fellowship has enjoyed a delightful Christmas Evening arranged by the Committee. The evening began with a Bible reading followed by Christmas poems and verse, then everyone entered into the spirit as we all tried our hand at miming the title of a Christmas carol. Everyone agreed that we had definitely earned our mince pies that night!

With Christmas seeming far away now and the decorations put carefully away for another year, on behalf of the Fellowship I should like to wish you all a very Happy and Joyful New Year.

Mr. Connelly opened our Spring Programme with "Things I like" and we had a delightful evening enjoying extracts from his growing collection of books and records. On 19th January we are looking forward to hearing Miss Hutchinson who will be showing slides of her visit to the Holy Land.

We would be delighted to welcome any new friends who would like to come along and join us.

OLIVE BUSHBY

FLORAL NOTES

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

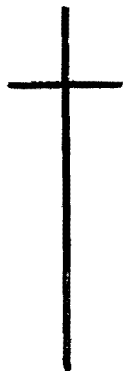
1st	Mr. & Mrs. Young	8th	Girls' Brigade
15th	Flower Fund	22nd	Flower Fund

Thank you, Mr. Calsteren, for refurbishing the metal Flower Pedestals so beautifully.

CHRISTMAS A warm thank you to all who helped with the Church decorating (and dismantling) for the festive season.

FLOWER FUND Sincere thanks for £6.50 received during December, 1980.

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Sec.



Fred Lock and I became friends soon after he came to our Church. He was a man of integrity, most reliable, friendly and of a retiring disposition, no thought of self interest, in all his dealings he would patiently let it be known his help was always available. He was gracious enough to lead one to think he was favoured when his aid was accepted; he made no claims to be anything but an ordinary man, and his delight was a day at a cricket match with his wife or a friend, a feast of tea and a sandwich. What better epitaph than:

He was a lovable man.

BERT GREWCOCK

ANCHOR BOYS' PARTY

On Wednesday, 17th December, the Anchor Boys held their Christmas Party in the Church Hall and I am writing on behalf of all the guests to thank them and Mrs. Batchelor and all her helpers, for their kind invitation to this very happy afternoon.

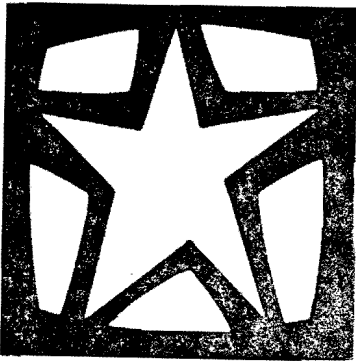
The Officers, parents and friends had worked hard to provide a delicious tea for us all. This was followed by games, and then the boys gave a delightful presentation of the Christmas Story in mime and song, written and narrated by Mrs. Rhodes, and assisted at the piano by Mrs. Barnett.

Before the party ended, the boys presented the guests with gifts made by themselves - a Christmas card, tub of sweets, and bulbs thoughtfully planted by the boys back in September.

This enjoyable occasion was one I shall remember with pleasure for a long time; and a good time was had by all, in spite of the deluge outside!

DORA NEWELL

'AROUND THE CHURCH'



Quite a lot of interest has been generated in recent weeks by our Minister in his Children's Talks entitled "Around the Church". To bring the subject before all the members and to act as revision for the Junior Church, it has been decided to publish the story of each window as a series. This month we start with the first window on the

West side. The West side symbolically depicts the life of Christ and starts with the Star of Bethlehem. The Star of Bethlehem, supposed to be the morning star, symbolises the Nativity. "As the morning star heralds the dawn, so Christ's birth heralded the passing of the world from night to day - from the darkness of sin to the light of Salvation".

E.W.P.

STOP PRESS:

I should like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Connelly, members, the Girls' Brigade, also friends and neighbours, for their kind thoughts, visits and care and concern, also for the cards and flowers during my illness.

I am pleased to report that I am progressing slowly and many thanks to you all for your prayers and support.

FRED BREWER

LONDON LETTER

The 'phone rings and the voice comes over the wire as clear as though you were speaking to a neighbour next door. However, you know that the person speaking to you is on the other side of the Atlantic and indeed as far as from here to New York and as far again - Houston, Texas, comparatively speaking, almost in Mexico.

Texas was once part of Mexico, now one of the United States. The early American settlers were made welcome by Mexico, given tracts of land to farm and develop. These settlers eventually decided they wanted self-government and started to agitate for it. They were considered rebels to be put down, but with some help from America, won through. The most famous incident was the siege of the Alamo, an old mission outside San Antone, used as a fort for the American Garrison.

They held out for 13 days - 189 men against 5000 Mexicans. Although they were all killed and the bodies burned, these 13 days gave General Houston time to gather forces for the eventual victory. Had the Mexicans passed by the Alamo and carried on into the interior, the rebellion may well have been put down.

Sam Houston became first President of the Republic of Texas. Houston, Texas, is named after him.

In a magazine feature on Holidays abroad we read "Dallas; being promoted as a tourist destination because of the success of the T.V. serial, is unpleasant architecturally and socially; even applicants for jobs in the civic administration demand a large premium for moving there". "Houston and Dallas: dull - but the compensations are San Antonia, dude ranches, rodeos

and people who are pleasant when sober and unarmed".

While I shivered in the sleety showers at Gatwick airport yesterday morning, waiting to see the Pan-Am plane leave for Houston, I looked at the destination board and pondered on the number of different places to which one could fly - some I had never even heard of, let alone be able to spell! Some were in the American Continent, some in the continent of Africa, some in Asia and the far East.

We had a strong tradition in our family of missionary support and many a mile I have trudged as a child "collecting for the missionaries" and many a door has been closed in my face after being told "I don't believe in them". Sometimes I would be given tuppence or threepence, perhaps sixpence "Because it's you collecting, not because I believe in it".

Being brought up in the Methodist Church I had always assumed that all missionaries and explorers had been, and were, Methodists. Years elapsed before I learned the truth about Livingstone! Then, of course, I always wanted to be a missionary - Africa mainly, then there was a possibility of Madagascar and possibly the Gilbert Islands as a teacher. But what happened? Where did I go? The farthest I have travelled is the South of France with a day trip over the border into Italy, and the missionary work is here in Kings Cross with the children from all over the world!

A Sunday newspaper article today drew attention to evidence of the way children are being used to spread poisonous Nazi propaganda in Britain's schools. Young children of all races are generally happy in each other's company, but as they get older we begin to see and hear a change in some of them.

Apart from any racial disharmony, there is plenty of other social 'unpleasantness' - members of our own

staff and family have suffered 'muggings' and bag-snatching, and we have to be constnatly alert to a stranger coming into school on various pretexts. 99% prove to be genuine. The other 1% have their own unsavoury and illegal intentions.

On the whole, though, I suppose one could say that there were compensations in London (for the visitor who has the time to enjoy them) and "people who are pleasant when sober and unarmed"!!

MARY CONNELLY

BIBLE VERSES

Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Neh. 8:10

The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee.

Deut. 31:8

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh, to direct his steps.

Ex. 33:15

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Thou he fall he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Jer.10:23

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom.8:38,39

God's love cannot be fully known. Our knowledge of it is by revelation through the work of the Holy Spirit. Samuel Crossman was well aware of it when he wrote this hymn so well loved by Christians in the season of Lent. This is why he ends the hymn

'This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend'.

Contemplation upon the great themes of Lent will serve to enrich our knowledge of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May I suggest that leaders of Bible study groups look at some of the following words to see what they are saying to us about the Cross of Christ.

GRACE REDEMPTION JUSTIFICATION FAITH

Look them up in the Bible using a concordance. Let the words ask questions about your Christian understanding. We may not come to a complete knowledge of God's Love, but this Lent let us learn and pray, and grow.



International Year of Disabled People

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Girls Brigade the Church has been able to go far towards helping the deaf. Many give thanks for hearing aids. And yet, we wonder is there anything else we should try to do to make the Church and halls

comfortable and welcoming for any of our friends who are disabled? Over to you for your thoughts and suggestions.

Every blessing to you all

William Connelly.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

Fred Lock	12.1.81
William Frost	21.1.81
Owen Willmott M.B.E.	26.1.81
Phyllis Scudder	27.1.81
Ivy Christmas	4.2.81

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

All these names are dear to us. Let us remember that their souls are dear to God in whose holy keeping they remain through the Grace of Christ. Pray for the bereaved and for all who minister to them.

MARRIAGE

Frank J. Bristow
 Elsie W. Southcott

7.2.81

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We greet all who are ill in Christian Love. Mr. S. Wheeler is now at home. Mrs. E. Townsend has gone into St. Bernards Nursing Home and Mrs. C. Nokes is in hospital for treatment. Miss M. Pettengill has made good progress and is home again.

John Beamish is back among us after a long absence ... welcome home John. Robert Jones is now home again after hospital treatment.

Please let the Ministers know of those who are ill. We do our best to visit, to pray and with you all to serve in Christ's Name.

JOURNEYS _____

WITH THE FELLOWSHIP _____

Fiona Connelly is spending a little time with friends in Texas. A recent card from Mr. & Mrs. Moulder of Sea Place describes their winterland of sunshine. Ann Bill who has served faithfully in Junior Church is off to Germany. Remember all who travel.

AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

Telephone Number

The Misses W. & L. Higgins, 60 Sea Place 503709

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

1st	Flower Fund	15th	Mr. Robson-Turton
8th	Mrs. Barnett & Mrs. Hunt	22nd	Mr. & Mrs. Beale
		29th	Flower Fund

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

May we express our sincere thanks to all friends at the Church, for their prayers and for the beautiful flowers sent to Hilda, following her recent illness.

We also wish to thank the Girls' Brigade for their lovely cards and messages, and to the Women's Guild we give our thanks for their kind floral gift and good wishes.

A very big "thank you" to our Minister for his visits and encouragement which has been a source of great comfort.

HILDA & FRANK BEAUMONT

I am writing on behalf of my Mother, Cicely Nodes, to thank all who have visited her at home and in Ward 21 of Worthing Hospital. In particular to Mrs. Hilda Hele who went with her in the ambulance when she was admitted to hospital, we give our thanks and to our Ministers for their prayers, for the flowers and cards that she has received, and to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tuley, who kindly supplied many tape recordings of services in the Church. Being able to hear the services whilst confined to her chair at home was a source of great enjoyment and strength to Mother. Every enquiry has been much appreciated.

COLIN NODES

Mark and I should like to express our thanks to all our friends who sent letters and cards, or telephoned, on our recent tragic loss.

JANET OAKES

May I thank all our friends who have been so kind in sending me such wonderful letters, and for remembering me in their prayers. The very sudden death of my husband has been a terrible shock, but I have had a great deal of loving support from family and friends. Also, I will never forget the kindness I have received from The Rev. Connelly during this sad time.

JOAN LOCK

OBITUARY

It was with sorrow that I learned of the passing of Phil Scudder. I will remember her love of life and joyous nature. She and I, at one time, exchanged letters through the local press, and Phil was never at a loss for an apt reply! Such was her sense of fun.

Our sympathy goes out to her husband, who will also have happy memories of her. We all miss her very much indeed.

E. COPELAND

Hold Thou my hands!
In grief and joy, in hope and fear,
Lord, let me feel that Thou art near:
Hold Thou my hands!

If e'er by doubts
Of Thy good fatherhood depressed,
I cannot find in Thee my rest,
Hold Thou my hands.

Hold Thou my hands -
These passionate hands too quick to smite,
These hands so eager for delight:
Hold Thou my hands.

And when at length,
With darkened eyes and fingers cold,
I seek some last loved hands to hold,
Hold Thou my hands.

Thank you, John Rathbone, for bringing our notice to this comforting hymn in our own Congregational Praise.

EDITOR

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 6th March, '81

The theme for this year's Day of Prayer is:

"The Earth is the Lord's"

The afternoon service will be held in the Bury Drive Methodist Church at 15.00h when it is hoped many ladies of our own Congregation will attend if possible. There will be six other local Churches joining with us and members of the various Churches will be taking part. The Speaker will be Mrs. B. Potten.

The evening service will be held at Durrington Free Baptist Church at 20.00h when the Speaker will be Mrs. Eve Armstrong. It is hoped that ladies who cannot attend the afternoon service will be able to attend the evening one.

GOOD NEWS FOR SUSSEX 681 - 1981

Churches of all denominations throughout Sussex have been invited to acknowledge 1981 as a Year of Celebration and Proclamation, and a Sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christianity came to Sussex through a very remarkable man, WILFRID by name in the year 681 - 1300 years ago, when Sussex was still an independent pagan kingdom.

This compels us to ask:-

1. What is the gospel we affirm today in 1981?
 2. How can it affect the lives and longings of Sussex people?
 3. What kind of Christians and Church Communities are needed to make it visible, audible, and contagious!
- May it be a great year of renewal, growth and commitment for us all.

Many events, County and Local, are being planned.
So far they are as follows:-

CHURCH FINANCES

THE CHRONICLE: March 1981

Our Budget for this year at £20340 is approximately 10% higher than our expenditure last year. This means that our income must also be at least 10% higher, and we are looking to every member of the congregation to prayerfully review their givings and make the appropriate adjustment to their offerings.

Below is the Income and Expenditure Account for the six weeks ending 8th February.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Offerings	1661	Main. of Ministry Fund	751
Income Tax Refunds	22	Ministerial & Manse	341
Rents	66	Heating & Lighting	536
Sundries	12	Insurance	623
		Repairs	512
Excess Expenditure over Income	1535	Sundries	306
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COVENANT NEWS

Will all who covenant their giving through the Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme please ensure that contributions are up to date on Sunday, 5th April, 1981 if valuable tax relief is not to be lost.

The Covenant Scheme is simple and flexible and the minimum period for a covenant is now 4 years. May I invite all taxpayers who do not at present covenant, to ask me for details. Every £100 covenanted becomes £142-86 in the hands of our Treasurer.

RICHARD J. TULEY
Covenant Secretary

- 29 March Mothering Sunday Renewal of marriage vows and family commitment, at services in all churches.
- 3-5 Apr. Conference at Worth Abbey: "Sussex, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" (arranged by Sussex Council of Churches). Details from Mr. P.J. Bates, Carselands, Woodmancote Henfield (Henfield 3172).
- 23-29 Apr. Pilgrimage in the Steps of St. Wilfrid (by coach) taking in York, Ripon, Hexham, Holy Island and Oundle. Ecumenical leadership including Dean of Chichester (and Archbishop Ramsay at Holy Island) Details from the Rev. Michael Gudgeon, Diocesan House, 9 Brunswick Square, Hove. (B'ton 29023)
- 4 May (Bank Holiday) Anglican Diocese celebrates its 1300 Anniversary at Chichester. Details from Diocesan House.
- 7 June Pentecost - Preparation & Prayer for the Spirit, during nine days leading up to Pentecost. Special celebration of the Festival of the Holy Spirit, with lighting of beacon-fires throughout Sussex - locally at Cissbury Ring at 8.00 p.m. as sun goes down.
- 11-13 June South of England Show (Ardingly) Exhibition of Church Life in Sussex (available to travel round Sussex afterwards; bookings from Communications Office, Diocesan House.
- 11 July Sussex Ecumenical & Family Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by the Bishops of Chichester and Arundel and Brighton. Details from Bishop's Secretary, St. Joseph's Hall, Storrington, RH20 4HE.
- 16-30 Aug. Ecumenical Pilgrimage round Sussex from Brighton to Rye - for all comers over 15 yrs - up to 200 miles walking in two weeks, others joining in for a day or a few miles. Details from the Rev. W.J. Haynes, The Presbytery, Church Road,

Portslade, Brighton, BN4 1LB.
(Brighton 419584)

12 Sept. Progression of Witness through Worthing,
ending in Service at 12.00 - 12.15 at
Stayne Gardens.

4 October Brighton Centre Gathering with full
programme of events, and participating
groups from all over Sussex. Central
Act of Celebration at 4.30 p.m. with
the Archbishop of Canterbury, the
Archbishop of Southwark, and Dr. Norris
West, Moderator of the Free Church
Federal Council. Details from the
general organiser, the Rev. W.R. Pratt,
133 Ditchling Road, Brighton BN1 4SE
(Brighton 695832).

Our own local Events will be announced shortly. Please
give them your prayers and full support.

ELLA ROBERTSON

A HYMN FOR LENT

by TAPTON

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle. C.P. 125 .

This is one of the finest of the Latin hymns,
~~written by~~ VENATIUS FORTUNATUS in the Sixth Century.
Those who are interested in hymns for today may do
well to consider the values inherent in a hymn that
has been sung for well over a thousand years, chiefly
in France. Dr. Dearmers translation is finely
achieved. The tune "Picardy" is of French origin,
and brings out the meanings of the hymn which state
boldly and magnificently our Lord's VICTORY on the
CROSS. Far from having pity for our Redeemer, or
for ourselves, we are invited to celebrate a
Glorious VICTORY.

continued on P.12

CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	10.15h	Coffee served in Cornwall Room
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
2nd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. Grant - Pressed flower designs
3rd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Social Afternoon
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "Here & There in Europe" Mr. & Mrs. Calsteren
4th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Parade Service (Refreshments after service provided by G.B. in the Church Hall)
	18.30h	Divine Worship
10th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
11th Wednesday	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
15th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion

MARCH, 1981

16th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Joy "Through the Gardening Year" with Bring & Buy Stall - Open Evening
17th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Members' Own Slides
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Mrs. Marjorie Morris "From Seals to Cells"
18th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
22nd	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
24th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
25th	Wednesday	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
26th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
29th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
30th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. Johns, Red Cross "Activenture"
31st	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "China as I remember it" Miss C. Mann
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Visit to G.P.O. Worthing, Meet at Church Car Park at 14.00h.

Please note that the Magazine closing date will in
future be 12th of each month.

Sing my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray;
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer
As a VICTOR won the day.

Dear Tapton,

In response to your article in the February Chronicle, I'm all for discovering and learning "new" hymns and fresh tunes.

As I'm a newcomer to your Church (arthritis preventing me from cycling to my former one), I don't know which of the hymns in "Congregational Praise" are normally sung in the Church. However, I enclose a list of several fine hymns which are not in that book and have written out the words of two of them.

One Worthing Church has extended its collection by creating folders containing duplicated hymns and these are given out with the hymn books when required.

One lovely hymn in "Congregational Praise" is "Welcome, happy morning" do you know that? Another is Praise to the Holiest, which is well known, but has the Church sung it to "Chorus Angelorum"? (My "Congregational Praise" is a words edition only). Perhaps these ideas may prove helpful.

FLORAL NOTES

PHYLLIS B. WHEELER

Grateful thanks for £13.10 received for the Flower Fund during January/February.

If you wish to donate the flowers on a special date please place your name on the Flower List in the Church vestibule or contact me by telephone.

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary

WORLD CHURCH AFFAIRS

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN PARTY

Breakaways from existing political parties and new groupings have been much in the air lately. This seems to have inspired Christian commentators in several different journals - independently, it seems - to revive the view that there should be a specifically Christian party which all Christians would support.

First reactions must be somewhat sceptical. Critics, both Christian and non-Christian, would be quick to point out that since Christians are notoriously unable to agree among themselves on the essential concerns which are their special business - the praise, worship and service of God and the organisation of His Church - they are even less likely to reach common agreement on more worldly matters.

Yet superficially any reader of the various articles I have seen might easily conclude that their authors could get very close to agreement on a common policy. For all are written from a standpoint in the social democratic/leftward liberal area, which so far as the non-conformists among them are concerned represents the traditional political allegiance of their churches in the early part of the century. The fact that most Anglican and Catholic commentators have in recent years joined them in that ground might give rise to some optimism for the chances of a new Christian party to attract wide support, at least among the churches.

Leaving aside however my own principal objection to that point - which is that in none of the denominations do these writers represent the majority view, merely the most vocal - I strongly hold that even if such a party were a practical proposition it would be a mistaken move in this country at this time: There has surely never been a time of greater need for Christians to stay within whichever party they

support and there work to influence its policies towards Christian ideals or at least prevent further slippage away from them. You may well think that the present parties are bad enough in their constant appeals to avarice and self-centredness (to put it no worse), especially when these are cloaked in a specious seeming concern for the welfare of others. Just imagine what these parties would be like were they to become completely bereft of Christian influences:

CENTRAL PSALM - A SONG OF DAVID

With Christian zeal and purpose hearty
 We've formed a central Christian Party,
 Where blushing Red and fading blue
 Unite to form a mauver hue;
 Whose policies the church would put
 Some inches to the right of Foot;
 And, to maintain a centrist stature,
 A straw's length to the left of Thatcher.
 But that's the place, you well may feel,
 Already occupied by Steel.
 How sharp you are! You've found us out -
 That's what the whole thing is about'.

INCIDENTALLY - Did you notice that the tune set to the hymn which has the repeated line 'Give to us peace in our time O Lord' is 'Russia' ?

R.F.B.

DISCLAIMER

The Youth Crew Bus

The Girls' Brigade wish to clarify the recent equivocal statement in the Boys' Brigade Magazine Vol. 2 No. 5, and state they have no financial interest in or commitment to the "Youth Crew Bus".

JEAN WEBB

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sadly, we have to record the passing of one more of our members, Will Frost, who, although he had been unable to join us on many occasions, had shown a keen interest in our Fellowship. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Frost and the family.

We enjoyed hearing Eric Popplestone's account of his work as a County Councillor, and it made many of us appreciate that there is far more in the job than 'meets the eye'. On 3rd February we heard The Rev. Clifford Charlton tell us about many of the strange things that go on, some in the name of Christianity, and his talk gave us much food for thought.

As you will see from the Calendar, March will be a busy month with three Meetings, culminating in our visit to the G.P.O. on 31st. I shall be glad to have the names of all those wishing to attend and in view of parking problems we must try to keep the number of cars used to a minimum.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Once again we have been most encouraged by your comments on our recent exhibition in the east transept. Although we didn't plan anything special for Brigade Week, it turned out to be a very happy and rewarding week. On enrolment night, the service collection of £25 was sent to International Headquarters towards the work of Brigade overseas, and £45 raised in the Hall that same evening has been spent on new uniforms for our ever increasing family.

Our prayers for two ladies, for possible training as Officers, were heard and we ask for your prayers for Julie Ward and Jackie Meddlycott as they begin to read and learn all about Girls' Brigade.

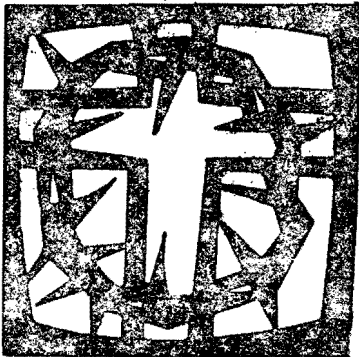
The March Parade should see the promotion for 7 of our Brigaders. They have all been working very hard, each taking a group of Juniors for model making on Tuesday evenings and we really would be at a loss without their help.

Please join us for coffee after the March Parade. It's quite free! We have no intention of turning this into a money-making effort. It's a genuine desire on our part to meet with you all for fellowship after each Parade during 1981. It will save you making one when you get home anyway!

Please may we have as many match boxes as possible during the coming months. We'll let you know when to stop!! Also, may we continue to have old Christmas and birthday cards, foil and used stamps. Thank you, Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

'AROUND THE CHURCH'



Our second window appropriately coloured in red shows the cross and the crown of thorns. It is the ever present reminder of Christ's passion and of the constant repetition of man's inhumanity to man.

This symbolic representation shows us that we can also obtain our crowns if we, like Paul, can at the end say:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing".

I Timothy 4 vv. 7,8

E.W.P.

LONDON LETTER



First of all, may I thank the people who have answered my 'small ads' from time to time, and provided me with a variety of things, even though some have been very puzzled, e.g. "What do you do with empty tobacco tins?", I was asked. Well, tins are more durable than envelopes, so little cards with words written on go in the tin to be taken home, in the hope that Mum or Dad or Sister or Brother will play a learning game or show some interest in how many words the child can recognise and perhaps help them. Sometimes the reading book goes too, then both link up and reading improves - we hope!

There is still enthusiasm for growing things and I am often asked "Can I take a plant home, please?" I would like to be able to grant these requests but need more plant pots etc. I think it is important the children should take a living plant into their homes - something to look after, to care for and admire - or even be sad over if it should die. So, if you have any pots, plants, potting compost etc. to spare, please let me know.

And now for something completely different! This is not a 'small ad' it is a very long one, but many of you will have some of these things lying about doing nothing!

- * broom handles, dowelling, lollipop and other wooden sticks, coat hangers, old umbrellas, bicycle spokes, old rulers, chop sticks and garden canes.
- * old bottle brushes, scouring pads, steel wool, fly swatters, wooden and plastic spoons and hair curlers.
- * plastic containers, small boxes including egg cartons, plastic & wooden baskets and trays, used rubber balls, ping pong balls and tennis balls.

- * buttons, beads, sequins, glitter, jewellery, bits of glass.
- * corks, sponges, lids and caps (off shampoo bottles etc. & toothpaste tubes), old loofahs, old plastic foam hair rollers,
- * flash-bulbs, weights and fishing floats.
- * socks, stockings, gloves and mittens, felt and other cloth pieces, polyfoam, cotton, kanok and other materials to use for stuffing.
- * lace, fringe, pom-poms, trimmings, netting, feathers, artificial flowers, furring and fuzzy materials, wigs, embroidery thread, raffia, ribbon, shoe laces, string, yarn and rope.
- * pipe cleaners, chenille, wire, toothpicks, & tinsel.
- * styrofoam balls, shapes (such as wig stands) polystyrene sheets and packaging shapes, wood scraps, sponges and old leather goods or scraps.
- * Old dolls (especially rag dolls) doll clothes doll house furnishings, hats, wigs and stuffed toys.
- * Cardboard and plastic tubes (smarties etc.) matchboxes, cellophane, metallic paper, paper plates, bags and cups.
- * natural objects and materials such as unspun wool, gourds, shells, pebbles, seeds, seed pods, twigs, dried flowers.

What on earth are these all for?

Puppets - for puppetry, in addition to its value as pure entertainment, is an effective tool for communicating and instructing.

"Involvement in puppetry, which affords children a chance to give their imaginations free rein, to enact and come to terms with experiences of everyday life, helps considerably towards their satisfactory emotional and social development. Acting through puppetry, a child may shed many of his inhibitions, portraying, perhaps, what he would most like to be or the embodiment of his most terrible fears."

"Opportunities to experience puppetry often help children to -

develop spontaneous oral expression; improve speech, enunciation and voice projections; develop co-ordination and a sense of timing; discover the joy of entertaining others; improve reading and writing skills; gain self-confidence and personal satisfaction; release fears and aggressions in acceptable ways; discover the needs and methods for group co-operation, use craft, academic and social skills in an integrated purposeful way".

Need I say more?

MARY CONNELLY

SMALL AD.

3 seater settee and two arm chair STRETCH COVERS

Colour: Red

Price: £25.00

Nearly new

Tel: 46109

STOP PRESS

A big 'thank you' to the Ministers and so many kind friends at the Church for visiting Robert during his stay in Pentlands, which helped so much to cheer him up whilst I was being spoilt and looked after by our good friends, Mr. & Mrs. Young. Now we are happily back together again and I feel so much stronger and more able to cope with our daily life. God bless you all.

GRETA & ROBERT PEPPERDINE

FROM THE VESTRY



EASTER IS EARLY

"But you are wrong", you say. Easter is just about as late as it can be. Faith's calendar is not conditioned or limited by the calendars and timetables of the world. In faith, every day is Easter Day when we are risen with Christ, and so the words in St. John 20 - "Now on the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark."

Isn't this more than a statement descriptive of the first Easter Day? It is also given as an example of faith to Christians in every age. Easter is always early to believers.

"Easter is early
Come hasten with Mary
The garden is blazing with LIFE!"

All the events of Holy Week are important, but none more so than the Procession of Witness on Good Friday morning. We welcome the Rev. K. Tuffel to preach, together with his people from St. Lawrence.

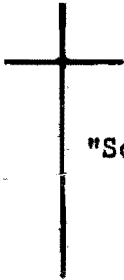
And then off we go, Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring Road, a stop for a song at St. Marys, then on again to the Church of English Martyrs where we hope to have a Mime to tell us more of the Meaning of Good Friday.

All are urged to attend to show that Christ Crucified and Risen is our Lord today.

With blessings and love,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP



John WRIGHT

23rd Feb.

"So He bringeth them into their desired haven".

Edith Townsend is still very unwell, whilst Cecily Nodes has moved to Camelot Nursing Home, Tennyson Road. Mrs. L. Wright is to make her home at Irene House. The Misses Shearmur have been unwell and Mrs. G. Wood and Mrs. G. Simcoe have had difficulties in getting about. Doris Wraight and Florrie Moody are in hospital and how much we miss all our friends who are absent from us.

We welcome home Mr. S.A. Wheeler after a long time in hospital. B. Reynolds is making a good recovery and hopes soon to be about. Miss Ella Robertson is still far from well. We miss Rosemary Kitto who finds it difficult to get about especially in the mornings. Margaret Craghill makes progress in Mildmay.

Add these and many more to your intercessions - remember - many bear burdens of which we have no knowledge. Our text for all those who are ill or troubled is

"Casting all your care on Him for He Careth for you".

Mr. Bill Scudder returns thanks for all the kindness, visits, flowers and prayers during his wife Phyl's long illness. May Bill be comforted in his sorrow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our thanks to all friends in the Church, and especially to Mr. Connelly, for their letters and prayers at this sad time, following the loss of a loving Mum and Nanny (Mrs. Ivy Christmas) who is now at peace in the loving care of Jesus.

JILL, RON, SARAH AND RACHEL POWNALL

I should like to thank everyone who came to visit me during my stay at Southlands and at the Mildmay Convalescent Home.

I do appreciate the many flowers, gifts, cards and letters which I have received, but especially the prayerful support I have felt throughout. I know how blessed I am to belong to such a caring Church.

MARGARET CRAGHILL

Dear friends,

May we thank you on behalf of our brothers and sisters in communist lands for your gift. Your stamps will be sorted and sold at the best possible price. The proceeds will be passed on to the Mission and used as the Lord directs.

Thank you once again. Your support in prayer is very much valued.

JACKIE PULHAM & SANDRA FAIRBAIRN
Christian Mission to the Communist
World.

Mrs. Townsend would like to express her thanks to all her friends who have been praying for her, and those who have sent her cards and called to see her. She very much appreciates your concern.

R.E. CUNNINGHAM

LOVE

This is what your love has done for me,
You took my fears and set me free.
You healed my wounds and made me whole.
You gave me life to worship thee.
You showed me a new way to think.
You gave me a new heart to praise you with.
You took my burdens and gave me peace.

S.J.C.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

- The Gospel to St. Mark

Chapter 12.

- a) Do you worry about what people think?
- b) Are you paying to God what belongs to Him?
- c) " " improving in your knowledge of the
Scriptures?
- d) "...with all your heart, all your soul, all
your mind, and with all your strength"
Do you love Him that much?

JOURNEYS

WITH THE FELLOWSHIP

How can they believe if they have not heard the message?
How can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?
And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers
are not sent out?

As the Scripture says "How wonderful is the coming of
messengers who bring good news". Romans 10 14/15 G.N.B.

In the first half of this year, the Lay Preachers of our
Church will have made over 15 journeys to tell the
Good News and will have travelled some 550 miles. If
you find us missing, then we are probably 'on the road'.

L.E.K.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ELDERS



It will be necessary to arrange for the next Election of elders to take place at the monthly Church Meeting to be held on 2nd July, 1981. The elders who will retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-nomination are:-

Dr. A Clark	Miss G. Green	Mrs. B. Popplestone
Mr. R. Close	Mr. F. Marsh	Mr. A. Razzell

There are therefore six vacancies. Nominations, which should be in writing, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, but not needing the consent of the Nominee, should be in the hands of the Minister or Secretary not later than 31st March, 1981.

Each person so nominated will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who have accepted nomination will be announced at the Church Meeting on 30th April, 1981.

Following this announcement in April, ballot papers will be issued to all Church Members which must be returned to the Minister or Church Secretary prior to the commencement of the Church Meeting on 2nd July.

It is earnestly hoped that all Church Members will take a prayerful and active part in both the nomination and voting processes.

R.H. NEWELL
Church
Secretary

March, 1981.

CHURCH HEATING

The Church and main Church Hall are heated by means of an oil-fired boiler and in 1980 the cost of oil fuel used was £1233. If the heat produced had been obtained by burning natural gas instead of oil, the saving to the Church would have been in excess of £500. (These figures are based on the cost of oil at 45.6p per therm and that of natural gas at 24.6p per therm.)

Although the present Government is endeavouring to equalise the unit costs of alternative forms of energy it is likely to be some time before this occurs. If we assume that for 1981 the price of gas rises to 30p per therm and the price of oil remains constant, the cost of gas will still be $\frac{2}{3}$ that of oil and a saving of £400 will result.

The capital cost of the conversion of the boiler to gas-firing amounts to £2500, including all associated factors. Clearly it would take some time to recoup this cost but savings will result from the conversion and we can reasonably assume, on the basis of the past evidence, that there will be continuity of supply. We are all too well aware that oil supplies are often used for political purposes, both home and overseas, with the associated discontinuity of supply and increased cost. Gas as fuel has much to commend it and most of us have shown this by installing gas-fired boilers in our homes.

A proposition that conversion to gas-firing of the existing oil-fired boiler will be brought to the Church Meeting to be held on Thursday, 2nd April.

ERIC BOND

This must be supported this time. If the conversion to gas had been carried out in 1975 when Eric Popplestone brought the matter to the Church Meeting we would have saved about £2000 on heating the Church already, and it would have only cost £600 for the conversion at that time.

EDITOR

THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY

On a cold February night, when many wisely decided against braving the elements, a smaller number than usual gathered in fellowship at our latest Church Meeting.

For once there was little business to discuss, and after a question time (I can't recall a previous opportunity) Bill reported his observations on the Church's ministry in Goring during the past year.

As before, Bill was able to speak well of the pastoral life of the Church and of our ministry of care. But the question begged itself - are we developing simply as a community church or as a Christ-centred church. "The Son is the radiance of God's Glory" Hebrews 1 v. 3.

Are we, as a Christ-centred church radiating that glory?

Are we showing goodliness or Godliness?

MATTHEW R. SMITH

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

What a joy it is to see the front of our Church filled with young people on a Sunday morning and the older group joining with us in the evening.

These things don't just happen of course, but are the result of the Lord working through our leaders. Only those currently involved in Youth Work or who have previously undertaken this calling will appreciate the extent of the challenge and demands of this work.

Even if you are not directly involved in this aspect of our Church work our leaders always welcome your interest, support and prayers.

Whilst the work of the Brigades and Junior Church is well known, other activities may not be so well appreciated by us all. One such group is probably the Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship, run by Paul Archer

and Mick Bass. They have been meeting regularly for a year after evening service in two groups for young people of 14 years upwards. During the year they have drawn closer together in fellowship, meeting in various homes with members of the Church, youth groups from other churches, and at times just each other.

They have discovered that there is plenty of lively Christian activity both locally and further afield. Recently, they made trips to the Albert Hall, London, enjoying a Christian Rock Concert and excerpts from a Christian Musical.

One evening found a party of 12 in a broken down vehicle on the Horsham By-Pass after midnight and they experienced how God can create opportunities out of chaos and how He answers prayer His way.

A lot of coffee has been drunk and many biscuits eaten amongst many laughs, but above all they have enjoyed the experience of sharing the Gospel together. The groups hope to welcome more young people to join with them.

R.J.CLOSE

FLORAL NOTES

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR APRIL

5th	Miss I. Wingrove	19th	The Luckin Family
12th	Miss Wharhirst	Easter	& The Flower Fund
26th	Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone		

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £15.20 received during February/March.

A Happy Easter to everyone!

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Spring session ends 7th April and Summer session begins 28th April)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer and Praise in little chapel
Saturdays:	10.15h	Coffee served in Cornwall Room
	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

2nd Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting (AN IMPORTANT MEETING WHICH ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND IF POSSIBLE)
5th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
8th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
9th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
12th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in little Chapel
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
13th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. D. Turner - "OBERANMAGAU"

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14th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild	} Joint Easter Men's Fellowship) Meeting - Mrs. D. Turner "OBERAMMAGAU"
		14.45h		
15th	Wednesday	19.30h	United Service at St. Mary's Church	
16th	{Maundy Thursday}	19.30h	Holy Communion	
17th	{Good Friday}	10.30h	Family Service followed by a procession to St. Mary's and the Church of the English Martyrs.	
19th	{Easter Sunday}	08.00h	Holy Communion in little chapel	
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion	
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and the Ministry of Healing	
21st	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close	
22nd	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road	
		20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road	
23rd	Thursday	19.30h	Elders Meeting	
25th	Saturday	20.00h	Family Circle Entertainment	
26th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in little chapel	
		11.00h	Divine Worship	
		18.30h	Divine Worship	
28th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - A.G.M.	
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - A.G.M.	
30th	Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting	

Deadline date for Chronicle Copy will in future be
12th of each month

CONTACT

What is Contact?

We are a group of young mums who get together, along with our pre-school age children, on the first Thursday of every month at 10.15h. in the Cornwall Room. We have been meeting together for more than three years but feel that our existence hasn't been widely known in the Church.

We offer a warm welcome to young mums with children of any age. Do come along to meet us and share a cup of coffee and a chat. Feel free to bring your babies and toddlers along as we have a big box of toys and room for the children to play around us as we have our coffee and discuss a relevant topic. Some mums have to leave to pick up children from playschool so we usually try to end by 11.30h.

As our name suggests we are keen to CONTACT new mums in the area or in the Church, If you would like to come and transport is a problem, please ring Carole Davis on Worthing 502338, or Lyn Adams on Worthing 65027 and a lift will be arranged for you.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, 2nd April and our theme will be about Easter. The following month we get together on 7th May, as yet our theme is unknown! Looking forward to meeting you,

CAROLE & LYN

"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 with His Son, Jesus Christ".

1 John 1:3

WORLD CHURCH AFFAIRS

SENSIBLE DECISION

It was good news that the Anglican Synod did not reject the Covenant with various Free Churches. Not for the positive reason that organisational unity is attainable, practical or even desirable, for reasons which I have stated many times before and will not repeat. The unfortunate paradox is that the rejection, for whatever good reasons, of formal moves towards unity inevitably tends to sour relations at all levels between the denominations concerned. I wonder if this fairly obvious situation is not some sort of proof of original sin!

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

According to Mr. Longley, The Times religious affairs correspondent, one careful Anglican clergyman expressed some doubts about a proposal to have joint christenings with the Roman Catholics, sharing the same font and water. He suggested that each baby should have a label tied to it to tell God which denomination it was being baptised into!

Church union must start early; but each baby that
we bring
To christen in our common font is tied with bits
of string
And luggage labels, sticky tape and all that sort
of thing;
And notices like "Methodist" "R.C." and "U.R.C.";
For it really would be dreadful, as I'm sure you
will agree
If God should get it wrong and make each tot a
"C. of E.".
Yet does it really matter? When we strike our
final flags
He brings us to our lasting Home without the aid
of tags!

SOUND ADVICE

When politicians, particularly from extremist wings who have not previously shown any noticeable interest in Christian concerns, lecture church leaders on the social duties of Christians we should all take notice. If the leader of the National Front were to take this course we should be at pains to compare his advice with his known policies and actions. The voice we have recently heard however comes from the opposite wing, to be precise from Mr. Benn, but needs to be heard in the same careful spirit.

Many of the things he said will command general agreement. Among them was "A clear moral challenge to evil ideas is needed", instancing failures to oppose the German descent into dictatorship in the 1930s. We would agree. Among the current ideas we should so oppose is that of introducing measures to ensure an irreversible swing to socialism (or any other 'ism'); and that of bringing the press under firm political control to further this end.

Mr. Benn also urged Christians to oppose "those with wealth (who) enjoy economic and political power and then use it to advance their own selfish interests regardless of the consequences for the rest of society". Mr. Benn knows a lot more than I do about having wealth and enjoying economic and political power and I have not heard that he is making any conspicuous efforts to divest himself of either. I don't know if he was referring to those Trade Unions which have wealth and power and use it in precisely the way he deplored, as well as to wealthy companies. All Christians who agree with his good advice should oppose the abuse of such power wherever it is seen.

R.F.B.

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCES

Our Budget of £20340 calls for an average weekly income of £391 but as will be seen from the Income & Expenditure Account below, our average weekly income for 10 weeks is only £313 – a short fall of £78 per week. It will also be seen that for this 10 week period our expenditure exceeded our income by £1626 and this together with the loan of £1400 to Hayward House has necessitated the reduction of our cash reserves by £3026.

Income & Expenditure Account for 10 weeks ending 8.3.81

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Offerings	2710	Main. of Min. Fund	1501
Income Tax		Ministerial & Manse	436
Refunds	22	Heating & Lighting	834
Rents	328	Rates & Insurance	950
Sundries	73	Repairs	546
Excess Expenditure		West Durrington	
Over Income	1626	Outreach	412
		Sundries	380
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J.D. BLAKEY
Treasurer

CHRISTIAN AID

– Amount collected for March £16—
received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

A PLAY READING

It is hoped to prepare a play-reading for presentation at an evening service shortly before Whitsun, and a suitable play entitled 'The Flame' has been selected. Will anyone interested in producing or taking part in this please contact Mrs. Beryl Chatfield (W. 48313) as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S GUILD

"Some interesting Sussex Plants", the subject of Mr. Buckle's fascinating talk, took many of us back to school days and botany lessons, before the days of modern educational aids. What a difference pictures make and how much more interesting when the lecturer, who is steeped in his subject, involves his audience. It was amazing how some plants came to be growing in Sussex!

At school Botany had no appeal for me for we were suddenly switched from Science to Botany and felt ourselves rather hard done by. The reason - there was a war on. Half our school including the Lab. was commandeered for the children of munition workers who had come south to work in Woolwich Arsenal. They were the days of the beginning of shortages.

The theme of our Social Afternoon was Friendship and "Who came from"? proved quite hilarious. Kay's garden had backed on to Jean's, but they did not know one another until they came to Goring Church. There should be a lesson here!

Thank you all for making the Bring & Buy such a success. £57 a wonderful result in so short a time. To the sick members who sent along gifts and good wishes we say Thank You, and send you our love. God Bless you all.

Our Easter meeting on 14th April I think will be rather special. Mrs. Turner who went to Oberammergau last year, will draw us close to Christ with slides of and music from the Passion Play.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

This month will see changes in our Brigade family. There will be a new intake in the Explorer Section after the holiday and others will move up a section and our new Warrant Officer, Sheila Johnstone, will be taking her leave of us, as she starts her new life, training to be a nurse at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex. Only those of us who know and work with Sheila realize what a huge gap her going will leave and how much we are going to miss her laughter and her wonderful sense of humour.

Talking of 'missing folk' - may we remind you yet again that we've now been without a pianist for almost 18 months, and we are missing our singing very very much. It is the one thing that we've all enjoyed in the past and we've been able to give pleasure to others also. Now we are having to say 'sorry', when asked if we will sing for others. Surely, there's someone somewhere who will come along a couple of hours a week? Our hope for the next Session is that once more our singing will be heard around our Church and outside, but that will only be if someone can play for us.

Easter Saturday will see our Explorers in a Guard of Honour for Valerie Luckin when she marries Graeme Gill. We wish them every happiness. The Explorers will miss Valerie, since she's going to take a session off to get used to her new way of life.

Easter is a time of hope and joy and we trust that these things may not be confined to Easter, but stay with us and with you always.

JEAN WEBB

FAMILY CIRCLE

An evening of entertainment is being arranged to take place in the Church Hall at 20.00h on Saturday, 25th April, and several of the Church organisations will be contributing items. It is also hoped that we shall be able to persuade other talented artistes to contribute to the enjoyment of the evening. Admission will be free, refreshments will be provided in the interval, and there will be a collection for Church Funds. We hope that this event, which will be

an evening of fun, will be well supported. Please make a note for your diary. On MONDAY, 13th JULY, it is proposed to run a Car Rally on the lines of the one held last year. It will involve a pleasant car run through the countryside, with clues to be solved at one or two places on the route. It will finish with light refreshments in the Church Hall.

At our next Committee meeting we shall be considering names for officers and members for the coming year, and we invite anyone who would like to serve on the Committee to let me know.

MOLLIE HAWKE
Secretary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had a delightful tour of Europe on 3rd March, when Mrs. Freda Calsteren both projected the slides and gave the commentary as Cyril was unwell and unable to give his support. We hope that he will soon be back to normal.

As we approach the end of the Spring Session we have two interesting meetings to look forward to. On 14th April we join the Ladies to share the experience of Mrs. Dorothy Turner when she visited Oberammergau in 1980. At our A.G.M. on 28th April our President, who will be in the Chair as usual, invites Members to submit questions which he will endeavour to answer - time permitting. Questions in writing to me please. I would also like the names of those who would like to be put forward to serve as officers or members of the Committee.

In memory of our colleagues who have died during the Session, we have sent a donation of £20 to St. Barnabas and this has been gratefully acknowledged.

REG GOODCHIDD

BOYS' BRIGADE

We are sorry not to have appeared in the Church Chronicle of recent months. Perhaps, because we now have our own magazine we are inclined to neglect the senior publication. Copies of our magazine are freely available to patrons and

disclaimers alike if you wish to keep up to date with our varied activities. Thank you all indeed for your contributions towards our recent B.B. Week fund raising effort. On occasions I receive donations of anything from £1 to £10 tucked away in an envelope and it is very gratifying. I am sure the cash is just a token of your prayerful support for our work amongst the boys. Thank you for still bringing along your newspapers and magazines etc.; the price we are getting is very low at the moment but it does help to buy a gallon or two of petrol for the crew-bus. With the noble efforts of Judy Evans as our Webb Ivory agent we are ready to provide your requirements for greetings cards and small gifts. Catalogues are available and can be obtained either in the Church lobby or from any Officer. Orders for goods can also be given to the officers but any cheques in payment must be made out to Judy Evans. Mrs. I. Kitto recently offered me some tools (not collected yet) and this set me thinking as to what would be the best use for them. If you have any surplus tools lying around that you would be glad to dispose of we would be willing to collect them from you. Apart from some of the tools that we would retain for our hobbies section, the remainder will be sent off for use in one of the developing countries. In fact, if you have any useful items at any time we are always ready to collect. Your prayers will be most needed for the Officers and boys spending an Easter break on the Norfolk Broads.

If all goes well with our new contact with 2nd Burgess Hill Company, we hope to be spending our Summer Camp with them at Croyde Bay, Devon from 15th to 22nd August. Our camping equipment is getting somewhat dilapidated so if you hear of any tents etc. going spare please let us know.

Please keep praying that even if we see not the fruit we may nevertheless nurture the seed with the Lord's help.

DONALD STEWART

MINIBUS

A minibus has recently been purchased, primarily for the use of the Church youth groups, but also for the Lord's work in general. The finance for this has come from donations; both from individuals and from various Church organizations.

We believe that a vehicle of this kind will have many uses within our Church, and that the Lord will provide for the necessary finance to run it. It is available to be used for Christian work by any competent driver, or alternatively, a driver can be provided. No charge will be made for its use, but it is asked that a donation be made towards running costs, and petrol must be paid for by the user. If you require any further information, or would like to have use of the vehicle on any particular occasion, please feel free to contact me.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

'AROUND THE CHURCH'



Our third window shows a Pelican. This bird is known to tear open its own breast to feed its young on its blood. It was believed that the Pelican brought its young ones to life with its blood. It is the symbol of Christ's work of redemption and sacrifice and of resurrection. This emblem is frequently shown above the crucifixion.

STOP PRESS

We would like to thank you all so much for your kindness to our parents, Doris and Gordon Wraight, while Mother has been in hospital. PAT & NORMAN WRAIGHT

FROM THE VESTRY



SURPRISED BY JOY
IMPATIENT AS THE WIND

Let these well known words of William Wordsworth serve as prelude. Easter has been our joy and from year to year the expectation between Easter and Whitsuntide rather grows than diminishes. The devout Christian mind is ever impatient in prospect of the renewing power of the Holy Spirit and I urge this Divine impatience upon you.

The Goring Churches will be holding services of preparation for Pentecost during the week beginning Saturday May 30th. Do make a note of this NINE DAYS of PRAYER and join with your fellow Christians in this and as many other celebrations for Pentecost as you can. Notes of these services and of the celebration on Cissbury Ring will soon be to hand.

It has been a source of encouragement to welcome so many new members into the Church at Easter, may they be enriched and enrich us in the fellowship. A number of our faithful friends have died, of their calling in Christ to Eternal Life we have no doubt and we rejoice for them. And yet how sorely they will be missed for they were pillars in the Church. Pray for their families and offer yourselves to take their places. The Minister is already in touch with more friends who desire to consider joining the Church - are you to be among them?

During the summer months I should like to take up some of the questions you raise as Sermon titles, do please let me have your questions.

With blessing and love to
you all

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

THE CHRONICLE: May 1981

We rejoice in the birth of a Son Stephen James to
Mr. & Mrs. Hood.

MARRIAGES

Derek W. BACKWELL to
Debra WYATT 21.3.81

Richard WHEATLEY to
Yvonne KING at Broadwater
Parish Church 11.4.81

'Whom God hath joined together'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Robin Bruford, Norman Dobson, Florrie Moody,
Stanley Wheeler, Miss Mills and Miss Mortimer,
Mrs. Simcoe and Mrs. Wood, The Misses Shearman,
Gordon and Doris Wraight, Miss Holmes and Miss
Sexton.

These all are ill at home or in hospital they are
dear to God and dear to us. May they all be
embraced in the Ministry of Healing.



Victor Charles CROWE	10.3.81
Ronald Vincent CHALLIS	20.3.81
Cicely Mary NODES	22.3.81
Edith TOWNSEND	1.4.81
Doris GREENLEES	2.4.81
Winifred BURNS	8.4.81

"But now is Christ Risen from the dead and
become the first fruits of them that slept"

1 Corinthians 15 v20.

Tributes to our friends have been paid by the
Minister and by the many for whom the deaths of
our friends have meant sorrow, separation - yet
most of all THANKSGIVING. Read well the tributes
paid to our friends and give thanks.

FAMILY CIRCLE

NOT A CRISIS but time for a new look at this organisation whose aim is to bring together all the Church family. Strictly speaking it is not an organisation to be added on to an already heavy Church programme. Its aims are to foster the growth of fellowship across the boundaries of age or organisational interests.

A meeting for those who would like to look again at the idea of FAMILY CIRCLE will be held at The Manse on Thursday May 7th at 7.30 p.m. Come along with any ideas you have to offer, you will be made most welcome.

The car rally and treasure hunt has changed its date from Monday July 13th to Monday July 20th, please make a note of this.

W. Connelly
Chairman.

THE CHURCH & HAYWARD HOUSE AUCTION SALE

This is now planned for September and a firm date will soon be announced. You have given generously but more things are required. Forms are still available in the porch, please fill one in and help to make this a bumper sale. John Cook and Bill Perrett will be glad to have a word and Ralph Beale will be delighted!

W. Connelly

NEED HELP IN A CRISIS ?

Please note that forms are available in the Vestry to help those who may be uncertain about what arrangements to make in the case of crisis or bereavement. The Minister will gladly let you have one.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE CHRONICLE: May 1981

Gordon and Doris Wraight have been overwhelmed by the countless kindnesses showered upon them in recent weeks both in hospital and at home.

They received comfort and prayers from our two ministers, constant thoughtful care from our Pastoral Secretary and his wife, beautiful Church flowers, posies, polyanthus, fruit and drinks from the Women's Guild, the Girls' Brigade and so many friends. Cards and letters so gay to brighten a bedside came from several organisations as well as from folk both young and old.

Above all, for the knowledge that the prayers of our loving Church were helping them through the wearisome hours, they say Thank You.

May I once again use your columns to thank the goodly number of members of the fellowship for their prayers and good wishes, both to myself and to Dorothy and the children, during my recent sojourn in hospital. The Christian love and care of our congregation is always a personal comfort and also serves as a wider witness.

ROBIN BRUFORD

Please accept our grateful thanks for the flowers, cards and offers of help, received from the Church, Choir, Girls' Brigade plus the goodwill messages received on behalf of my wife. Last but not least, our devoted Minister, who gave me great strength in this time of trouble. I am glad to say, things are improving after her short stay in hospital. Again, many thanks and may God bless you all.

G.L. FLEMING
Choir

What a friendly Church the Goring United Reformed is, with its Girls' Brigade making and distributing such dainty Easter and Christmas gifts, and the Church at Christmas with their plants. Also our Minister, Mr. Connelly, with his cheer. My grateful thanks to you all.

E.G. HANSON

I wish to thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy following the sad loss of my mother, Cicely Nodes, and for the lovely way in which the funeral service was conducted. Mother had become badly disabled over the last seven years but previously she had a very active life spent in the service of the Church. Her garden parties helped to raise funds for the East/West Halls, the appeal for St. Barnabas Home and the building of the new Church. She was vice President of the old Women's Guild Working Party, and served on the Building Committee.

Her passing was a tragic occasion for me, but I know she has been released from all her pains and infirmities. The kindness and prayers of our Ministers Rev. W. Connelly and Rev. R.C. Christopher, and Church members was a great help in the days after mother's death.

COLIN NODES

We thank and praise God for all those in the Church who have upheld us in prayer and expressed their love and sympathy to my mother and to us, following the death of my father - Ronald Challis.

We have been blessed by the Lord's upholding strength and experienced His grace, sufficient for every need. We rejoice that Dad is at peace in the presence of his Lord, Jesus Christ.

IRENE TULEY
& Family

HOME SERVICE

TAPE RECORDINGS of services in our Church are available from Richard and Irene Tuley. Our thanks go to them for recording the services week by week, which are already being used by the housebound of our congregation.

MRS. C.M. NODES

Mrs. Cicely Nodes has been a great friend of my family and myself for the past 34 years, and we have enjoyed many happy times in working for our Church. When Mrs. Nodes first came to Worthing, she joined a small group of Church friends, knitting for the Red Cross. A little later, this became the Church Working Party, and garments etc. were made for a sale of work for Church funds, the first of many sales and bazaars. She then began to organise Garden Parties to be held at their home in West Avenue and these eventually were held at 5 Parklands Avenue and became an annual event for many years, raising hundreds of pounds towards the building of our Church Halls, and eventually our beautiful Church.

She was also Vice-President for many years of the Working Party and a wonderful needlewoman. She always loved our Church and, as we all know, was hardly ever absent from the services until she became so incapacitated. Mrs. Nodes will be very much missed by the Church, and her many friends, but sympathy goes to her sons - Colin, who has cared for her so well and Gerald and his family.

MABEL HITE

MISS W. BURNS

Miss Burns will not be known by many friends as ill health over the past few years has prevented her from attending Church. She was a gracious, gentle lady who, with her friend Miss Hambleton, made most efficient Missionary Secretaries.

Her greatest Christian Service was given to the Girls' Brigade in which she held a high office in Surrey.

Our loving thoughts and prayers go to Miss Hambleton who has give such self sacrificing years of loving care to her great friend.

GRETA PEPPERDINE

MRS. E. TOWNSEND

It has been our pleasure to know Edith Townsend for the past 17 years or so, and she was one of the first people to welcome us as a family to the Church Fellowship, on the occasion of the Social given when The Rev. Wallis Hayward became the Minister. We became firm friends, and spent many happy hours together both in the Church and in her other social pursuits. She was a devoted Christian, and was especially concerned for the work of Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and, as a lot of people know, provided the instruments for the Boys' Brigade Band. She shared her late husband's enthusiasm for work among the Boys, and attended many of their functions as an honoured guest.

She loved her Church at Goring and was faithful in attendance both at the Women's Fellowship and the Services on a Sunday, being absent only on rare occasions. A perfect lady, possessing regal charm and wit, but one who always expected and practised perfection in all things. Her days always closed with the reading of the Bible (Psalm 121) and she found contentment and solace from so doing.

We give thanks to God for the knowledge of her, and to her relatives we would extend our sincere sympathy.

WIN & NORMAN REDMAN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SERVICES LEADING UP TO PENTECOST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat. 30th May	St. Laurence	11 - 11.30h
Sun. 31st May	In each Church	
Mon. 1st June	St. Mary's	19.30h
Tues. 2nd June	English Martyrs	19.30h
Wed. 3rd June	Goring Methodist, Bury Drive	19.30h
Thur. 4th June	Goring U.R.C. (with Healing Service)	19.30h
Fri. 5th June	St. Richards (with Maybridge Evangelical)	19.30h
Sat. 6th June	St. Mary's	11 - 11.30h

A HYMN FOR WHITSUNTIDE C.P. 217

THE CHRONICLE: May 1981

Hidden away in Thame Abbey, Oxford, this hymn dating from the 1200th Century was very freely translated to carry the beautiful tune by Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625. The original manuscript is now in the British Museum.

The first verse:

"Love of the Father, Love of God the Son,
From whom all came, in whom was all begun;
Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole desire and breath of life".

leads on to praise the Holy Spirit in Creation, giver of Peace, Protector of the faithful.

The hymn ends with the truth that the work of the Holy Spirit is to lead us to Christ, and to worship of the TRINITY. Cf. I Corinthians 12 v. 3. Whether for singing or reading this hymn adds greatly to our Whitsuntide devotions.

Who would like TAPTON to comment on some modern hymns, say those written after 1940?

TAPTON

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Chapter 13

- a) The gospel must be preached to all peoples.
What is your contribution to this enterprise?
- b) Are there false prophets today? If so, who are they?
- c) "Watch!" Do you? for what?

Chapter 14

- a) "She did what she could" Are you doing what you could?
- b) Are you likely to betray Jesus?
- c) What benefits do the bread & wine bring to you?
- d) Can you say "...not what I want, but what you want"?
- e) Are you recognisable as having been with Jesus?

A SUFFERING SAVIOUR



I have been asked by the Minister to write something about El Salvador. I have very little reliable information about that unhappy land. There are two (at least) versions of what is going on there; they are roughly as follows:-

- (a) that there is a harsh extreme right-wing government who are oppressing and slaughtering the poor and who are being opposed by an heroic left -wing guerilla movement:
- (b) there are large formations of terrorists of both the extreme right-wing and the extreme left-wing who are slaughtering each other and anyone else who happens to be in their way; and there is a middle-of-the-road government trying with little success to maintain some sort of order amidst this murderous chaos.

The World Council of Churches naturally prefers version (a). The new leader of the Roman Catholic Church, despite the murder of his predecessor, has recently spoken out on the lines of (b). What is woefully certain is that thousands of people, many of them innocent, are suffering and a lot of them are dying. Two other facts are also clear - that there are serious legitimate grievances needing to be dealt with; but also that El Salvador, along with Afghanistan, Thailand and Chile, is high on the list for communist takeover and is one of the places where this is meeting resistance.

Obviously the prayers of all Christians are very much required. So also is financial aid; but I regret that I know of no channel through which such aid can be guaranteed to be disinterestedly applied to all in need and kept out of the hands of the fighting groups. It is a tragedy when relief agencies are too 'committed' to be trusted to be impartial.

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CHURCH CALENDAR - A

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (half term 26.5.81)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	10.15h	Coffee served in Cornwall Room
	19.30h	Badminton Club
Sundays:	19.45h	Young People's Fellowship at 17 Lenhurst Way

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

3rd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
5th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
6th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
7th Thursday	18.30h	G.R. Jumble Sale in Church Hall
10th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship (Parade Service)
	18.30h	Divine Worship
11th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. R. Shave "Life in a Divided City" with slides
14th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
17th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion

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19th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
20th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
		20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
24th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship) Preacher:
		18.30h	Divine Worship) Rev. R.C.
			Christopher
31st	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship

'ROUND THE CHURCH'

This month we reach the fourth window on the west side. It represents an Eagle. It is depicted because the Eagle is the "bird which soars heavenward and fixes its gaze on the sun". It thus represents the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

E.W.P.



Small Ad. Available - Assortment of Garden Flower Pots, dishes and a few sheets of cloche glass, wooden seed boxes. All free, or contribution to Church Funds. CALSTEREN W. 504749.

N.B. Closing date for Chronicle Copy is 12th of each month

HUMAN RIGHTS -& SUB-HUMAN WRONGS

One of the most over-used (and misused) expressions in the world today is "human rights". One cannot look at any journal or turn to any of the media without seeing or hearing them shouted for. All over the world people are blown up, shot, kidnapped or hi-jacked daily in this noble cause. Many Christians and churchpeople are caught up in this insistent and vociferous demand. How many of them stop to ask themselves how many rights Jesus ever demanded for Himself and how many He instructed His followers to demand? Surely the inspiration and watchword of the Church should much rather be 'Christian Responsibilities'.

In almost every church these days you hear of Human Rights; They teem in modern hymnals and each parson sets his sights On rallying his flock to follow in his fabian fights.

I wonder - do you stop to think when singing social songs
How much of this 'commitment' in true fact to God belongs;
How much to those who for these 'rights' commit the vilest
wrongs?

GOOD NEWS SLOT - The Sunday Trading Bill has failed to make progress in the House of Commons. No doubt its proponents will try again.

R.F.B.

FOR A DAY IN THY COURTS, LORD !

We turned out in strength, this last Church Meeting, to deal with some very important business. It was good to see so many there and it was good to hear such lucid and articulate delivery of the pertinent facts. Not for us the dog fights of outside committees, the politics and personal ambitions which so often take the floor on such occasions. Rather, the unified attentiveness, deliberation and agreement of a single-minded and Christ-minded body of people. (I'm sure Bill breathed a sigh of relief over the facility with which unanimity was reached). But for

me it is the act of remembrance, of those recently departed, which stands out in the mind, and Bill's choice of scripture and hymn. Just read and meditate upon Psalm 84 and Hymn 248. Let their words and promise flood your whole being.

Much was made of the importance of the aforementioned "business" and rightly so. For it is right that we should discharge our duties and responsibilities in this life. But our every act pales into insignificance against the glory of God and nowhere is this brought home more than in verse 10 of Psalm 84.

But had you been there, sharing that reading of scripture with us there was something more. There was an experience of that joy which now belongs to those who have passed into life eternal.

"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God".

MATTHEW SMITH

BIBLE VERSES

Jesus said "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish his work." John 4:34

The people ask, "Why should we fast if the Lord never notices? Why should we go without food if he pays no attention?" The Lord says to them "The truth is that at the same time as you fast, you pursue your own interests and oppress your workers. Your fasting makes you violent, and you quarrel and fight. Do you think this kind of fasting will make me listen to your prayers?The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives"

Isaiah 58: 3-4, 6-7

Jesus said "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth

will make you free". John 8 vv. 31,32.
 Jesus said: "Do not be anxious, saying "What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or what shall we wear? Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well". Matt. 6



LONDON LETTER

The gardens this weekend in Worthing look so fresh and lovely, with the daffodils, narcissi and spring flowers. The sun is shining through the clear, clean air, showing up the colours of the flowers against the fresh, clean-washed green of the leaves.

A certain little corner in King's Cross, usually dark and dingy, has been brightened as though the sun has shone for longer than usual. The corner gets the sun for an hour only each day, but there, amid the dirty, lead-polluted dust, in pots, buckets and containers, are blooming daffodils and narcissi. We planted them in the Autumn, the children taking turns pushing the bulbs into the peat, and finally putting small wall flower plants to flower later. The daffodils have been flourishing - fine, big blooms, and we have won two First Class certificates for growing them from the London Childrens Flower Society. Twenty children have now joined this Society and are going in for the Summer competition, which is to grow nasturtiums and candy tuft. We hope for more First Class certificates!

If there had been a competition for Winter Hellebore, the one with the green flowers - we might have won that too! We had a couple of fine - up-standing plants with lovely flowers (Worthing born and bred, of course, from Mr. Harry Rushby). There

are some bluebells beginning to flower and yesterday I saw a bee come visiting! I wonder where she lives? Will she spread the news? There are quite a lot of different plants in pots outside - not liking being in pots, waiting for a garden to grow in and hoping for cleaner rain and brighter sun.

However, during the Easter holiday we expect a lorry load of earth to be delivered and then we can make a start on a real garden - only small, but a garden!

I shall have to make a note of groups of children for 'greenfingers club' at lunch time as there are so many who turn up every day asking "is there gardening club today?" (There are not enough hours in each day to do all the things to be done).

Many thanks to the people who have sent me plant pots and containers. We have been making new plants - amazing how many plants can come from one old geranium, or a spider plant! The children are looking forward to taking home some plants to keep for their very own and some will look after a plant for the holidays and bring it back next term, we hope, then sowing seeds for summer flowers.

Thanks too, for all the little treasures and various collected items and bits and pieces which have been given by many people in response to my appeal in the March magazine. Some pages from your old calendars with beautiful pictures and fronts of greetings cards - flowers, birds, scenes, etc. are now adorning walls and bringing brightness and interest to dark corners and staircases. Once again, thank you for helping me bring some gladness and joy to our children.

Pray for us, that we do not suffer the violence and conflict which this weekend has been erupting in Brixton. Pray for the children, that they are not easily led by bigoted and prejudiced parents and adults to scorn each other because of their colour or speech, that they may see each other as members of one family and live in harmony together.

MARY CONNELLY

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for April - £43

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

FLORAL NOTES

3rd Flower Fund	24th Miss Hedgcombe
10th Mrs. K. Nowell	31st Mrs. Bradley
17th Flower Fund	

FLOWER FUND A sincere thank you for £57 contributed during March and April.

DOROTHY TURNER
FLOWER SEC.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Writing this with the cloud, cold winds and constant rain it hardly seems possible that our Spring(?) Session will have come to an end by the time you get the Chronicle. Looking back, it has been a good Session with a variety of interest, but most important of all a time of happy Christian Fellowship.

We have sadly missed, through illness, the presence of many good friends, but we have been together in the Spirit of Christian love and care. At the moment we are missing Mr. James, who has for many years prepared our room for us. Thank you, Jimmy, for past help.

Special thanks will have been given to all who helped to make the year a success at our A.G.M. but I feel we must mention Mrs. Jenkins, who with love and careful preparation has conducted our Spiritual Opening each meeting; brought us to meetings often making more than one journey, and helped us so many other ways. Thank you, Dulcie.

We now welcome Joan - Mrs. Burrage, who will take her place as from May, and pray she will enjoy her year as Vice-President.

COMING EVENTS

1. 19th May - Outing to Middleham Priory.
2. 27th May - Entertain Sutton U.R.C. Guild.
3. 4th June - Entertain Clapton Church Guild.
4. 2nd July - Entertain Dorking U.R.C. Guild.
5. 25th June - We entertain YOU - Strawberry Tea.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

March was a busy month for the Fellowship with three meetings and on 17th we welcomed back Mrs. Marjorie Morris who gave us more interesting information about the early days of electricity in Worthing. The information she had gleaned about the personalities of the time was remarkable.

Fifteen of us visited the Central G.P.O. on 31st and were conducted on a tour of the premises where we saw how the mail is handled on its incoming or outgoing journey through the centre. We learnt that in the interest of economy and to avoid unnecessary overtime at Worthing, all second class mail goes via Brighton for sorting whether for Worthing area or elsewhere! We were given V.I.P. treatment and well refreshed after our somewhat tiring tour.

A report on our April activities and the A.G.M. will appear next month.

REG GOODCHILD

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Can it really be May already? This is the month of our Jumble Sale - Thursday, 7th May at 6.30 p.m. Please 'phone 40546, 40955, 43660 or 41761 if you have anything that requires collecting and we will be happy to oblige.

As I write this, there's a whisper of hope of a pianist!? What a grand start to the summer session that would be. There are more changes this month too, as once again I change lanyards! I've

enjoyed my years as Commandant, but health now dictates that its time for someone else to run the District and thus leave me with much more time for the girls of 5th Worthing. As usual, a busy schedule lies ahead and two more 'families' have been added to our 'love and care' scheme. 15 Blind folk in Newland Lodge, Belsize Road and 15 children in "The Willows" the handicapped section of West Park School, and what better time than now, "The Year of the Disabled Person" to extend the work of loving and caring.

Please continue to pray for us, and please do join us for coffee after Parade on 10th May. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

BOYS' BRIGADE

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. E. Townsend. She was a great friend and benefactress to our B.B. Company and was always keen to enquire about our activities. Perhaps we did not always come up to her expectations but she did appreciate the fact that things are not what they used to be as when her husband was involved in the B.B. She will remain in our memories for a long time.

You may have noticed that we are not holding our usual Display this year. It is proving most difficult to put on a show every year and so we have decided for this year to have a series of "Open Evenings" for the different sections. Would you please take note of the dates we will be holding these special evenings, you will be most welcome to come along.

Junior Section: Monday 11th May at 18.30hrs.

Company Section: Friday 15th May at 19.30hrs.

Anchor Boys: Wednesday 20th May at 18.00 hrs.

On Friday, 5th June at 19.00hrs. we are holding a Jumble Sale and we would be most pleased to collect any articles you wish to dispose of, just let any

Officer or Boy know when it is convenient for us to call. Thank you,

DONALD STEWART

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

As we come to the end of our Spring Session we can look back and remember some very happy evenings spent together. We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Joan Foote to our Fellowship as Joan and her husband have recently moved down to live in Worthing. At the beginning of the year we spent a very pleasant evening in the company of Miss Doreen Hutchinson once again, and she captured our hearts and minds as she told us about a journey she and her friend made to the Holy Land last Spring. With the help of her slides, Doreen made the places that we read about in the Bible, come alive with her enthusiasm and joy. For many of us it was a time of renewing and strengthening our faith. Mr. Tricker and his wife, who own the Regency Patisserie at Rustington, gave us a delightful evening on the art of Breadmaking. He made it so easy that I am sure many of the Fellowship are now making their own !

We were delighted to join forces with the Family Circle for a "Swing Along" evening given by the Goring Evening Townswomen's Guild. They had us all joining in with the songs and we were glad of our refreshments! Miss Heather Grant came to show us and tell us about her hobby of Pressed Flower Designs. It was amazing the results she achieved from just pressing ordinary garden flowers and wild flowers from the countryside. We were pleased to welcome friends from the Church who joined us to hear Mr. Joy and "Through the Gardening Year". The Fellowship was pleased to put forward two teams to represent them at the Quiz Evening run again by the Family Circle. It was a most interesting evening with fun and laughter all round and I am pleased to say one of our teams won again. Mr. Gary Elliott came along to talk to us about part of his work as District Youth Organizer. He is involved with the

Red Cross in running holidays at Hind Leap Warren for young people who are mentally handicapped or disabled. He was able to give us an insight into the problems involved in such a venture. It was amazing the activities the children could do with a bit of help and encouragement. We wish them every success this summer especially as for one week they are hostessing an International gathering of children from different countries - what an experience that will be!

At our Annual Bring & Buy Stall I should like to thank everyone for their most generous support and helping raise our funds by a total of £24.30p. Our Spring Session was brought to a close by Dorothy Turner recalling her visit last year to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The slides were wonderful and what a perfect way to start our Easter week. Some of us are busy preparing our contribution to the Church Entertainment Evening on Saturday, 25th April. We are looking forward to meeting again at our Summer Session which begins on 27th April when Mr. Tarpey is coming to tell us of his work at the London Mission.

OLIVE BUSHBY

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The Annual General Meeting of the Worthing Branch of the Leprosy Mission will be held on Friday, 8th May 1981 at 2.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church Hall. The Speaker will be Dr. John Harris from Zaire. There will be Stalls of cakes, groceries, fancy goods etc. and a warm invitation is given to all who can come.

F. FREEMAN
Hon. Sec.

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 16th May, from 10h - 12.00h the Young People are holding a Coffee Morning, to raise funds to pay for the running of the new youth mini-bus. There will also be a cake stall and 'bring & buy'. All are welcome.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

STOP PRESS

Dear Editor,

Will you kindly convey my warmest thanks to all who kept me in their prayers while I was in hospital and for Mr. Connelly's most uplifting visits. Also those who came to see me. I was so aware that I was surrounded by loving thoughts. Thank you Girls' Brigade for your good wishes and also the Anchor Boys for the Walls of Jericho with the eggs and sweeties inside and the very good hand drawn card. The Walls of Jericho reminded me that nothing is impossible if it be done with faith in God.

Yours sincerely,

VI MILLS

FROM THE VESTRY

PENTECOST 1981

"The fruit of the Spirit" is the title of a booklet prepared for the use of the Christian Churches in Sussex during the Nine Days between Ascension Day May 28th and Pentecost or Whitsunday June 7th. Copies of this booklet are available NOW, tho' some will already have copies as they have responded to the Announcement of their availability. Do use them and join the fellowship of Prayer within the Churches at this time.

There is a sense of expectation among many Christians at this period of the Church year. Let it go on! Remember the title of this article last month "Surprised by Joy - Impatient as the Wind". This is the atmosphere within which we should be living in the Church today. There are times when we sense that we are so near the moment of Renewal of the Church. The question I have to ask myself often is "does this present Ministry have anything lacking, or are there barriers within our lives that hold up - or back - the work of the Spirit among us?"

I do not urge you any more than I urge myself towards the barren plains of introspection. And yet we are urged to climb the purple-headed mountain of confession and contrition and as we go on in honest confession, we can be very sure that the Peace of Christ, the Assurance of a Saviour who died for us, will be given, and then will come Praise, Thanksgiving filling our lives and the life of the Church.

God desires our Renewal - let us desire His will.

Blessings and love

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to John and Fiona TAPP on the birth of a daughter and a sister for Simon.

MARRIAGES

Graeme Nigel GILL to Valerie Jean LUCKIN	18.4.81
Jeremy Clive LEGGO to Susan Jane TYAS	25.4.81
Brian Edward EASEY to Annette HORN	2.5.81

Welcome home Norman Dobson after a time of illness and love also to Margaret.

Many families have been afflicted by the complaints of childhood. We remember them.

Margaret and Vernon Craghill are now much better.

Miss Vi Mills is now in St. Bernards Nursing home and Miss M. Pettengill is in St. Barnabas.

Gordon and Doris Wraight are moving to a new home. What joys many of us shared with them at Melrose Avenue. May they be blessed in their future years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear Friends,

I should like, on behalf of my husband and myself, to say 'Thank You' to Mr. Connelly for his visits, and to the Girls' Brigade and Church for the lovely flowers and cards sent to my husband while in hospital.

The love, prayers and thoughts of our relatives and friends have sustained us through his illness and operation, and we are deeply grateful.

ELSIE SHEENE

During my recent illness I have been well aware of the great value of prayer in healing and wish to

express my very sincere thanks to all who have remembered me in this way.

My thanks also for the flowers and gifts and many cards received, - also to the Girls' Brigade for their good wishes, and delightful gift at Easter time - and to the Minister for his visits. Especial thanks to Glen Dean whose love and caring, and practical help in transport when necessary, proved quite invaluable.

ELLA ROBERTSON

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers, gifts and cards, and all wishes and prayers sent to me when I was in hospital. Also to the Ministers, my thanks, who visited me many times and still continue to do so now I am at home. My sister also joins in this message.

FLORRIE MOODY

Thank you, Mr. Connelly, for your kindness during my recent illness, and for visiting me while in hospital. Also most sincere thanks for the flowers received and gifts from the Church, including Girls' Brigade. Thank you, Captain Webb. With sincere gratitude,

EVA PULLINGER

"Thank You" - two little words, but very sincerely meant. I've been loved and cared for by so many people during the last few difficult weeks, that out of my trials, have indeed, come many unexpected joys. A doctor on T.V. recently said that it wasn't just pills and medicines that made us better, but rather, the love and care of those around us. How very true. So, "Thank you all" and thank God too for loving and caring people who carry out His work here on earth.

JEAN WEBB

Words seem inadequate to convey our appreciation of all the flowers, cards and good wishes received from the Minister and friends for our Ruby Wedding celebration. From far and near, guests assembled in the Church where our son gave a short organ recital, concluding with verses of our Wedding hymn "Lead us heavenly Father", and favourites "In heavenly love abiding" and "To God be the glory". Our guests

unexpected and spontaneous singing with the organ left a lovely memory. A blessing by our Minister, an excellent lunch served by Mrs. Robin Bradley and her helpers, and an afternoon of fellowship and reminiscences in our home, completed our special day. We thank all who in any way helped to make it such a memorable one.

EILEEN & RON JORDAN

OBITUARY

JOHN RATHBONE

You will have received appreciations of John Rathbone from members better qualified than I to give them. I should just like to mention two aspects of his valuable service as organist. First, he shared his love of music in church worship week by week with all members of the congregation who were prepared to come early and listen to the 20-30 minutes of music he used to provide before the service. I avoided the word 'recital' because there was nothing of the virtuoso approach, drawing attention to the player - everything was conducive to an atmosphere of peace and preparation for worship.

Then John was also a pioneer in the introduction of new music. I have been quietly amused on at least two recent occasions when asked if a 'great new tune' could be played for evening worship to be able to answer that it could and that it was readily available in the selection of new tunes that John Rathbone had painstakingly compiled over ten years ago and left for the use of our church. His attitude to new hymns seems to have been very simple and effective. If the message of the words was a worthy one and the tune fitting and readily singable by the congregation then it was 'in', whether the composer was Bach, Beaumont or Baughen. The life of the church was truly enriched by the devotion and inspiration of such a dedicated musical servant.

ROBIN BRUFORD

Indeed, John was a truly gracious servant of our Lord, and in his own quiet way, added much to the life of our church while he and Paddy, his wife

were with us. Now he is reunited with her, and we give thanks to God for both their lives, and for the privilege we have had in knowing them.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE

CICELY NODES

A letter to Colin from the
Rev. Cyril Franks.

News has reached me of the passing of your mother. I regret that it was not possible for me to attend the funeral as I had only just returned home, having spent a week away at the Ministers' Conference. We send to you and to the other members of the family assurances of our sympathy and prayers.

It seems a very long time ago since we were entertained in your home. It must have been in 1953/4 on the occasion of our very first visit to Worthing. From that time onwards your mother was always a most welcoming hostess. There was no-one that I can think of who was more loyal and vigorous in her support of the church. Many of us would want to pay our tribute to mother's reliability and dependability. She was always most positive, in her approaches to the life of the church, even when she found herself in a minority. When I last saw her, she was suffering from a large measure of incapacity but was typically not allowing the disability to reduce her spirit of hope. We shall miss her when we next come to Worthing later in the year, but shall not forget her very considerable contribution to the church there.

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL

FLORAL NOTES

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

£15 Received during April for the Flower Fund, for which sincere thanks.

7th June	Mr. & Mrs. Gill	21st June	Mrs. Flory &
			Mrs. Young
14th "	Girls' Brigade	28th "	Mrs. Edmonds

AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

THE CHRONICLE: June 1981

New Members:-

Mr. & Mrs. D. Grady	68 Melrose Avenue	501801
Miss B. Kentish	11 Mulberry Court, Goring Road	
Mr. & Mrs. C. Ward	6 Newtimber Ave.	501949
Mrs. J. Hannant	71 Horemare Cres., Storrington	
Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith	78 Aldsworth Ave.	41062
Mr. Andrew Smith	" "	"
Mr. & Mrs. F. Rowlands	9 Wykeham Road	201070
Mr. & Mrs. E. Foott	15 Lancaster Rd.	45570

Change of address:-

Mrs. C. Webber,	"Thyme Bank" Mill Lane, High Salvington	690334
Mrs. F. Howe	22 Winchester Rd.	
Mr. & Mrs. G. Wraight	Holcombe House Hotel, 92 Heene Road	35710
Mr. & Mrs. R. Edwards	11 Latimer Road	49654
Mrs. B. Gregory	Wraysbury Home for the Blind, Beccles Rd.	

Non-Serving Elder:-

Mr. E. Foott

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Mark Chapter 15

- (a) Are you accused of anything?
- (b) What evidence enables you to believe in Jesus?
- (c) What circumstances have made you feel that God has ever abandoned you?
- (d) What keeps the ministry of Jesus under restraint?

Chapter 16

- (a) What is your evidence of the living Christ?
- (b) What stops the acceptance of this belief?
- (c) What signs of power do you expect to see in today's believers?
- (d) Do you have any sense that the Lord is working with you?

BIBLE VERSES

St. John 3 vv. 1-15 Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Therefore ... ye must be born again.

There is much in common between Nicodemus and ourselves, especially our mutual puzzling over the phrase "born again", Water for baptism we understand. But the additional phrase "and Spirit" is much less clear. The one has to do with flesh, the other with Holy Spirit. Some scholars think "born from above" is a better and more accurate rendering of the thought. Here we come to a statement of evolutionary principle. Each level of life must be born again on the next level up. There is an ascent of man and a descent of God, and they (God and man) get together on the highest level of man's upreach. Almost too easily one is born into physical, fleshly life, sometimes unwanted, and thrust into a family mould not of ones own choosing, and the child is born again, far too easily, by water into the larger family of the Church. Actually, then, Jesus is requiring that ye must be born again and again before the height of the Kingdom of God on earth is reached.

For Nicodemus and us the next question comes: How? By yielding up all past, low-level thoughts and living, in exchange for a fresh set of values; which means a new birth, a drastic transformation of ideals, all from above, from God through Christ, and submitting to a rigorous discipline of the new existence, with genuine resolve to live as Christ set the pattern. wholly dependent on Him.

"Behold I make all things new"

So the worshipper is reminded of the necessity of finding all of God he can hold, by the trinity of birth, of life receiving-physical, social, spirit life.

Except we be born again, the next level up, to God's full Kingdom, life on earth will never be possessed nor understood by us. And no one can be lifted up by physical birth alone - only God can do this be a second, spiritual birth in His holy fellowship.

Let the words "Holy, Holy, Holy" soon to follow, remind us of these things. "Ye (we) must be born again". The emphasis is on new birth or birth from above as essential in Christianity. "The Father through the Spirit creates the new life of those who believe in the Son of God".

JOHN BEAMISH

TO SING OR SAY THE PSALMS

by TAPTON

Was it really C.S. Lewis who said something like "hymns ought only to be sung once a year and then on Good Friday"? Apologies for any mis-quotation but the sentiment seems to be clear. Certainly few people today would agree the thought, since within the present discussions on worship the place of hymns in general together with chorus's takes a prominent place. The Church music Committee is to recommend increasing use of "New Church Praise" and "Scripture in Song" in future praise services.

Well, whatever else we may say, The Psalms were in general intended to be Scripture in Song, and together with other portions of the Old Testament, e.g. Miriam's Song in Exodus 15 vv. 20, played an important part in Hebrew Worship. Many, if not all Christians will testify to their love of the Psalms and other Biblical songs and poems.

Three ways seem open to us in corporate worship. We can chant them, sing them as Metrical Psalms in the Scottish way, or else say them together. Which do you prefer? or would you rather have opportunity of doing all three? Tapton will welcome your observations.

Although this was the final item on the Agenda of our Church's Assembly at Bournemouth (27th April-1st May), the phrase sums up the spirit and the direction of the Assembly. Before we came to that final item, however, there were many debates and decisions taken. The opening of the Assembly took place at the Richmond Hill U.R.C. with a Communion Service. The Assembly was presided over by the Moderator, the Rt. Revd. Principal Martin Cressey of Westminster College, Cambridge. A release of his address will be found in the May "Reform", and the June "Reform" will contain an account of the Assembly.

Sometimes our Church is criticised for being too concerned about structures. Yet "the nuts and bolts" of any organisation are important, as are also the approval of the Assembly to matters of administration. The Assembly receives the Reports of these Departments, makes comments and criticism, and passes or otherwise the resolutions put forward by the Departments. Thus the Assembly is a hard working Assembly, with little time to enjoy the beauties of Bournemouth and its environs. The Union with the Reformed Churches of Christ was agreed and will be ratified in the Autumn.

The Assembly welcomed the proposals for a covenant "Towards Visible Unity". The Assembly requests church meetings to consider this report in the light of our Church's commitment to the unity of all God's people and to missionary witness and service in this country.

The Assembly placed Ministers' stipends on a firmer and more realistic basis. There is a serious shortage of experienced Ministers for our vacant churches. However, the enquiries concerning the Ministry from men and women (both stipendary and auxiliary) are encouraging.

The announcement of the name of the Moderator-elect of the Assembly for 1982/3 was received by the Assembly with tremendous enthusiasm. Our

Church has elected the first lay-person as Moderator: Mrs. Rosalind Goodfellow, who serves our Church in many capacities such as our Church and Society Committee, the British Council of Churches, and as an Elder in her own church. Mrs. Goodfellow is the daughter of the late Rev. William Griffith-Jones who was minister at West Wickham and later Moderator for Wales & Monmouth.

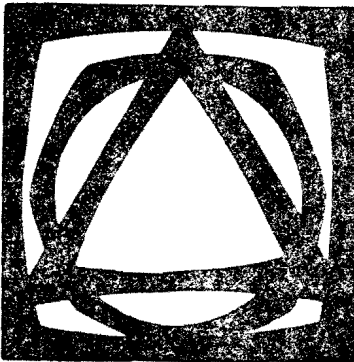
I am asking the Editor to allow me a further article on the matters arising under the Report of our Church and Society Department.

The Assembly agreed to the wording of an alternative form of Statement of the Nature, Faith and Order of the U.R.C. This form being appropriate for use at Ordinations & Inductions of Ministers and at Ordinations of Elders. The Assembly gave an assurance that our Church goes forward "One Church, One Faith, one Lord".

RON CHRISTOPHER

"IS THERE LIFE WITHOUT WORK?" is the subject of a Day Conference to be held on Saturday, 13th June at the Grove Centre, 2 Jews Walk, Sydenham. This Day Conference is arranged by our Southern Province, with our Industrial Chaplains leading our thinking on Unemployment, Youth Unemployment, and Redundancy. Further particulars from Ron Christopher.

'AROUND THE CHURCH'



Our fifth window completes the West Side and is the combination of the mathematical figures of the triangle and circle. The early Christians, particularly the Greeks, regarded the Triangle as a symbol of the Trinity, and the Circle, since it has neither beginning nor end, has always been regarded as the symbol of eternity.

CHURCH FINANCES

We have been greatly blessed during this past month. Gwen Wills is giving us £1500, in memory of her late husband, towards the cost of the conversion of our oil fired boiler to gas. Donations to our Gift Day have to date produced £1835, and Colin Nodes has donated £600 to Church Funds in memory of his parents, the late Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Nodes. To Gwen Wills, Colin Nodes and all who have contributed so generously to Church finances we would express our heartfelt thanks.

Both the above large gifts have been made by way of Deposit Covenants. This means that we can recover tax on these gifts and at the end of four years the Church will have received an additional £645 and £257 respectively, (provided Standard Tax remains at 30%).

Our increased weekly offerings have been maintained, and the deficit of the opening months of the year has been reduced. A summary of the General Account for the eighteen weeks to 10th May is shown below:-

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Offerings	5098	Main. Min. Fund	2973
Donations	52	Minister & Manse	1013
Rents	869	Wages	143
Income Tax		Heating & Lighting	1159
Refunds	22	Rates	325
Gift Day	1835	Insurance	692
Less		Repairs	688
Boiler	1000	Choir	138
Cong. Ins. Trust	150	Junior Church	200
		West Durrington	453
		Sundries	161
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Excess Expenditure			
over Income	919		
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DOUGLAS BLAKEY

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
Thursday	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	10.15h	Coffee served in Cornwall Room
	19.30h	Badminton Club
Sundays:	19.45h	Young People's Fellowship at 17 Lenhurst Way

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES: The Minister will preach unless otherwise stated.

1st Monday	19.30h	Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church
	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship
2nd Tuesday	19.30h	Prayer Service at the Church of English Martyrs
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
3rd Wednesday	19.30h	Prayer Service at Goring Methodist Church
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
4th Thursday	19.30h	Prayer & Healing Service at Goring U.R.C.
5th Friday	19.30h	Prayer & Healing Service at St. Richards with Maybridge Evangelical Church
6th Saturday	11.00h - 11.30h	Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church

the above week is National Initiation in Evangelism

9 days of Prayer before Pentecost

- JUNE 1981

7th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		18.30h	Divine Worship
11th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
14th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Parade Service (Rev. R.C.) with refresh- (Christopher) ments to follow in the Hall
		18.30h	Divine Worship
15th	Monday		Monday Evening Fellowship visit to Shoreham Life Boat Station
16th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
17th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Rd.
		20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
21st	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
25th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
28th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship) The Rev. C.
		18.30h	Divine Worship) Charlton
30th	Tuesday	18.30h	Girls' Brigade Produce Fair
		20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

and remember that the JULY/AUGUST Magazine will be combined

THE VITALISING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT _____

When we are really surrendered to God, it becomes possible for His Life to flow into us, revitalising every part of our beings.

When we surrender our bodies,
His healing and renewing power flows into us,
Bathing every cell and tissue with new vitality,
And giving release from tension and stress.

When we surrender our minds,
His purifying and enlightening power flows into us,
Giving us new insights and understanding,
Teaching us the things we need to know,
And bringing wisdom and guidance.

When we surrender our spirits,
His love and joy flow into us,
And through us,
Overflowing into the lives of others,
And returning to Him in increased measure
As we grow in spiritual grace.

Thus the Spirit of God uplifts and sanctifies us, if we are only willing to surrender in trust and love. This is a continual process as a plant needs to absorb water steadily to maintain uprightness and growth. Often we even need God's help to enable us to surrender ourselves fully to Him, but His grace is sufficient for all our needs.

Let us pray for one-another, that we may know the Spirit's renewing power.

A DISCIPLE

JESUS CALLS US ! _____

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea.

How far removed we are from that Galilean lake (Hymn 451), at peace in our peaceful surroundings in Worthing (also by the sea). O'er what tumult could Jesus call us here?

Perhaps the tumult in our lives lies in the tranquillity and contentment we enjoy, for they shield us from the world outside and shield our ears from Jesus' call. But Jesus' call can be heard o'er any tumult, be it a raging sea or quiet tranquillity.

Here we were, yet again enjoying that marvelous fellowship in the Spirit which so pervades our Church Meetings these days, laughing, exchanging witty repartee, at peace with the world. How rude and inconsiderate of the Lord to call us now! How rude and thoughtless that He should inform us of the desperate need for funds in the Bible Society! That same old mundane plea for money and for what - the supply of Bibles to people outwith our ken; people who don't even speak our language, people who don't even know the Lord?

Did I detect a reluctance to support this venture wholeheartedly? Did we really hear the Lord calling us? Two of our number brought the plight of the Bible Society to our notice, and made a constructive contribution by proposing an Austerity lunch to raise funds. This measure will, they hope, raise the princely sum of £50! I sincerely hope that the lunch will prove an enormous success and that the target will be reached and handsomely surpassed.

However, we may also support this most important work of evangelism during Bible Week, and I trust that we may be more responsive to Christ's call then and that a target in hundreds rather than tens of pounds may be our aim.

Read now John Ch. 21 and Hymn 451 (pay particular attention to v. 3) which formed part of our praise at this meeting.

MATTHEW SMITH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AREA SCRIPTURE EXAMINATIONS
PRIZE GIVING

IN OUR CHURCH — FRIDAY 19th JUNE at 19.00h
Please come and support the children—ALL WELCOME

PENTECOST

FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Churches throughout Sussex are acknowledging 1981 as a year of "Celebration and Proclamation" of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here is a summary of important events in June:-

PENTECOST -

Preparation & Prayer on:-

June 1st	St. Mary's Parish Church	19.30h
" 2nd	R.C. Church of English Martyrs	19.30h
" 3rd	Methodist Ch. Bury Drive	19.30h
" 4th	Goring U.R.C. (with Healing Service)	19.30h
" 5th	St. Richards (with Maybridge Evangelic)	19.30h
" 6th	St. Mary's Parish Church	11.00h-11.30h

SUNDAY JUNE 7th (Whitsunday)

Churches of all denominations throughout Sussex will celebrate the Festival of the Holy Spirit with the symbolic lighting of 'beacons' at high points throughout the County, so that they may be seen far and wide.

The main Christian denominations in Worthing will be celebrating together, when our local 'Beacon' will be lit on CISSBURY RING at 20.15h that evening.

The Mayor, Councillor V.S. Cambridge will attend. Do support this local pilgrimage if you possibly can, and thus make it worthy of the great Festival of the Spirit which it represents.

To reach Cissebury Ring, take a bus to Findon (Gun Inn) - walk from there (30 mins.). There may be some who would very much desire to be there but could not make the journey by foot. If any decide to go by car and have an empty seat, then do share this experience with a friend or neighbour. There is a Car Park near-by.

Let us all play our full part prayerfully and actively by our presence at these events, and thus share effectively the glorious Good News of Jesus Christ.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

KINGS OF LOVE

The excellent TV documentaries on the lives of the Revs. Martin Luther King, Senior and Junior, were a timely reminder of the appropriateness and the effectiveness of applying Christian love in the form of non-violent protest against the social evils of our time. In marked contrast, in our own country the men (and women) of violent protest seem recently to be having it all their own way. Not that they are in fact achieving anything by these methods except an escalation of violence, which is precisely what some of them want. It must surely be clear by now that the last thing that the people who are manipulating the extremists among the Irish and among the British blacks (and these manipulators are to a large extent the same people) really want is peace. Christians should take care that their support and backing is applied to the Kings of love and not the apostles of hate.

Brixton - NOT DISCRIMINATION APPLIED BUT DISCIPLINE
WITHDRAWN

Back in the mid-60s I was for a time stand-in organist at the Presbyterian (now U.R.C.) Church in Brockley, a mile or two from Brixton. Even then about half the congregation was West Indian and I remember being impressed by the smart turnout of these happy black and brown families in their Sunday suits and white collars as well as by their laughter and cheerful singing. I was reminded of this when Mr. Jeff Crawford, in one of his more responsible utterances, made the point that one significant cause of the recent violence in that area was the sad fact that the formerly responsible black parents had been pressurised into relaxing their disciplined control of their children. They had been ridiculed by white social workers and left-wing activists (who again are frequently the same people) for being out

of date and Victorian in their upbringing of their families, so gradually they gave up trying. What a tragedy!

MURDER - A MUDDLED MORALITY ?

Two items from the same day's newspapers:-

1. Desmond Guiney, aged 14, died of multiple injuries. He had been helping his father on his milk round in Belfast when the two of them were stoned by a mob of terrorist teenagers. While the ambulance was trying to get them away the stoning continued. The father is still critically ill.
2. An R.C. Bishop repeated that abortion is 'The Killing of the innocent'.

Is there not something terribly amiss with the priorities, if not the teaching, of a church which is so vehement in the defence against what is arguably murder of the unborn and so tolerant of what is unquestionably murder, even of youngsters by other youngsters, committed by those who profess to be its adherents? So tolerant that it will not even try to discipline those of its clergy, whether in Ireland, the U.K. or the U.S.A., who openly support the I.R.A. Why not talk to your Catholic friends about this - as I have talked with Father Flood, who, while obviously not accepting the validity of the criticism as expressed above, agrees that discussion rather than suppression is the right approach to such difficulties.

(N.B. I am not saying that the R.C. view on abortion is wrong).

DISCLAIMER

For the benefit of anyone to whom it is not already obvious (if such there be):-

The statements on this page each month are just
the views of me;
They do not represent the view of Goring U.R.C.,
Or Minister, or Elders, Family Circle or B.P.*
Though every now and then I do find others who agree,
The only one to blame (or praise!) is simply R.F.B.
I've never claimed to speak for you, as do the B.C.C.
Who have no right to make that claim, as surely all
can see,
For when did they last seek your view when telling
the T.V.
That Christians mostly take the part of reborn C.N.D.
Or share the shoes of Michael F. and can't stand Mrs. T.?

* Our illustrious Editor - who else?
! Four times so far - in six years!

P.S. Since the above was written and the barbarious
attempt on the life of the Pope, there have been
signs of a firmer line on terrorist violence being
taken by the Irish Catholic hierarchy.

R.F.B.

BREAD & CHEESE BIBLES

There is a world hunger for Bibles. Yet the
British and Foreign Bible Society is having to cut
back on its programme because of rising costs at
a time when new countries are open to the Scriptures,
and other Bible Societies are saying the same. If
capital can be provided now to increase production,
the sale of these extra copies will make it possible
to maintain increased production. Many people still
do not have even the Gospels in their own language.
Forty years ago it was thought there were only 500
languages needing the Scriptures. Now we know it
is nearer 3000!

On Sunday 5th July, an austerity lunch is being organised in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society and there will also be an opportunity for those not wishing to stay to the lunch to make a contribution. Will those wishing to attend the lunch please sign the list on the windowsill in the Church vestibule. It is hoped to obtain a filmstrip on the work of the Bible Society, to show after lunch. In this year of Evangelism let us remember that evangelism is very difficult without copies of the Scriptures. We, who take our Bibles so much for granted, have little idea of the desperation and eagerness with which they are sought in many other parts of the world. Reducing our physical food in order that others may receive spiritual nourishment, is one way of rising to this challenge.

Spread the Word!

BERYL CHATFIELD

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for May £24.85

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

It is always rewarding to the Officers and Committee of any organisation when an A.G.M. is well attended and they are able to report an average attendance of 62 through two sessions - September to the end of April. We thank all members for their support in whatever we have arranged and for their encouragement at the A.G.M.

Our new Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Burrage and Mrs. Flory, with our new Committee Members, Mrs.

Copeland, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Taylor, will, I know, add their love in their service to the Guild.

In the May issue of the Chronicle you have details of the Guild's activities during the summer. Will all those who offered help on any of these occasions please remember. You will receive other information in due course. We hope this year at our "Strawberry Tea" on Thursday, 25th June, to meet many new friends who have recently joined the Church. Tickets for this can be obtained from members of the Guild, price 60p.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all a happy holiday season, which I know for some means happy family reunions.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a super Jumble Sale - £140! Thank you for your help and support. Some of this money will be used to buy new equipment and the rest will go towards our summer camp.

June is another busy month for us. Together with our Chaplain, we shall be conducting morning worship for the Parade Service on 14th June, and then on Tuesday, 30th June we are holding a "Produce Fayre" at 6.30 p.m. - open to all and we hope you'll come and join us. Proceeds from this will go towards providing tea for our friends from St. Bridgets Cheshire Home, next month. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

CALLING ALL HANDYMEN

From time to time it is necessary to effect minor repairs to the Church Premises, e.g. to replace door handles, light bulbs, etc., for which it would be expensive to call in professional help. If you are able to offer occasional assistance please let me know. We are fortunate in having obtained the services of a lady to clean the premises, but your continued co-operation in leaving them tidy after meetings, will be appreciated.

ERIC BOND

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our A.G.M. on 28th April the business side was disposed of very promptly to enable us to spend as much time as possible listening to our President and Chairman, Bill Connelly, answering questions. The Treasurer, Douglas Mooney, disclosed a satisfactory financial position before laying down his office. He was warmly thanked for his many years of service and as a reward was appointed a Vice-President. To take his place Ron Jordan was elected Hon. Treasurer and Registrar. All other officers and Committee Members were re-elected.

Question time proved most interesting and brought forth some very thoughtful observations from members. We look forward to meeting together in Fellowship on Tuesday, 22nd September for the commencement of the Autumn Session.

REG GOODCHILD

COFFEE MORNING

We are ALL GOING TO A COFFEE MORNING - are you? Please come and support the CHOIR at their Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday, 6th June 10.30h to noon. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, Cakes, Plants, Toiletries, Groceries - all gifts will be welcome. Coffee and Biscuits 20p.

HORSHAM U.R.C. MIDSUMMER FAIR

This very popular annual event takes place this year on Saturday, 27th June, and once again the Minister & Elders of Horsham U.R.C. would like to extend a very warm invitation to friends in Goring who would like to join us on this day at PONDTAIL FARM, WEST GRINSTEAD. We were glad to see so many from Goring at the Farm last year, and we hope that this year's Fair will be equally well supported.

The theme this year will be SHEEP, and there will be demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning and weaving in addition to a variety of stalls, an

exhibition of Scouting and Guiding activities, games for the children and of course, the ever popular tractor ride round the Farm.

The financial objectives this year are to raise money for the New Church Building Fund (our present Church has now been demolished) and also for the new hospice for the incurably ill (St. Catherine's) which is to be built in the North Sussex area.

Admission programmes giving full details of the day's activities and how to get there will shortly be available from Colin Nodes or Eric Bond.

TED WINSTANLEY

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

As your newly-elected representative on the local U.N. Committee, I shall try to keep you informed of meetings and items of interest in the Worthing area. Our Church contributes £6 a year and is a corporate member, so we have a responsibility to support the U.N. work.

On June 27th (Saturday) from 11.00h in the Steyne Gardens Methodist Church there is to be a BOOK SALE. There are heaps of interesting books for sale. On Saturday July 25th there is to be a Garden Party at 2.30 p.m. at the Friends' Meeting House, 34 Mill Road. Please support this and tell your friends.

FAY BLAKEY

SMALL AD. BEACH HUT TO LET Near Sea Place Car Park and Shop. Various dates available during June, July and August. For further details phone W.690334

WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER at 19.30h - - - - -
MORE PARTICULARS TO FOLLOW, WATCH THIS SPACE.

For all the loving care shown to us in our latest adventure - the many visits, the lovely flowers, the thoughtful letters and beautiful cards, a most heartfelt "thank you".

DORIS & GORDON WRAIGHT

JOHN RATHBONE

Although his health had been failing over recent months, it was indeed a shock to learn of John's passing into the fuller life. I feel privileged to have known him and what happy memories are mine of the time when he was Choirmaster at this Church. The Choir always had a special place in his heart. When Dorothy Cozens Walker and I visited him last year it was most touching to note his continuing love of "his" Choir.

The constant care and willingness to come to the aid of any who were sick or needing a helping hand was unobtrusively given. A true servant of God through music.

DOROTHY TURNER

Youth Activities

I am sure we all share in the joy of the work among young people in our Church. Recently, I indicated how much your prayers and support mean to our organisations.

The Boys' Brigade sections recently held an open evening. Is there really no interest from our members and congregation except for parents? Our support and encouragement mean such a lot to Officers and Boys alike.

On a brighter note, many of our youngsters recently took part in the Scripture examinations with some fine results, which I am not allowed

to disclose. However, all will be revealed on Friday, 19th June at 10.30h when there will be a special service and prize giving in our Church.

All who are able to come along to give thanks and encouragement on this occasion will be most welcome.

RAY CLOSE

LATE, LATE NEWS

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

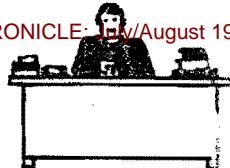
It is now six months since we started serving coffees on Saturday mornings in the Cornwall Room. During this time we have enjoyed meeting and talking to those who have been able to join us, but alas those numbers have not grown as we had hoped.

On several occasions new members have called in hoping to meet and get to know some more of us, but they have been disappointed at finding so few people. In view of this we feel there is not the need for these coffee mornings - unless you tell us we are wrong, in which case we shall be happy to recommence them.

I should like to say to all those ladies who have so willingly given a Saturday morning to serve refreshments, as well as to those who regularly popped in, a most sincere "thank you".

Our total profit amounts to £34.88 which is to be divided between: Hayward House,
Heating, Lighting,
Communion Fund.

ROBIN BRADLEY

SEVEN YEARS ON

"And Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed unto him but a few days".

This story in chapter 29 of the book of Genesis may seem an odd way of giving thanks for the joy of ministering to you at Goring. It is as you know the love story of Jacob and Rachel, and yet you will see the point. Service for the Lord and His people will always be part of the love story that belongs to the Church, and within which time passes so quickly and happily. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and appreciation over these years. You have made light of my shortcomings and encouraged me by your prayers and love.

We are all beginning to look forward to the Anniversary of the opening of our beautiful Church which will be held on Wednesday September 16th. Keep the day free and let us give thanks together for the first twenty years of the Church building.

It is right also that we should take this opportunity of rededicating ourselves to the Lord, remembering that "we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit". These words from Ephesians 2vv. 20.22. form a good basis for prayers and rejoicing as we give thanks for God's many gifts to us in His Church.

Many of you have been away on holiday, and your many cards tell us of your travels. Our holidays are in August as usual when we shall hope to travel fairly widely within the British Isles and to renew friendships and family ties.

Yours with every blessing

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

John and Fiona Tapp have rejoiced in the birth of their daughter, whilst Henry and Chris Morgan and Charlie and Julie Ward have given thanks for their sons. Rejoicing and Thanksgiving in which we share.

ENGAGEMENT

David Michael COURTNADGE to
Catherine HUNT 6. 6.81

we send our love to them.

WEDDINGS

James Angus Nunton SHELTON to
Lyne Francis COLLINS 16. 5.81

Stephen GAREPO to
Angela Joy COLEMAN 6. 6.81

BAPTISMS

Lee Paul BAILEY 7. 6.81

ADULT BAPTISMS

Gillian Michelle KENT and
Patricia Frances O'CONNOR 21. 6.81

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

We send congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. W. Saunders on the event of their Silver Wedding.

Many friends have celebrated significant birthdays during the past weeks.

"as thy days so shall your strength be"

Among our sick friends are Hilda LOWMAN, Ken FISH, Vi MILLS, Roh BRIGGS, Joyce YOUNG and Richard FRENCH.

Gordon and Doris Wraight are beginning to settle in their new home, and Florrie Moody was happily at Church with her faithful sister Vera recently.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bruford on the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

JOHN BLACKWOOD F.R.I.C.S.

A former Church Secretary of the Church at West WICKHAM, and now an Elder in the Church at Goring. John Blackwood has been elected to serve as Chairman of ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL which with a population of 114,000 includes Bognor Regis, Arundel, and Littlehampton.

A past Chairman of Finance, and Policy and Resources Committees, John has also served as Chairman of Ferring Parish Council and includes among his activities membership of management committees of Goring Congregational Housing Association and Abbeyfield Ferring Housing Association.

John Blackwood is a retired Borough Planning Officer of the London Borough of Greenwich. We rejoice that one of our Elders has been so honoured and assure John and Ailsa of our blessing, love and prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

Lilian Florence TALBOYS 1st May, '81.

Vera WINTERTON 5th June, '81.

Bertha HAWKINS 5th June, '81.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

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HOLIDAY CLUB

The Holiday Club for children up to the age of 11 years, will be held at the Church from Monday 24th until Friday 28th August, 1981 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Any help will be appreciated.

JEAN MARSH

LETTERS TO TAPTON

Dear Taptan,

I was very interested in the article by "Taptan" in this month's "Chronicle" regarding the Psalms, and feel I must tell you how much both Frances and myself appreciated the chanting of the Psalms every Sunday, and how much we missed that part of the morning worship when we started attending St. Columba's.

To my mind the metrical Psalms sung here are no substitute; in fact, to be quite frank, I find the twisting of the words around to make them rhyme and fit the hymn meter, to be quite irritating at times!

For myself, I find I can always take in the words better when chanted than if said together. I am afraid when said aloud by the congregation or alternate verses by minister and congregation, I feel as if I were in a class at school! Silly of me, of course, but there it is!

Naturally I am not so stupid as to imagine that my opinion, now I do not attend worship at Goring, counts for anything, that would not be right; but I thought you might like to know my own independent point of view, though only the thoughts of an "onlooker". There may be others who would have similar ideas.

PIP BIGGS

In reply to "Taptan" regarding the Psalms - We have been chanting the Psalms for over fifty years and have a great love of them. We heartily dislike the practise of speaking them which has been used recently. We wonder if this has been done because some of our newer members cannot chant them. If this is so, surely with the leadership of the Choir and a little practice they could pick them up. Please let us enjoy chanting them again.

ELSIE & JIM MASON

WHAT, NO MODERN HYMNS?

by Tapton

who is disappointed at the lack of response to his offer to discuss 'modern' hymns both words and tunes. No. 44 in New Church Praise is the kind of 'modern' hymn he likes.

Based upon a song from Ghana, this little hymn of love for Jesus and His brothers and sisters throughout the world, is well worth singing as also is No. 94 in Scripture in Song - "Holy Holy" we look forward to further copies of these two hymn books so as to widen our appreciation of hymns for today.

Why not send your suggestions from these two books for use in future services of worship? Even the Minister has been seen to tap his feet to one or two songs - and that's something! (Yes, he says).

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

TIMING 1981, 1982, 1985

AIM Acknowledge - Recognise - Accept

INITIATION Baptism, Confirmation

ORDAINED MINISTRY Apostles, Bishop, Presbyter, Deacon

DIFFICULTIES Structures, Areas

DISSENT U.R.C. Mods., Women, Deaconess,
Lay Celebration

On 18th May, eight members of the Church, (five of them Women's Guild Members) attended the U.R.C. District Spring Meeting at the Linden Road Church, Bognor. Considering the area from which it was drawn the congregation was not a large one but the Meeting, Chaired by the Rev. Clifford Charlton (Sompting) was a worthwhile act of worship.

The Speaker, the Rev. Roy Clarke, gave a clear statement on the subject set, which was "Covenanting Together", outlining briefly the main proposals made

for the "Covenanting Together" of the Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed Churches, which proposals have been passed to all member Churches of our denomination for careful consideration. Churches are asked to decide on their approval or otherwise of the proposals by the end of 1981, now only six months away.

The effects of the proposals, as outlined, on the structure and life of the U.R.C. cannot be covered in a short report, but it was clear that they would be considerable. Introducing 'Question Time' which followed the address, the Chairman said that for U.R.C. Members, at least for those with a Free Church background, there would inevitably be 'ticking-points'.

Questions showed that amongst these the proposals concerning the baptism and confirmation of would-be church members, the modification of the role of Moderators with their ordination as Bishops, and the role of women in the Ministry were among those most likely to emerge.

One was left wondering why, since it is firmly stated that the proposals are not for union but for a closer working relationship, this could not be achieved without the fundamental changes suggested, some of which are bound to be controversial and divisive.

The meeting was followed by good fellowship over a tasty tea provided by the host Church.

ETHEL GILBY

AUGUST ARRANGEMENTS

While our Minister is away on holiday during the month of August, Mr. Christopher, the Associate Minister, will appreciate being told of anyone in hospital or in need of a visit at home. The Church will be opened for prayer and meditation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 h to 12 noon, when Mr. Christopher will be available for consultation.

the monthly mid-week Communion Service will be on Thursday, 13th August, at 10.30h.

The Sunday Services:

August 2nd, 9th and 16th 08.00h, 11.00h, and 18.30h

The Associate Minister

August 23rd, 08.00h The Associate Minister

11.00h)

18.30h) The Rev. J. Newton Holder

August 30th 08.00h, 11.00h & 18.30h The Rev. W. Connelly

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ALL CHURCHES OF WORTHING & DISTRICT UNITE! On Saturday, 12th September, 1981 a great act of Christian Witness will take place in Worthing. It is expected that some 2,500 and more, from churches throughout the area, will march together from BROADWATER GREEN to STEYNE GARDENS to witness for Christ in this town. Let us all rally to the 'Cause' on that great day, and make it an event which Worthing Folk, and visitors alike will always remember, and one in which the voice of the Holy Spirit can be recognised and heard in the hearts of all who witness and all who watch.

As we do so, the voice of God coming through the witness of his people will say:-

"THIS IS THE ROAD, FOLLOW IT"

Open Lord my inward ear,
and bid my heart rejoice;
bid my quiet spirit hear
Thy comfortable voice;
never in the whirlwind found,
or where the earthquake rocks the place -
still and silent is the sound,
the whisper of Thy grace.

N.B. Details will be announced later in Church and in the September "Chronicle".

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER at 19.30h - - - - -
MORE PARTICULARS TO FOLLOW, WATCH THIS SPACE.

ADVANCING THE GOSPEL IN AFRICA

Some practical illustrations of the new style of mission work were given to over 50 of us who shared a film and question time with Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley of the Sudan United Mission. The vigour of the Church of Christ in Nigeria in training and sending its own missionaries to other parts of Africa, including the Sudan, was brought home to us. It was also perhaps a salutary example to our own churches, where missionary interest has long been on the wane. Perhaps it should always have been obvious that people would take more notice of missionaries of their own colour than of those from other continents. Even so there are difficulties caused by the differing backgrounds of Nigeria and the Sudan. This worthy enterprise deserves full support in giving and prayer.

Speaking of which, Mr. Dearsley gave a special thank you to the Junior Church who have been faithful and substantial givers to the S.U.M. for many years.

EXCLUDING THE GOSPEL IN ENGLAND

On the same day that we were hearing about the difficulties experienced even by black Christians and missionaries in black Moslem countries I heard on the radio that evangelical Christians had been banned from one locality's schools in this country. Apparently they had been teaching R.E. along the lines that the Christian way was the right way! As one commentator remarked, if it is no longer permissible to teach Christianity in what has been at least a 'traditionally Christian' country then our multi-racial and multi-religious society has gone a lot further than most of us ever desired or should be prepared to accept.

INVERTING THE GOSPEL IN IRELAND

'We are deeply concerned about the Army's use of plastic bullets' - Northern Ireland Bishop on "The World at One".

THE WISDOM OF FATHER O'FEE (continued)

The Army will do anything to save itself defeat -
 They're firing plastic bullets at our children
 in the street.

Young Patrick here was hit by one whilst running
 in the Fall;

He nearly dropped his petrol bomb the wrong side
 of the wall!

C.N.D. - SALVATION WITHOUT SACRIFICE?

The unilateral disarmers are wont to produce
 simplistic statistics on the lines that 2 week's
 expenditure on armaments would suffice to solve most
 of the world's resources problems. If this were
 true it would also be true that say one month's
 spending on alcohol, cigarettes, television and
 motoring could be used to achieve the same result.
 Since all this latter expense can be saved without
 our having to give up any part of our freedom
 (indeed, with the advantage of improving our health
 and happiness) I naturally expect that unilateral-
 ists will already have given up all these luxuries
 and be contributing the savings to Third World needs.

'CHURCH SERVICE SPANS 225 YEARS' - Newspaper headline.

I'm sure we've all heard sermons that made it seem
 almost that long - present company always excepted!

R.F.B.

NEW MINISTER FOR ST COLUMBA'S

At their Church Meeting on 16th May the members
 of St. Columba's agreed unanimously and enthusiastic-
 ally to direct a Call to the Rev. W. Ronald Batt of
 Rugby U.R.C. Before it was despatched, 177 signatures
 of members and adherents had been placed on the call.

St. Columba's have now heard that Mr. Batt has
 accepted the call, and look forward to his induction
 which is to take place on Saturday 3rd October. Mr.
 Batt will be known to many in Sussex from his ministry
 at Upperton, Eastbourne (1962-69). We look forward to
 welcoming him to his pastorate at St. Columba's, and
 to the wider fellowship in the town and district.

DAVID MATTHEWS (St. Columba's)

THE CHURCH & THE COMMUNITY

(The U.R.C. Assembly, continued)

The Assembly took time and interest in the Report of the Church and Society Department. I felt that to a large extent the Assembly reflected the general lack of confidence in finding solutions to the political and social problems of today. The Report covered a wide range.

On Unemployment: The Assembly requested the Government to review the levels of and conditions of the unemployment benefits for long-term unemployed people, believing these benefits to be inadequate in their present form.

In the International Year of the Disabled People: The Assembly called upon church members to examine their own attitudes and responses to disabled people. Also that each local church should ensure wherever possible that it can provide easy access for disabled people to all its facilities.

The Assembly expressed its opposition to the British Nationality Bill, and urged our church members to combat racism, and to contribute to the project fund of the Community & Race Relations Unit of the British Council of Churches. The Assembly welcomed the growing support for the World Development 1% Appeal.

The Assembly gave serious consideration to the matters of War and Peace. Today the discussion goes beyond pacifist or non-pacifist attitudes. The Assembly agreed that an amendment on a unilateral approach to disarmament "Should not be put". The following resolution passed by the Assembly by a large majority reflects the discussion and conclusions of the Assembly:-

The Assembly believes that:

The continuing escalation of nuclear arms threatens the very security which the weapons are held to guarantee;
the development and deployment of nuclear weapons has raised new ethical questions for Christians;

the resources devoted to military expenditure of all kinds are desperately needed to tackle the world-wide problems of poverty, hunger, ignorance and disease;

the time has come for a more resolute involvement of Christians in taking new initiatives for peace;

Therefore the Assembly calls upon all Christians, and every local church, to support the World Disarmament Campaign as one way of advocating the multilateral or unilateral approach towards disarmament, by signing the petition and encouraging others to do so.

I would refer readers of "Reform" to Page 15 of the June issue headed "Two views of the Police". I think it serious that there should be any doubts about Police fairness in dealing with suspects in Brixton, Battersea, or elsewhere. Perhaps the general public needs to support the Police more.

The Assembly revealed social compassion. Many of our churches have set up Job Creation schemes. What is the position in Worthing in relation to unemployment and redundancy? I would like to know of any young people within our Church at Goring who as School-leavers find difficulty in finding work or going forward to higher education. Also, I would be grateful if any of the congregation who experience being made redundant would grant me their confidence.

RON CHRISTOPHER

CAN I SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER? _____

I cannot say 'Our' if I live in a water-tight spiritual compartment; if I think a special place in Heaven is reserved for my denomination.

I cannot say 'Father' if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life.

I cannot say 'Which Art in Heaven' if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say 'Hallowed be Thy Name' if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say 'Thy Kingdom Come' if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

I cannot say 'Thy Will be done' if I am questioning, resentful of or disobedient to His will for me.

I cannot say 'On Earth As It Is In Heaven' if I am not prepared to devote my life here in His service.

I cannot say 'Give us This Day our Daily Bread' if I am living on past experience.

I cannot say 'Forgive us Our Trespases As We Forgive Them That Trespass Against Us' if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say 'Lead Us Not Into Temptation' if I deliberately place myself, or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say 'Deliver Us From Evil' if I am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say 'Thine Is The Kingdom' if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say 'Thine Is The Power' if I fear what men do, or what my neighbours may think.

I cannot say 'Thine is The Glory' if I am seeking glory for myself.

I cannot say 'For Ever and Ever' if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

I cannot say 'Amen' if I do not also add 'Cost what it may', for to say this prayer honestly will cost everything.

Quoted from the City Temple Magazine.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

SMALL ADS.

Reliable young man, between school and college, seeks part-time employment, cutting lawns; odd jobs around the house. Ring W. 46222.

A Piano is available suitable for a beginner. Enquiries to the Minister please.

H.B. Home improvements by Mr. Russell

HIS TEMPLES

Our future lies within God's hands
 If unto Him we yield
 Without constraint, our hearts and mind
 As open as a field.

There must be no perhaps, or if,
 Nor secret lurking sin
 To clutter up these temples
 Where He would enter in.

"Ye are my Church", He said to men
 When He was here on earth.
 The same words still apply to us
 Who are of later birth.

He needs not costly buildings
 His Spirit to enshrine,
 His work can best be done
 From within your heart and mind.

'Tis good for us to congregate
 And feel Him with us there
 To praise Him for His Grace and love
 Of which we have our share.

But let us not leave Him behind
 As to our toils we go
 Him take with us that others might
 Of His great presence know.

ELSIE GREEN

A lady to whom the Minister takes Communion at home.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Graeme and I should like to say thank you to all our friends in the Church for their prayers and good wishes for our marriage in April. We say a special 'thank you' to the Explorers' mums for providing a guard of honour.

VALERIE & GRAEME GILL

Ralph and Hilda Beale thank the Church for the lovely flowers they received on the occasion of their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Dorothy & Robin Bruford would like to thank friends for all the kind greetings on their recent Silver Wedding Anniversary.

CHRISTIAN AID

- Q. What have 2p and £10 in common?
A. Both were contributions to Christian Aid this year through our Church's house to house collection.

Although these were two extremes, there have been all manner of variations between to account for the £301.42 collected by the dozen or so volunteers (mostly willing) who gave of their time during Christian Aid Week. We covered all the roads allocated and, furthermore, collected from several roads for which two other churches were unable to provide collectors.

To ensure that members of our Congregation had the opportunity to make a contribution, envelopes were made available on Sunday, 17th May, and, in this way, a further £100 was raised.

If you are between 16 and 60 plus, perhaps you will respond to the call for volunteers next year. Should this be something you feel you could not possibly do but are conscious of a desire to do what you can, why not join those who give a small amount week by week. During 1980 nearly £300 was raised for Christian Aid in this way. Mrs. Hilda Hele would be very pleased to give YOU details.

R.P. JORDAN

Amount raised in this latter way during June £21.

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

Michelham Priory was the choice for our outing on 19th May. After a wet start the sun shone and we were able to explore the grounds and the Priory and be warm at the same time. Our group was particularly fortunate as we had a charming and experienced guide who thrilled us all the afternoon. I was persuaded to play the first "square" piano, quite a thrill! The tea was excellent and the journey home in the sunshine, plus the company of our Minister, made this a really happy afternoon.

During the summer months many Church Women's Groups now find themselves engaged in catering and

enjoying it. This is a piece of Christian service for those visiting the neighbourhood on their Day Out, and is much appreciated by those who come to us and so much enjoyed by our members who serve them and afterwards proudly show them round our beautiful Church.

Sutton U.R.C., Clapton Round Chapel, Doring U.R.C. and Harting Congregational Church have all visited us this summer and their letters of thanks show their appreciation of both the meal prepared and the welcome shown to them. Incidentally we had to say "No" to New Malden U.R.C. this year!

This being the year when we think of those who are handicapped our Strawberry Tea effort is for the severely handicapped children in Highdown School where Mrs. Marsh helps, and will be given for necessities urgently needed in the daily running of the School. This is a happy event when our own Church Members can meet and get to know one another. The result of this effort will be reported later.

Our Autumn Session will start on Tuesday, 8th September at 2.45 p.m. My thanks to everyone who has helped in any way in the above events.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

FAMILY CIRCLE

Following the success of last year's Car Rally, it has been decided to repeat the event, and it will take place on Monday, 20th July. Will those who wish to take part please place their names on a list posted in the vestibule of the Church. Please indicate if you have spare seats for passengers so that anyone without a car wishing to go can be accommodated.

On this occasion all the clues will be in one place not far from Worthing. The start will be from the Church Car Park between 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. and return will be by 9.00 when refreshments will be available in the Church Hall. For the benefit of those taking part for the first time, cars are parked at the destination and clues have to be solved on foot.
Entry Fee - 50p per head.

REG GOODCHILD

GIRLS' BRIGADE

How quickly the first two sessions of this year have gone and we now find ourselves, once more, getting very near to the time of our summer camp! We go to Bedford this year from 8th - 15th August, so please do remember us, especially during that particular week. Before then, however, because it is the year of Disabled People, on Saturday 11th July, between 4 and 7 p.m. we shall be entertaining some of our friends from St. Bridgets Cheshire Home to tea, followed by a sing song, with the help of an electric organ and a few willing friends who can play!

Before we break up in July we hope to put another exhibition of work in the East Transept for you to see. This time it will consist mainly of Explorer work - a fine example of what can be made out of things we normally throw away. The Explorers however are sad these days, as indeed we all are. For some months now they have been unable to play their percussion instruments because we haven't got a pianist. There was a faint whisper of success way back in April, but that faded away. It's true Captain can play a piano, but she cannot both teach and play and she cannot be in two places at once. Because the strain is beginning to show and because we all miss our playing and singing so much, it has now been decided that unless someone comes forward by the end of July, we shall advertise in the local paper and various other papers for a pianist, to start, hopefully, in September, to play each Tuesday between 6 and 8.30 p.m. We fully realize that this will cost money; nevertheless we cannot continue as things are at the moment, so please will you make our need known to as many friends and relatives as you can in the hope that this problem may be solved by the time we return in September.

Bless you, as always; for your support in so many ways. May the holiday season be one of rest and refreshment for us all.

JEAN WEBB

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

THE CHURCH & HAYWARD HOUSE AUCTION SALE

50% to Each

We are holding this sale on Wednesday, 23rd September. We already hold a substantial amount of goods but the Auctioneer is of the opinion that more are needed to make the Sale the success we are striving for.

We are particularly looking for items such as writing desks, warming pans, jewelry, glass, silver, china and porcelain items that will attract the dealers who provide most of the cash.

We are very conscious of your great generosity by way of cash and goods in the past but we hope that you will make this further effort to ensure a great success. I need hardly say that anything antique will be more than welcome.

In order to provide time for the production of the catalogue the closing date for receipt of goods will be Sunday, 2nd August. They may be left in the vestry or handed to the Minister or Messrs. Cooke, Perrett and Beale.

We shall be glad to have helpers from 08.00h on 22nd September and throughout the following day.

J.R. BEALE

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The May collection for Leprosy was £27.42p. Many thanks to all who give so regularly. Boxes and phials are available if you would like one, or a donation is always accepted.

MARY LUCKIN

STAMPS & POSTCARDS WANTED

Please save your holiday postcards (home and abroad) and all used stamps (must have ¼" of paper remaining around the stamp), and leave in the Church porch. The money collected from the sales will be used for Bible production for Christians in the Communist world.

SUE CLARK

GIFT DAY

Amount received to date - £2155.

FLORAL NOTES _

FLOWERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

July 5th	Miss Dudley	19th	Mr. & Mrs. Burrane
12th	Miss M. Barnes	26th	Mrs. Cushing
Aug. 2nd	Mr. & Mrs. D. Stewart	16th	Rev. & Mrs. Christopher
9th	Flower Fund	23rd	Flower Fund
		30th	Flower Fund

From mid June to mid July whilst I am on holiday, Mrs. R. Pownall (Jill) will be deputising for me. THE FLOWER FUND Thank you sincerely for £10.10 received during May. You will see from the Flower Rota above that these contributions will be put to good use particularly during August.

D.M. TURNER
Flower Secretary

20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

Wednesday, 16th September, at 7.30 p.m.

Our special service will be conducted by members of our Church. The special guest will be the Moderator of the Southern Province, The Rev. Cyril Franks, who was our Minister at the time of the building and dedication of our Church.

Refreshments will be served after the service so we can have a time of reunion with Mr. & Mrs. Franks. Should any members of the congregation require transport please contact Mr. Richard Tuley who will endeavour to see that you can attend the service.

The theme for this service will be "Thanksgiving". We all have so much to thank God for these days. Our health, friendship, and above all, our Church.

NORIAN A. DORSON

LONDON LETTER



I was recently reading through an introductory booklet given out by a certain school in London which enjoys a good reputation. This booklet gives information on classes, terms, times, dinners, absences, physical education, clothing, play centre, P.T.A., school fund, outings, Library, medical examination, functions, etc. etc. Parents should not need to complain about lack of information or access to it!

But what impressed me most were the aims of the school set out on the first page and, having just returned from a conference on "Meeting the Needs in a Multi-Ethnic Primary School", I realise how difficult it is to realise these aims. We had talks and lectures and discussions on Racism, Language diversity, Cultural differences etc. etc.

A recent I.L.E.A. Survey revealed that one child in every ten in the Authority's schools has a bilingual background - that is children whose first language is not English and who are learning English at some stage. The survey found that there are well over 100 different home languages, but 70% of these children have as their mother tongue one of only(?) 11 different languages.

Greek	Turkish	Bengali	Spanish	Gugerati	Italian
(3802)	(3587)	(2954)	(2674)	(2344)	(2272)

Punjabi	Urdu	Cantonese	Portugese & Arabic
(1926)	(1892)	(1712)	(1439) (1038)

Educating children from all these backgrounds presents a mammoth task! There has been in recent years, a movement away from assimilation (make them as much like us as possible) to educational principles based on cultural pluralism (to promote a respect in each child for others' cultures).

The Department of Education and Science' Green Paper of 1977 asserts that "The education appropriate to our Imperial past cannot meet requirements in modern Britain" and that "the role of schools is to instil respect for moral values, for other people and

for oneself; tolerance of other races, religions and ways of life; to help children understand the world in which we live and the inter dependence of nations".

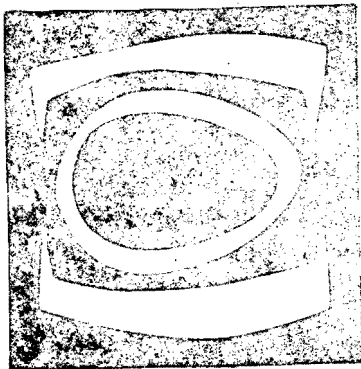
Today we hear of the anniversary of the Soweto riots; the inquiry in Brixton and the Government pressing for cutting down of school places and closures of schools! The aims set out by the school are these, and many and varied are the ways in which they try to ensure success.

"We aim to provide a happy and secure environment in which learning can take place. We aim to give each child confidence in himself, and to provide experiences which will further his development in speaking and listening; reading and writing; mathematics and sciences; art, craft, music and drama. We aim to stimulate each child's natural curiosity, to further his awareness of his environment and to encourage tolerance and respect for those around him. We aim to promote good relationships between parents and the school."

If these aims were fulfilled in every school, what joy and peace!

MARY CONNELLY

'AROUND THE CHURCH'



This month we cross to the east side of the Church to look at the five windows representing CHRISTIAN LIFE.

The first window depicts the EGG. The egg is the symbol for Creation and reminds us of the Mighty Power of God, who created the world.

You might find it refreshing to read through Genesis again.

P.P.



FROM THE VESTRY

I am looking forward to the return to the Vestry of our Minister and I am sure you will all join with me in assuring him of our prayers and loyal support as he enters his eighth year of ministry in our Church. God bless you William!

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation (and I am sure I am not alone in this) of Mrs. Connelly's London Letter in our Church Chronicle. Mary does not teach in an easy neighbourhood, and I am glad she shares some of her experiences with us, and her article in the July/August number, with the information of the linguistic and cultural background of many children in some of our cities today, gave us all an insight into some of her problems. Continue to keep us in the picture, Mary, and God bless you in your work.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our dear friend Harry Rushby on learning of the sudden death of his wife, Mary, in her sleep. We missed him last Sunday, especially in the evening. We are glad that he now has the comfort of being near his daughter and family among the Yorkshire moors. Harry looked after his wife with outstanding devotion and care.

Sir Winston Churchill, in his autobiography "My Early Life" (which I recommend our young people to read), tells of a conversation with Lord Balfour when beginning his political career. In reply to Winston Churchill's question as to what quality in character he considered the most important for success in politics, Lord Balfour replied: "Direction! Most men fail because they do not see clearly the goal they desire to reach".



This applies not only to the world of politics but also to the Church of the Living God. I think William Temple's words still true today when he said that he found a great interest in religion, but little commitment. I have found a reluctance on the part of some to commit themselves to the membership of the Church. The important step is the commitment to follow Christ. Our further commitment to the membership of the Church will help us by being for us an anchorage, and keeping us in the right direction of spiritual growth and understanding.

One of our elders has passed on a book for me to read with a startling title and written in a racy style: "With a Church like this Who needs Satan?" by Clive Calver, Director of British Youth for Christ. The book is a plea for a deeper commitment on the part of us all, and a willingness to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit in our Church programmes and witness. The writer points out the dangers of criticism of each other within the Church, the uninformed prejudices which we form of the position of faith and order in other churches, and anything that makes of uncharitableness towards others on our part. It may be that within the Church we become too concerned about structures, and neglect the importance of outreach. We are called to be witnesses by our words, our attitudes, our thoughts and our actions to the fact that we are being saved day by day through the power of Christ.

All this reminded me of the incident at the close of the Gospel of John when Jesus had reclaimed Simon Peter and given him the commission of being an Apostle. Jesus went on to describe the martyrdom Peter would suffer, and then after a pause, Jesus said to Peter "Follow me". Then Peter saw someone about to join them, "the disciple whom Jesus loved" as he was called. When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord what about this man? What will happen to him?" Jesus replied: "If it is my will that he should remain until I come what is that to you? "Follow me!"

As we enter together our autumn activity, let us cease to criticise others, and stop wondering whether someone else is really committed. Let us be sure that we are obeying the command of Jesus: "FOLLOW ME YOURSELF".

Wednesday, September 16th will be a day of celebration for us all. Thanksgiving for the past twenty years, and for the faith of those who built our Church. Intercession for our present witness. May we all know and follow God's direction for our Church in the present and for the years to come.

God bless you all,

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

MEMBERSHIP GROUPS

Any friends who are interested in learning of the meaning of Church Membership within the United Reformed Church are invited to subscribe their names to the list in the Church porch or else to hand their names in to the Minister. The purpose of the groups will be to seek opportunity of encouraging a further commitment amongst those members of the congregation who have not yet joined the Church and of deepening the commitment and understanding of us all in relation to Church Membership. There is no barrier of age or of experience and there is no suggestion that any who join these groups will be expected to take a decision as a result of them. We join the Church as we are led by the Holy Spirit and the purpose of the groups is to enable us to be more open to His leading.

IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Ellen Smith	d. 15.6.81
Richard French	d. 17.6.81
Grace M. Pettengill	d. 25.6.81
Gwennie Treadaway	d. 4.8.81
Mary Rushby	d. 6.8.81



"And His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face".

BAPTISMS

Stephen James HOOD	12.7.81
Harry RUSHBY	5.7.81
Maureen Denise GRADY	26.7.81

"The Lord bless you and keep you"



AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

Mrs. A.N. Winter now lives at 10 Hanover Court,
Tel: 37958 Rectory Gardens,
W. Worthing.



TAPTON is away on holiday but he is most grateful for the comments that have been made on his recent articles which he hopes to resume upon his return.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Vi Mills, Hilda Lowman, Florrie Moody, Victor Grice
(in Southlands), and Mrs. E. Dixon.

TO MY FATHER

When I was a child you were my strength,
The rock on which I leaned.
You taught me all you knew of life
And Oh! how wise you seemed.

Then when I grew to be a man
I thought myself so wise
My youthful follies you would watch
Through ever loving eyes.

Today I feel such heartache
To see your strength grown mild,
To know myself the parent,
And you my trusting child.

ROBIN BRADLEY

20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

Wednesday, 16th September at 7.30 p.m.

Our guests for this special service are - The Moderator of the Southern Province, The Rev. C.C. and Mrs. Franks. The Moderator was our Minister at the time of the building of our Church and, with his inspiration, prayer and a good deal of hard work, organising events which were undertaken by the small number of Church Members, we came to this great day 20 years ago.

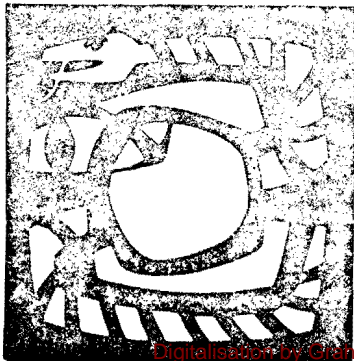
The Church was full on that occasion, so lets repeat this again, plus all the chairs we can muster! Bring your family and friends. After the Service we shall be showing a film taken at the original opening and there will be plenty of time to meet and chat with friends old and new over a cup of tea.

Looking forward to seeing you ALL,

NORMAN A DOBSON
Organiser

After the Evening Service it is hoped to show a short cine film of the Church, taken during 1961. There will also be some colour and black and white prints on display, covering various Church activities between 1950 and 1975. If anyone has films of the Church, especially those of the construction in 1960 or the actual opening in 1961, it would be appreciated if they will let me know. Colour slides, cine film and prints would be welcome.

COLIN NODES
Tel: 42731



'AROUND THE CHURCH' _____

The second window on the East side of the Church also represents Christian Life. It depicts the Apple and the Serpent, the symbols representing SIN and the fall of Adam from the Garden of Eden. See Genesis Ch. III.

We should like to announce the recent marriage of our eldest son, James, to Lesley Richardson at St. Peter's Church, Parkstone on 8th August. They will be living in Holland.

Mary, our daughter, is now qualified as a dietician and is settling in Taunton where she has a job at the Hospital there.

W. & G. MARSHALL

I should like to thank all the people who, very kindly prayed at the time of my grandmother's operation. She is doing very well now and came out of hospital a month ago. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for his wonderful care for us.

CATHERINE HUNT

FAMILY CIRCLE — COMING EVENTS

We cordially invite you to our HARVEST SUPPER followed by a beetle drive, which is to be held in the Main Hall on Monday, 28th September at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are priced £1 adults, children under 12 yrs. 60 p. and may be obtained from committee members.

ROSEMARY EVANS

It has been proposed that we should present a Concert in the Church Hall on a Saturday in November — possibly the 28th, if there is sufficient time for arrangements to be made. All Church Groups and individuals with musical talent would be invited to take part, and the theme would be "Music through the Century". It is suggested that an afternoon performance should be given to invited persons from old folk's home, and a further performance given in the evening for Church supporters.

Would all Groups be kind enough to consider these suggestions so that when approached they could say whether or not they would be prepared to take part. Groups would be asked to put on a 10-15 min. programme of songs and/or music associated with the following periods:— Victorian/Edwardian, The War Years 14-19 and 39-45, The Twenties, 50-60's, The Present Day.

REG GOODCHILD

CHURCHES OF WORTHING UNITE

IN

March of Celebration Proclamation & Witness

SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

Here are the details as promised in the July/Aug. Chronicle. - There will be 46 Churches taking part. The 'March' will start from BROADWATER GREEN at 11 a.m. Please arrive not later than 10.45 a.m. if going direct. Otherwise, it is hoped to arrange transport from our Church. A short Service of Prayer will be held at 10 a.m. after which we shall proceed to Broadwater Green.

Our final destination will be STEYNE GARDENS at around 12.00 noon, when a Service of 'Praise, Celebration and Proclamation' will be conducted by The Rev. T.F. Cawthera, President of the Worthing & District Council of Churches. The address will be given by Canon Filby of Broadwater Parish Church.

If for any reason you cannot take part in the 'March' then do make your contribution by being present at the service in Steyne Gardens. In the days of our Lord, a crowd attracted a crowd to hear His Message. We hope the Gardens will be full on 12th September with the Praise and Proclamation of His Word.

May the Holy Spirit bless this Witness, and all who take part in it.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

Transport Arrangements

A 53 seater coach will arrive at the Church at 10.15 a.m. After a short service it is hoped that the coach will leave full of people who are fit enough to walk in the Procession of Witness. It will arrive at Broadwater Green at 10.45 a.m. and then commence to the sea front with those Church members who are unable to walk, and who will be welcome to stay in the coach. After the service at Steyne Gardens, the coach will pick up the rest of the members at approx. 12.30 p.m. and bring everyone back to the Church.

The cost of the hire of the coach will be £45 and in order to defray as much as possible of this cost - a hat will be passed round on the coach for your contributions.

We hope this event will be well supported, and that we have a beautiful day for the procession.

DR. A. CLARK

WORDS AND ACTIONS - A 20th CENTURY PARABLE

(Matthew 21 vs. 26-32, with a hint of Luke 18 vs. 9-14)

Geoff proclaimed himself a born-again believer, both in his conversation and the T-shirts he sported. He managed however to mention himself much more often than he mentioned even his Lord, and no-one else came anywhere. He was always 'in pain' and made sure that everyone knew it by hobbling around in a twisted way with agonised step. When his exaggerated contortions produced a possibly genuine (though quite unnecessary) pain, he declined the down-to-earth advice of the senior staff nurse to 'stand up straight', and instead demanded a further 4 days of heat treatment - although when the blind physiotherapist struggled along with the machine Geoff was not to be found. Of course, he expected his wife to drive 60 miles to see him every evening after a full day's work. If only he had kept quiet about his faith!

Norma announced herself as a confirmed sinner who was out to have a good time and get everything out of life, and she spoke of her deserting husband in lurid language. The observable 'sins' of her hospital stay consisted of helping the nursing and domestic staff in every possible way; accompanying to the shop the aged and infirm, or going to the shop for them if they could not manage it; encouraging out on short walks those who would or could not go out by themselves, even though this meant walking at about a third of her normal busy pace; serving drinks - and clearing up; and so many other things. She was, incidentally, also a patient!

Which of these two did the will of the Father ?

I was privileged to go to prison last week. And I mean that. The occasion was a meeting of G.A. which is the equivalent of Alcoholics Anonymous for the compulsive gambler. There were twenty of us there. All anonymous. Give your Christian name if you wish, but no more.

The meeting opened with a round of declarations by each member which went - "My name is Peter. I am a compulsive gambler, but I have not made a bet since our last meeting". All the members in turn so declared. Then a point was raised: what about one member that made a declaration last week which was known by others to be untrue? As he was not present it was debated at length. The final decision was that in future, any member making a false declaration, should be challenged on the spot. Here was no room for anyone who did not really want to help himself, and to lie was dodging the issue. All were welcome, but honesty was a prerequisite for Salvation.

I could not help reflecting on this situation. There was, besides myself, a probation officer and a methodist minister. All were of one mind - Honesty before Salvation! It was there that I was made aware that G.A. is not a religious organisation, but a self-help group, formed of those who were just keeping ahead of their craving to gamble, helping those who were still victims of the disease.

One member gave his "therapy". He had been gambling since he was a boy. Small stuff at first, pintables, one arm bandits, then horses, dogs, cards and finally casinos. He was a regular loser and had to get money to gamble from wherever he could. So started his crimes - petty theft, to embezzlement, to burglary and hijacking. All went the same way. He had lost two families when his wives could no longer stand the strain, and he had literally hit rock bottom when someone introduced him to G.A. After a few slips back into the betting shops he had eventually managed to go for a whole year without a bet. His G.A. friends rejoiced in his achievement and presented him with his 'one-year pin' - a small label badge to

CHURCH CALENDAR —

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.15h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	19.30h	Youth Fellowship
Sundays:	20.00h	Young People's Fellowship at 17 Lenhurst Way

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

The Minister will preach at all services

6th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Ted Foott "Behind the Scenes in Advertising"
8th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild Opening Meeting - The Rev. W. Connelly
	17.30h	Girls' Brigade winter session begins
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
9th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Rd.
10th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale in the Main Hall

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12th Saturday	11.00h	Procession of Witness (Worthing Churches) & Service in STEYNE GARDENS - See P.7
13th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship (Ordination & Dedication of Elders)
	18.30h	Divine Worship
16th Wednesday	19.30h	20th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH SERVICE followed by a film in the Hall and a cup of tea
20th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
21st Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Open Evening "Singing Praises" with Mrs. Hazel Rice
22nd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild Members' Meeting - "Goring Church Beginnings"
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship Members' Afternoon - "Luck or Providence"
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
23rd Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Rd.
24th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
27th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
HARVEST FESTIVAL	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
28th Monday	20.00h	Family Circle HARVEST SUPPER and BEETLE DRIVE

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for July - £35.20

" " for August - £12.90

received with thanks, HILDA HELE

FLORAL NOTES

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6th

20th Mrs. Hite

13th Mr. & Mrs. Beale

27th Mr. & Mrs. Brunton
(Harvest Services)

FLOWER FUND

My grateful thanks for £20.41 received during June, July and August.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

My helpers and I will be grateful for assistance in decorating the Church especially in the "higher places" on Friday/Saturday, 25th and 26th September. Greenery fruit and vegetables will also be acceptable.

DOROTHY TURNER

BRF-IBRA - MEMBERSHIP for 1982

Will members of the above Fellowship requiring alteration to their orders, or any non-members who wish to join, let me know by 30th September latest. The B.R.F. Notes will cost £1.50 for the year. Please see letter on Notice Board for explanation of cost etc. However, if anyone wishes to cancel order please let me know as soon as possible. The I.B.R.A. have not advised me re prices yet.

(Miss)F. Shearmur, 2 Wycliffe Ct., Southview Gdns.
Tel: 47870

CATERING COMMITTEE

The Catering Committee would be most grateful for any dinner plates which you may have and no longer use. Thank you,

ROBIN BRADLEY

WOMEN'S GUILD

For many Guild Members the summer months have been happily busy ones, for we have been able to provide teas for the following Churches on their days spent in Worthing. Sutton U.R.C., Clapton Park U.R.C., Harting Congregational and Dorking U.R.C. The first three Churches have many ties with Goring U.R.C. A happy fellowship is our aim and judging by their letters of appreciation we have succeeded.

Then the Strawberry Tea, this year our effort for the handicapped children at Highdown School. Thank you all - fruit pickers, cooks and other helpers, and all who came to support us and enjoy a really happy afternoon. As a result we were able to take a cheque for £100 to the Headmistress. I am glad we took the cheque instead of sending it, for we were able to see the School and the children at work and play. In spite of all handicaps and difficulties we came away glad that there was a happy atmosphere wherever we went, quite without warning.

Now for our new Autumn Session beginning on Tuesday 8th September at 2.45 p.m. The Guild and it's friendship is for all to share, and we hope to welcome new friends who have recently come to our Church. We know some old friends cannot be with us but we send them our love and will be thinking of them as the days go by. Mr. Connolly will be with us on our first meeting to give us a word of cheer and encouragement for the months ahead.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We commence the Autumn Session on 22nd September with a Members' afternoon when we invite members to speak for a few minutes on the subject - "Luck or Providence"? All of us can cite instances when during our lifetime we have been extremely "lucky" and we hope that several of you will be encouraged to tell us of your experiences.

It would be helpful if I could have a note of those prepared to speak so that I can be assured of a full hour's programme.

As always we welcome any men who can spare the time to join us at 2.30 p.m. on alternate Tuesday afternoons - a programme will be issued as early as possible in September - and please bring your friends!

REG GOODCHILD

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

As this is being written the joys of camp still await us and we hope to report 'a good time had by all' in the next Chronicle. Meanwhile we would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to the many generous folk who have given us 'ice cream' money. If that's all we had to eat, we wouldn't starve!

By the time you read this, however, the last Session of this year will be about to begin. We have a JUMBLE SALE on THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, and if you have anything for collection please ring 40546, 40955, 41761 or 43660 as from 1st September.

Please take particular note that as from 15th September and every Tuesday throughout the Session (except for half term on 27th October) between 6.0 - 9.30 p.m. we shall have 'Open Evenings' when we hope that anyone who is interested in visiting us, will come along, have a cup of coffee with us and see the girls at work. Our programme will continue as planned with devotional time at 7.30 p.m. and we hope that by the end of the Session we shall have a lot of signatures in our visitors book and that we shall have got to know each other a lot better.

Pray for us all as we return after the long holiday and especially remember our two trainee officers whom we hope to see commissioned at Christmas.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The Monday Evening Fellowship can look back on a happy summer session when we were delighted to welcome some new faces to our Fellowship. Mr. Tarney,

who is now retired, gave us a most interesting evening on his work with the London City Missions which spanned some 40 years. He told us of the many problems they are faced with and how he in his own special way was able to help some of the people he encountered.

We then had a delightful evening with Renate Shave and some of her friends as she vividly brought home for us 'Life in a Divided City'. Berlin, of course, was the city in question, and with the help of slides we could begin to grasp how the people living in the city cope with such a situation.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Chittingdon then kindly came along and gave, for many of us, our first introduction to the work of Trans World Radio. This is a service which is growing all the time and we pray it will continue to go from strength to strength.

We had a perfect summer evening for a visit to Shoreham Lifeboat Station, and Mr. Silverson had us absorbed as he reflected back over a lifetime of service with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Our Progressive Supper has become an annual event and it was a good opportunity to make new friends in an informal atmosphere. At our Annual General Meeting three new members were elected on to the Committee and we look forward to working together in the coming year. Afterwards we all enjoyed a buffet supper and the subject of forthcoming holidays seemed to be the centre of conversation.

With memories of our summer holidays, spent near or far, we look forward to meeting together again and Mr. Ted Foott a new member of our congregation is going to let us into some of the secrets behind the advertising world. The Fellowship offers a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us on Monday, 7th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Cornwall Room.

OLIVE BUSHBY



JUNIOR CHURCH PAGE

SCRIPTURE EXAM RESULT

11 Honours, 10 1st Class, 5 2nd Class, 3 3rd Class,
1 4th Class.

National Christian Education Council Prizes

1st Mark Tuley, Simon Close

2nd Sarah Tuley, Alison Brunton, Michael Chatfield

3rd Simon Craghill, Caroline Brunton

William Childs

Adam Kirkland, Stephen Young

William Hill Caroline Brunton

Horton Stevens Mark Tuley

Record Certificate Caroline Brunton

Junior Church Awards

Junior Shield - Mark Tuley

Senior Shield - Michael Chatfield

Cups Junior A - Sarah Tuley

Junior B - Simon Craghill

Senior A - Simon Close

Senior B - Michael Chatfield

Young People's - Caroline Brunton

Increase - Adam Kirkland

100% - Mark Tuley

JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING

We intend to have a family outing to Brooklands Park on
19th September, starting from the Church at 11 a.m and
returning by 4.30 p.m.

All children and their parents are invited to join us
for games, races and fun together.

JEAN MARSH

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

THE WORD OR WORDS ?

I do not know where my attention was during our last Church Meeting. I trust it was elsewhere, for I find among my scribbled notes some most disturbing thoughts.

They could not have been spurred by the Meeting, - or could they? You must judge. But, in either case, they present a most pertinent question to our daily witness.

Are we in love with the Word or with words?

Is our life centred on God's Holy Word or are we, like the Scribes and Pharisees, engaged in discussing that Holy Word with a view to building up Our feelings of self-importance, to show off Our intellectual superiority or Our mastery of the English language?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God".

The Word, Jesus, is at the centre of our faith, and must be focused upon absolutely. Do not allow the Devil to draw you away from the centre into the periphery of words where the Word may be lost to sight!

The Word is not for discussion, debate, argument. It is for living.

I said these thoughts pose a direct question to our witness and they do. Are we in this enlightened age of communication, conveying God's unadulterated Word or are we losing it amongst the miscellany of words. The test must be in the growth of our Church. What evidence of growth is there? Only by pronouncing God's Word can we provide an effective witness, can we become more like Christ, can we grow individually and corporately.

Do you love the Word?

On a lighter and more joyous vein, I am pleased to report that Beryl Chatfield has been accepted to study for the ministry, by the Congregational College at Manchester, commencing this term, with 1 year of home study initially. May God continue to bless Beryl in her studies and worship (the two are of course intertwined) and may we uplift her during the coming years with our continued prayerful support.

MATTHEW R. SMITH

LETTER FROM STAINFORTH

Dear loving friends, Bill, Ron and, Oh, so many more from the Church I love; flowers, plants, letters, a book of poems, book of Daily Light; prayers and thoughts which have filled my heart – the blessings showered upon me have indeed lightened my sorrows.

Mary and I came to a place of quietness and peace, a lovely village set among the hills from whence cometh my help. A little church, lovely in its peacefulness as I see it now from my window. Villagers also, who have given me of their love, and children who smile upon me and give me their hands in love; my family at hand to give me also love and care, I can say "The Lord is good, Bless the Lord Oh my soul," for Mary was not suffering, she was tired and weary and the Lord in His great mercy took her to Himself in peace and perfect quietness. In His glory she is in His Presence and I am blessed amid so much love and peace. I can ask no more of my Lord and Saviour. What is His desire of me? I know not yet, I only ask for strength to do His will.

I pray and give thanks for each one of you, young and old, for you are all my friends in Him who gives us His peace, love and comfort.

With love to you all,

HARRY
(Rushby)

P.S.

If any come near this place, I would welcome them.

Church attendance has increased considerably in the last 25 years in Armenia and the Patriarch reports a 'thirst for eternal Christian truth and values'.

The British Council of Churches has expressed concern at its financial situation, noting that many of its constituent bodies have failed to make their full contributions.

Soviet persecution of unofficial Baptists and Pentecostals continues. A pastor of the latter persuasion has been accused of practising 'child sacrifice'.

The entire August issue of the "Missionary Herald" (available on application) is devoted to news of improvements in crops and animal husbandry brought about by the guidance of agricultural missionaries in Zaire and Bangladesh.

* The Elders have ruled that a clear distinction should be made on this page between news and opinions.

..... & VIEWS

THE HYPOCRISY OF PHONEY GUILT

None of us is totally free from hypocrisy. One of the more odious forms particularly prevalent among so-called church leaders is the apparently honest, although usually false, confession of guilt on behalf of themselves, the Church and western civilization generally for whatever crimes are committed anywhere. Whenever there are race riots, wicked vandalism, looting and mob rule you can be sure that senior clerics will leap up and proclaim our joint guilt. The President of the Methodist Conference, among others of many denominations, provided a good example of this in the middle of the July riots. Let's make no bones about it - such 'confessions' are not Christian, they are devilish (in my opinion, of course).

They are devilish from the point of view of the 'confessor' because he is not in fact demeaning himself but his fellow-

Christians - he having seen the light can bask in at least partial absolution, gained by his merit in realising and pointing out to them their guilt.

They are even more devilish in their possible effect on the real perpetrators of these violent crimes. For, by the specious excuses given them by these clerics and the assurances that they are not the guilty ones they are at once deprived of the possibility of shame, repentance and proper Christian guidance towards better ways. In other words, they are denied the benefits of the Gospel by the very men who are charged by God with bestowing them.

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- 1 The Elders sat and thought and said
(Consent inferred from nod of head),
"Our" Chronicle must give its news
Entirely separate from views'.
- 2 They said to Tapton 'Verbatim
Is how you'll quote from every hymn'.
- 3 From Matthew (tax-collector) they
Took every adjective away.
- 4 To Captain St...art, 'You're not free
To write approving of BB'.
- 5 To Mary C they said 'You'd better
Watch your step in "London Letter".'
- 6 While every ministerial tract
Must keep opinion far from fact.
- 7 With great relief these worthy sages
Approved the dates on middle pages;
- 8 And saw their ruling would not catch
The factual "Hatch, Match and Despatch".
- 9 To tell strict truth I exaggerate -
The things in stanzas 2 to 8
Did not occur: the rule, you see,
Is only meant for

R.F.B.

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constantly remind others of his efforts to save himself.

The meeting came to a close with the traditional prayer. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference". Not bad for a group of some of the biggest rogues I shall ever meet, and their view that religion has nothing to do with or for them!

'WALTER'



FROM THE VESTRY

Twenty years have passed since our beautiful Church was opened for public worship, and the occasion of thanksgiving to God for His grace in blessing us through the years gives rise to many, and happy and hopeful thoughts.

It was the Lord Himself who said "others have laboured and you have entered into their labours". The eternal purpose of God in the salvation of mankind has been served by many in every generation.

"They reap not where they laboured,
We reap what they have sown;
Our harvest may be garnered
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
With gifts beyond all praise;
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days".

We rejoice that there are a number of those among us who were present at the opening of the Church in 1961 and the solemn gift of remembrance will serve to bring many more of Gods servants now in heaven, in full view to our hearts.

The Autumn and Winters work begins with praise and thanksgiving. Many lives have been blessed within our Church. The weary have found rest, the sinner redemption, children and young people have found inspiration! Heaven has been near to us within our sorrows and bereavements, and the joys of Baptism and Marriage have given hope.

The Lighted Cross ever shining above the Church stands out as landmark to our faith. May the Cross continue to draw all men to Christ.

The Ministers are well aware of the difficulty of visiting friends in their own homes as often as they would like. We are a large church. Hospitals and Nursing Homes and sick people at home must have first claim - and the additional responsibility for some Chaplaincy work at Swandean hospital will claim yet more time. May I therefore suggest that you do not hesitate to INVITE US; your home is so much the centre of your life and it is always good to see you there for a word. We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at home.

With blessing and love

William Connelly



BAPTISMS

Andrew Richard MORGAN	30.8.81
Jennifer Louise TAPP	13.9.81

BIRTH

Issac Paul TITLOW	11.9.81
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"for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

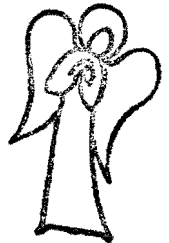
MARRIAGES

Ian Charles TERRY to	
Elaine Ann PRING	22.8.81

Gerald Michael Patrick MEAD to	
Christine GURWOOD	29.8.81

Robin Leo SMITH to	
Nicole Julia CARVER	12.9.81

"That theirs may be the love which knows no ending".



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Very unexpectedly, after a possible minor heart attack, I spent twelve days in King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst. After much pressure I was allowed home last Wednesday on the understanding that I slowed down for three months, which I shall not find easy.

To all those friends at Church who by card, letter and prayers supported me during those days and to the unnumbered friends who telephoned Hilda to enquire how I was progressing, and not least to Bill Connelly's visit on his return from holiday, my sincere thanks.

I look forward to seeing you all in the early future.

RALPH BEALE

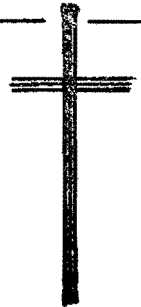
FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Wraight and Florrie Moody are home again from hospital. Victor Grice is in Southlands hospital. Mrs. E. Taylor is in Worthing Hospital. It was good to see Mrs. J. McFarlane in church again after illness.

IN MEMORIAM

Amy Elizabeth ETHERINGTON	20.7.81
Gwenie Johnson TREADAWAY	4.8.81
Violet Martha MILLS	17.8.81
Hannah Gertrude TAYLOR	27.8.81

"Underneath are the everlasting arms".



NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Reg Hobbs have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, we are happy to share in the joy of their thanksgiving.

Capt. Dobson got some in - over 1,500 in all

This was the title heading of a recent press article on our dear friend Norman, at the occasion of his retirement from the Worthing Army Cadet Force. After 25 years working with the boys, he proudly hands over the leadership, as his health has not been so good lately. Numbers now reach 60, and he has not only trained the boys in discipline and drill, but has also been a real friend to them and their parents in times of difficulty. He hopes to carry on working with youth in an advisory capacity. We at the Church wish him well as he relinquishes this post which was so near to his heart.

EDITOR

OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS to Ernest Munday on the celebration of his 90th Birthday on 12th October. God bless you, Ernest and keep you in your ripening years.



SERVING ELDERS as at Sept. 81

Mr. W. Kimber	Mrs. S. Batchelor
Mr. R.H. Newell	Mrs. E. Dearsley
Mr. W. Rhodes	Mr. G. Dean
Mr. P. Archer	Mr. R. Tuley
Dr. A. Clark	Mrs. D. Turner
Mr. K. Irving	Mr. D. Blakey
Mr. C. Nodes	Mr. E.C. Bond
Mrs. B. Popplestone	Mr. N. Dobson
Mr. E. Popplestone	



Ten Points to Ponder' FROM THE U. R. C. FORUM 1981

Speaker: Rev. Bernard Thoroughgood, new General Secretary of the U.R.C. and a past minister in the Pacific.

Subject: The Church Expectant.

Foundations: If you wanted a group of Christians really grounded in the Bible, would you turn to the U.R.C.?

Outreach: Evangelism is never taking Christ to places and people from whom He is absent.

Unity: We need to learn from other Churches; separation means that we limit our experience of truth.

Risk: The insecurity of God leaves us with landmarks that are only hills and crosses.

Struggle: Social struggles always divide the church, but cannot therefore be avoided.

Nourishment: The kitchen is the centre of the home;

Feeding is at the centre of religion.

Division: To be divided at the Eucharist is very like breaking the Body of Jesus all over again.

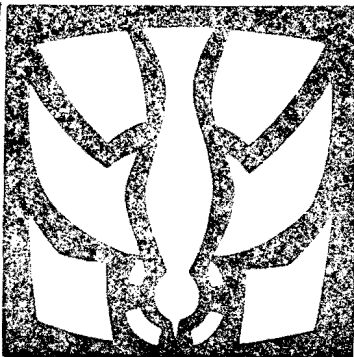
Communion: We celebrate God, but the celebration is of His vulnerability.

Relationship: Is our Communion Table related to our conference tables, our multiplication tables and our time-tables?

Expectancy: As a Church which believes in the power of the Spirit to reform us, are we sufficiently expectant?

Pick out the point that YOU find most challenging and let me know so that we may pursue it together as opportunity arises.

BERYL CHATFIELD



'AROUND THE CHURCH'

The DOVE was used by the early Christians on the tombs in the catacombs, and the position of the bird had a special significance: it usually represents the Holy Ghost, but in some cases, as in this example, it symbolises Baptism.

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THE TORCH TRUST

The Torch Trust was founded to provide Christian literature and fellowship for blind and partially-sighted people.

The headquarters (at Torch House, Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leics., LE16 8UJ) is a hive of industry. Houseparties are held and a party goes to The Keswick Convention each year.

Large quantities of Braille and large Print Scriptures, books and magazines are produced and distributed at home and abroad. And library books are always in demand, as are cassettes and "Talking Books".

A more recent development is the "Christian Service Training" course for young blind and partially-sighted people.

There are now about 110 local Torch Fellowship Groups where visually handicapped people can meet for fellowship and a varied programme of singing, testimonies, short talks etc. and refreshments. The Worthing (Central) Group, founded in 1974, will in future meet at The United Reformed Church Hall, Shelley Road, on the first Saturday of each month at 2.30 p.m. (If transport is required, please contact Miss Paul on Worthing 32481). The Durrington Group meets on the 3rd Saturday at The Jubilee Hall, New Road at 2.30 p.m. (Details from Mr. & Mrs. Dayneswood, Worthing 37288).

The former Headquarters of The Torch Trust is now a holiday centre for visually handicapped people. This is at Rusepierrepoint.

I should be pleased to lend the book "The Torch Family" by Mrs. Stella Heath (co-founder of The Torch Trust) to any interested folk, also to supply copies of the quarterly newsletter "Torch Family News". Mrs. Heath has now written a sequel "Where There is Vision" which is obtainable from The Worthing Christian Bookshop at £1.50 per copy.

Perhaps you know someone with poor sight who would like to attend a local Group and/or borrow books or cassettes from The Torch Libraries. Do be sure to contact them, especially as This is The Year of Disabled People.

P.B. WHEELER

May I again draw members' attention to the work of this Society. We have recently received a letter from them in which they remind us that the General Assembly of 1979 said "the Church regards it as a matter of integrity that retired ministers and ministers' widows should be adequately housed, and supports the Housing Society in its appeal for Funds and its objects".

The letter went on to give disturbing news of the progress of this appeal. At the time it calculated a need of 30 more homes to be provided, bearing in mind projected retirements over the following 5 years. Thus the appeal for the sum of £500,000. To date this has been answered by £88,000. in cash and covenanted promises of a further £25,000.

We are asked to bring this appeal once again to every Church Member. When I raised it before, no more than three or four people asked for a copy of the leaflet. This leaflet not only sets out the full facts, but also gives details of how you can help.

Surely this is our task and responsibility. Various Churches have sought differing ways of contributing, including the likes of Coffee Mornings. May I be permitted to add a further one, if you are considering making or amending your Will, you can greatly help by making a bequest to the Society.

Should you require any further information, our Ministers or myself will gladly assist.

A.K. IRVING

WOMEN'S ANNUAL RALLY

An important date for your diary. The British & Foreign Bible Society Rally on Friday, 23rd October at 3.0 p.m. in St. Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road. This year men are very welcome too! come and hear Dr. John Carrington, Missionary & Translator speaking on and demonstrating the African Drum Language. "An Enthralling afternoon - don't miss it!"

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for September - £9.50

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

FLORAL NOTES

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

4th The Luckin Family
11th Dr. & Mrs. Webb
18th Mr. & Mrs. Munday
25th Mr. Colin Nodes

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £7.10 contributed during
August/September.

DOROTHY TURNER

Flower Secretary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Although Ron Christopher has supported our Fellowship consistently since he came to Worthing, he has not previously talked to us at one of our meetings, and we look forward to listening to him on 6th October. "Forty Years Venture", the title of his talk, sounds as if it could embrace a wealth of interesting activity.

On 20th we shall be happy to join the Women's Guild once again when they celebrate their Anniversary and their Speaker, Mrs. Franks, is no stranger to many of our members.

For our meeting on 3rd November we invite members to submit about six slides and tell us a story about the pictures presented. Names of those submitting slides to me please.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD

"It is good to be back!" This was the greeting we received from so many of our members when we resumed meetings on 8th September, when there was an attendance of 61. We were all glad to see old members and to welcome new friends.

We were pleased to have our Minister with us looking so well after his holiday. At the end of his talk maybe we realized our responsibility to him, to one another and to the Church.

How pleased we were to be shown some of the work done by children during the Holiday Week Venture under the direction of Mrs. Marsh, and again how good it was to hear that Mrs. Hurt was able to provide them with music.

We look forward in October to meeting Mr. Fillmore and his kind of "Music". Then on 20th to our Anniversary when Mrs. Franks well known to so many, will be our speaker. To this meeting as all others we extend a very warm welcome.

To all our sick folk who cannot join us we send our love.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Did we have a nice camp? Oh indeed we did, and the following letters and poem sum it all up beautifully.
BEDFORD CAMP 1981 A Newcomer to Camp this year writes:

This year was my first at G.B. Camp. I was looking forward to going, but I did not know what I had let myself in for because other G.B. girls had told me to expect lots of jokes to be played on me, which they were. I found a frog in my sleeping bag and my nightdress sewn up! I went to school camp and the food was not very nice. I am glad to say Captain's menus which each squad plus officer cooked in turn, were very nice. We had two very nice outings one to Woburn Safari and another to the largest shopping centre in Europe, Milton Keynes. I enjoyed it very much and I can't wait for August 1982 when I shall hope to go to camp again.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**CHURCH CALENDAR -**

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade - half term 27th Oct.
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.15h	Choir Practice
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays:	19.30h	Youth Fellowship
Sundays:	20.00h	Young People's Fellowship
		at 17 Lenhurst Way

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
4th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
		One Faith Day, day celebrations at Brighton Centre see detailed notice of events on Church notice board.
5th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Octavia Hill - "The Model Land-Lady", Mrs. Overberry.
6th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "My Kind of Music" Mr. A. Fillmore O.B.E.
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "40 Years Venture", Rev. R.C. Christopher
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
7th Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
11th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
18th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and the Ministry

OCTOBER 1981

- 19th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship -
Connaught Theatre, "My Fair Lady".
- 20th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild Anniversary and
Men's Fellowship Joint Meeting -
Speaker Mrs. Franks, Soloist
Mrs. Titmus
- 21st Wednesday 10.30h Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
20.15h Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
- 22nd Thursday 19.30h Elders' Meeting
- 25th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30 Divine Worship
- 29th Thursday 19.30h Church Meeting

REPLY FOR CAPRICORN

It must have been with tongue in cheek that Capricorn penned the article "Words & Actions - a 20th Century Parable" included in September's Chronicle. Perhaps to provoke just such reaction as mine.

Neither of the characters described did the will of God. The limping, sponging, loud-mouth proclaimed the Lordship of Christ, but his life denied it, while the well-doing self-confessing sinner occupied herself with good works, but she did not claim Jesus as her Lord. Sadly, there is a sentimental and erroneous belief among many Christians that by engaging in good works of their own choosing they do God's will. The truth is that we are created for one purpose - to worship God through Jesus Christ. What stems from that relationship, that awareness of the Holy Spirit moving within us, is the will of God.

IRENE KITTO

A BRIGADER with a few camps under her belt, put it this way:-

We met at the church at 9.45
We were ready to go and really alive.
For a week we were going on Girls' Brigade Camp
We were not in tents, so it wouldn't be damp!

We got to Bedford at half past four
A nice little welcome we got at the door
We had some tea and made our beds
And all settled down with our favourite teds.

To church we all went the very next day
It wasn't a very long way away
With tired eyes we tried to look our best
Because of the previous nights lack of rest!

The rain it poured; Oh what a shame
But still we played game after game.
The evening drew near after a day that was long
And we ended it all with a merry sing song.

'Twas Bedford town we saw on Monday
We fed the ducks and in the sun lay.
We did our shopping and had tea at dark.
On Tuesday we visited Woburn Safari Park.

On Wednesday we went to a market in town
And then we went swimming, but none of us drowned.
On Thursday we had a day that was free
Young guide dogs and owners came to join us for
tea.

Milton Keynes on Friday, a very new city
It was very nice, but Oh what a pity
On Saturday we all returned to our houses
And to our mums we gave dirty trousers and blouses!

And the Officers - did they wonder if it was all worthwhile? Yes, of course, but this letter left them in no doubt, and they were thrilled to receive it.

As a parent of one of the girls you took to camp this year, I felt I must write and thank you for your efforts.

I was one of those still at the church when you returned for your handbag and I hope the tortures you were going through at that moment didn't last too long. We all worry about things that may or may not go wrong but I'm sure that half the fun of camp is getting round little problems.

I know as one who does a fair bit of organising trips, that no matter what, you still worry and feel responsible for all things. My hope is that you feel it was and still is worth doing.

You and your fellow officers have given the girls lucky enough to go, a great deal. You have given them a chance of a little independence, a chance to share fun and responsibility with others, whilst all the time you have cared and looked after them. It's a contribution more important than most of us give credit for. Thank you very much for your time, effort and love that you put into it. It is worth it, and I hope you have the strength and enthusiasm to continue for many years.

What can anyone add to that? Bless you, kind parent, for your words of encouragement - here's to future days and future camps.

JEAN WEBB

BOYS' BRIGADE

The correspondence may have been idle over the past few months, but all sections of the Company have been busy in one way or another. We praise the Lord that the weather has been kind to us and we have enjoyed many outside activities: camping, canoeing cricket, expeditions, ice-skating, treasure hunts and over-night hikes. Despite the atrocious conditions at the Spring Bank Holiday camp the officers and boys stuck it out even if they were very much 'stuck in the mud'!

Our journey back from our Summer Camp at Croyde Bay, took 15 hours instead of the hoped for 7 hours. The coach broke down just outside Taunton and we were literally stranded on the grass verge at the side of

the road for 6 hours. When you consider that a field close by was being sprayed with an evil smelling liquid fertilizer and that we had no ice-creams or refreshments to relieve the pain of waiting, you have some idea how we enjoyed ourselves! After repairs the coach travelled a further 3 miles and broke down again, This entailed calling out a further coach that dumped us at Salisbury where we waited for another coach. Each time, of course, meant loading and unloading all our gear! Anyway, we all survived and the Church does look nice at 3.0'clock in the morning!

We are sorry to report further depletions in our staff with Chris Chatfield and David Courtnadge standing down from the work. Your prayers and possibly your giving of help in this difficult situation can only prove to the boys that their Company is a real part of the Church family. Our thanks go to Chris and David for the work they have done and we hope it is not too long before they rejoin us.

Please remember Boys' Brigade week starts on Saturday, 21st November and this is a time when we endeavour to raise funds to buy necessary equipment etc. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on 21st and a Jumble Sale on 28th. Your contributions of gifts and articles for the Jumble Sale will be greatly appreciated. The Webb Ivory gift and card catalogues are now available, so please contact us if you wish to buy any Christmas goods. Look out for details of our equipment hire service next month. Ladders, steps, carpet shampooer, industrial vacuum cleaner, loud hailer, display equipment etc. will be available. We are prepared to deliver your local sendings of Christmas greetings cards at 5p each. Please contact any officer for details.

Yours sincerely,

DON W. STEWART

The Things you say: 'Will ladies responsible for making tea kindly empty teapots and kettles, then stand upside down in the sink'. (Notice in a Church Hall)



As early as 20th August I received order form and particulars regarding "Reform" for next year, and by November 14th I have to send in orders for the magazine for 1982. Unless I hear to the contrary I will assume that those who took "Reform" in 1981 will wish to continue, but I do hope there will be some new subscribers, bearing in mind the many who have been received into Church Membership during the year. Naturally, Headquarters of the Church are most anxious to receive new subscribers in order to "break even" and unfortunately, I have lost several for 1982 by reason of death or removal from the district. If anyone would like to see a copy of a previous issue, I have several spares. The cost for 1982 is £2.60 for 11 issues, as July and August are combined.

I shall also be ordering the Prayer Fellowship Handbooks for 1982 about the same time, and the above remarks apply regarding new subscribers.

MOLLIE HAWKE

A HAMPSHIRE HYMNWRITER by TAPTON

The roads from Worthing to Southampton are very beautiful, especially if there is time to go the slow by-ways through the lovely villages.

When next you travel that road look out for SALISBURY GREEN, and there, by the side of the road, is a church named after William Tidd MATSON who gave himself to a gracious evangelical ministry in those parts.

William Tidd MATSON was also a poet whose contribution to hymnody is considerable. We shall be singing some of his hymns in the coming weeks.

God is in His Temple
Lord, I was blind
Teach me, O Lord, Thy holy way

He was also the author of Hymn 758, "Glory, glory to God in the highest!" a great favourite of our former Minister the Rev. Wallis Hayward.

JUNIOR CHURCH PAGE

HOLIDAY CLUB

Once again this proved to be an outstanding success, a week of happy activity for an average of 98 children each morning. The sessions began with some rousing choruses followed by the children showing their treasures and collections, which proved to be most interesting.

Then a quiet time with a story and a prayer. Each child was then refreshed with a glass of orange and a biscuit before settling down to bring to life the week's theme "The Light of the World" by making some beautiful stained glass windows, which you will have seen on exhibition in the Church.

None of this would have been possible without the devotion and hard work of Mr. & Mrs. Marsh and I know that everyone who participated in whatever way, in the Holiday Club, would join me in thanking them wholeheartedly for all they do for the children, not only during this one week of the holidays, but every single week of the year with Friday Club and Junior Church. "Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Marsh".

JILL FOWELL

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

SAINT
 PATRICK'S
 BREASTPLATE

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

One of the manifestations of the growing desire for freedom in Poland is a tremendous upsurge in the demand for Bibles. They are being printed as fast as paper can be brought in from the West.

Some New Zealand church leaders have been denounced by their own congregations for joining in lawbreaking and violence in opposition to the South African rugby tour and for claiming to be acting on behalf of their churches.

The Association of Christian Teachers has declared that -

- patriotism should be taught in schools as a unifying influence
- Christianity should be taught positively, not apologetically as one of many religions
- 'multicultural society' is one of the 'silliest terms in common use'.

The BBC's assistant Religious Affairs correspondent, Rosemary Hartill, (the admirable Gerald Priestland being on holiday) the other day gave a generous commendation to those few church magazines which are not afraid of debate and controversy.

& VIEWS

I am grateful to a goodly number of readers who have expressed their appreciation of my September page. It is apparent (unfortunately) that I am not alone in being the target of a few, no doubt well-meaning, folk who, having been elected to serve the church, see their duties as including being censors of its beliefs and teachings and arbiters of its taste.

WITNESS AND GROWTH

These important matters were the theme of two excellent articles in the last Chronicle by Mr. Christopher and Mr. Matthew Smith respectively. I agree with what they

said and would add that the wrong sort of witness can be a great obstacle to growth - in particular, the increasing association in the public's mind of churches and leftist violence, at home now, as well as abroad.

The other day a colleague who was aware of my church associations but not of my personal opinions criticised the subversive activities of the British Council of Churches. There was no answer to that, except to agree. The endorsement by Liverpool's Anglican Bishop, RC Archbishop and Free Church spokesman of the Council of Churches' gift to Liverpool 8 Committee (surely it should be spelled 'hate') has made it seem to the general public (who are 95% behind the police) that the churches have lined themselves up with those who are out to overthrow authority by violence. The Bishop spoke on the radio on the day of the Liverpool march against the police - and not one word of discouragement of the march did he utter. Later that day 17 policemen were injured, two of them with serious stab wounds. He does not apparently acknowledge any guilt in the matter - indeed his endorsement of the Council of Churches' gift to the subversives came after that event. What a witness!

THE MERSEYME CREED

Our Bishop is a caring man
Who shows in every way he can
His great concern for those in need
Of every colour, race or creed.

But one exception does he make -
Not even for the Saviour's sake
Can he uphold the law of peace
When thinking of the accuse police.

'The protest march I hear, tis true
Meant stabbings for the boys in blue;
That's tough on them but as I say
They should have kept out of the way.

'The rights of thugs, both black and white
To play with arson, loot and fight
Is one the Church must recognise
And give its oash to subsidise.

'For if the kingdom is to grow
Authority must be brought low.
Adapt St. Peter's dream at Joppa -
Love all mankind; but stab a copper'.

R.F.B.

RIGHT WORLD POVERTY

How rewarding it is to feel that, by some small generous action, one is able to help towards giving new hope, new life and health to people who, without your assistance, would have suffered the pangs of hunger or disease or been driven to despair? How worthwhile to inspire new confidence and to make the difference between life and death for certain people. Through a small sacrifice of one's own, one can help create a juster, saner world in which no person goes to bed hungry.

Remember, Jesus said with regard to the hungry, thirsty and sick 'in so far as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me'. Also 'in so far as ye did it not, ye did it not unto me'.

Just such an opportunity is provided at the Mexico Summit Conference on World Poverty on 22nd and 23rd October this year. As Britain will be sending delegates to the Conference, pressure needs to be brought to bear on the British Government to be much more positive in support of the rights of the poor. Guidance leaflets giving useful facts, and other printed material on the subject is available from ROBERT WRIGHT, Tel: W. 45805, or contact the Editor direct. Please give this your prayerful attention.

LONDON LETTER



"The year has gone beyond recall,
With all its hopes and fears,
With all its bright and gladdening smiles,
With all its mourners' tears".

Another school year begins - new faces in my class, most of them dark-skinned, with names like Salimur, Diba, Ekran, Moni, Jahangir, Kabir, Yuen How, Kaya, and John, Steven and Nicholas. They all look so small, just come up from the nursery, all ready (well, a few of them) to start 'big school'. When we have overcome the language barrier we hope to make good progress!

This last year has seen a couple of teachers leave to have babies; our deputy head become acting head on the early retirement of our headmistress, then his appointment as Head of the School; the appointment of a new Deputy this term and the sad news of our previous Head's death during the summer.

A pleasant surprise awaited our return - a First Class Diploma for the cultivation of a school garden from the London Children's Flower Society! So all our efforts to grow plants in pots outside the school's dingy brick walls were appreciated by someone other than ourselves.

The children have been bringing back plants which they took home to look after during the holidays. Some of them are in very good condition, others have obviously not received the correct treatment!

At long last, we should soon have delivered our load of earth to make a real garden on the site of the demolished outdoor toilets. So now garden plants may feel better than they have in pots, and we'll use the pots for geraniums and plants which don't mind where they grow.

Some Upper Junior children have already opted for Gardening Club on a Friday afternoon - they can have half a term, then change to another club for the next

half term. I shall continue to take other younger children at lunch times for Green Fingers' Club, so if you have any outtings, seedlings, etc, to spare I shall be pleased to hear from you! We have been busy clearing the weeds from the garden site - they have been growing madly in the last few months.

When we have all this under control, we shall start to tackle the fenced-off * portion, which, because of broken boards against a back street, has become a somewhat unsavoury place since some "Ladies of the Street" have taken to entertaining their gentlemen friends there on a fine day and not always unobserved either!! A new 8ft high wall might help to deter them.

Well, a new year has brought new leadership, new ideas, a new outlook, and a new sense of direction in which we hope all will go, with increasing strength and dedication.

MARY CONNELLY

P.S.* I had this letter ready to post, but my morning in school started with hearing that the corrugated iron fencing on the playground side was to be removed to open up visibility and deter 'visitors'. So, I put on my 'cords' and went outside as well. The fencing was knocked down and some of it used to fill the gaps on the street side. I, then, set to work hacking branches of trees, pruning others back; fighting midges, mosquitoes, gigantic blackfly and wasps which were feeding on the 'nectar' from the blackfly; raking rubbish thrown over the fence and other things abandoned - clothing, shoes, plastic coffee cups, bottles, cans and various other commodities!!

Two thirds of the way through the job of clearing - bitten, scratched sweaty and tired - but I felt the satisfaction of a day's good work, looking at the mountain of branches, twigs and old wood, etc. The bricks and rubble we hope to use for a rockery; possibly some small trimmed branches for pea sticks, but we need to be visited by fire from above to remove the rest! (What happened to the children on my class? They were looked after by another teacher, who nobly took them over for the day.)

I'll post this letter before I start again in



FROM THE VESTRY

WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS

The seasons speak to us Autumn, "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" is upon us to speak with sad beauty of the end of summer and beginning of winter. The scriptures speak to us 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved'. The events within our own hearts speak to us of strength or weakness according to our faith in His Grace. The events within our life of fellowship both in Church and Community speak to us through birth, illness, old age, death. And the state of the world with violence, famine and war, speaks to us, and chills us with its unholy word.

How important then that we should seek the word of life in Christ to comfort one another. We are a people who need greatly to be comforted, and to be comforted by Him who is real and true and who knows our needs. There is a danger of our seeking comfort from distress within "pills", "alcohol", or the Television escape programmes which includes News! news and more news, since the more news you hear the less you can feel, think, or concentrate the mind. One of the devices given to distract our minds from reality is a non-stop presentation of News, Music and Chatter!

The words of this article's title derive from 1 Thessalonians 4 v 17. The Christians within the first years following the Resurrection of Christ were in great distress. Where is the promised return of the Lord they asked? People are dying and no sign of His Coming. The Apostles' comforting words assure them that since Christ has risen from the dead His Victory is given for all seasons and conditions. Comfort yourselves in every season, within all circumstances with the knowledge that He Reigns! Time itself cannot be a barrier to His

Victory though it can be a sore trial to His People.
Therefore speak often of His Name of His Victory
which is and is to be.

May I offer the prayer that within winter evenings,
within darkness of the world, within sorrow and pain
that we shall be comforted and comfort each other
in Christ's Victory.

Comfort one another by the Name and in the Grace of
the Lord Jesus.

With love and blessing

William Connelly.

BAPTISMS

Vanessa Kate JUBY 27th Sept. 1981.

James Charles WARD 11th Oct. 1981.

"for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

OBITUARY

The sudden death of Reg Jones gave great sadness to his many friends who were one with his dear wife Olive in their sense of loss. Reg was a kind, diligent and patient WORKER. His life was itself an act of creativity in serving God and his fellows. On the morning of his death Reg was doing work voluntarily at Hayward House this was so typical of Reg.

Our prayers and blessing go to dear Olive and her family for their peace, comfort and assurance that God will bless them and guide them in the coming days.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you".

DURRINGTON OUTREACH

A public meeting of the Durrington Community Centre Association is to be held on Wednesday, 4th November, 1981 at 8.0 p.m. in the Durrington Parish Church Hall, New Road, Durrington. The speaker will be Mr. George Porter of the National Federation of Community Organisations.

It will be encouraging for the Community Centre Project if all our members and adherents who live in the Durrington area are able to attend this meeting.

RON C. CHRISTOPHER

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Victor Grice is now home from hospital and continues to make good progress.

Miss Hilda Lowman is now at Willett Lodge on Chaucer Road.

Mark and Janet Oakes were given the gift of a daughter on Janet's parents' (Mr. & Mrs. Luckins) Silver Wedding day what a day.

Mr. & Mrs. N. Dobson rejoice in another Grandchild and we rejoice with them.

Mrs. Rosemary Evans of 27 Nutley Crescent Tel. No. 501870 has succeeded Miss Molly Hawke as Secretary of Family Circle. We welcome her, and thank Molly Hawke for all her help over the past years.

Thank you Molly!

IN MEMORIAM

Beatrice BURNINGHAM
Reg JONES

30th Sept. '81
30th Sept. '81

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life".



PRAISE YE THE LORD !

It happens to us all from time to time. We just can't be bothered going to Church, or in this case the Church Meeting. I felt as if I'd been drawn over the rack. Poor soul, I'd had such a hard day at the office. I just couldn't face up to dragging myself from that nice comfortable armchair and walking over that windy bridge.

You know how it is. You know what a blessing it is to attend our Church Meetings - or so I keep telling you. But you equally know how all those blessings can fade from your memory when you're in that state of mind.

Well, thankfully, I felt obliged to move myself. I mean I had a responsibility to attend and make my report. So I did go, thinking perhaps to cater for your needs, but as it turned out it was my needs that were satisfied and more.

There can be no better cure for depression, weariness and the like, than praising the Lord and that's just what we did. We fairly belted out Hymn 651 - you'll know the chorus

"For the harvest of bygone ages,
In the hope of the coming days,
Go into His gates with thankfulness.
And into His courts with praise.

- everyone it seemed just opened his mouth and his heart in praise. It's a wonderful cure for whatever ails you, especially when there's that wonderful warm smile of Dorothy Turner's radiating the Lord's love.

Depression to elation in the course of one Hymn and all through the gift of praise.

I wonder whether we appreciate the value of praise to our lives. I wonder whether we pay enough attention to our praise and worship. I certainly

know when I've been praising the Lord, when I've been singing His praises at the top of my voice, when I've humbled myself in attentive prayer, when I've hung on every syllable of His Word. I know because I come away feeling fulfilled, satisfied, I have that wonderful glowing feeling and I take it with me throughout the rest of the day and often right through the week. I just pray that we may all come to know the value of praise, in our lives, because I can assure you we get more out, through God's grace, than we put in.

Praise ye the Lord.

MATTHEW SMITH

HARVEST SERVICES 1981

The appreciation of our efforts in decorating the Church was most gratifying, but, it could not have been achieved without the very hard work of a few helpers. I should like to say a special 'thank you' for the assistance given and in particular for that rendered by the young folk - two Alisons, Alec, Sarah and Rachel; also to the Girls' Brigade, who decorated the side shelves. A distribution of 85 harvest gifts was made, and we offer a warm 'thank you' to those who came to prepare and deliver them.

"The harvest is so great and the workers are few"

Matthew 9 v. 37

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary



'AROUND THE CHURCH'

In the centre of this window is the apple which symbolises the fall of man, but in the hand of Christ symbolises the redemption of sin. The hand is shown to be that of Christ by the use of the cruciform nimbus - a halo with a cross superimposed upon it.

S.P.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

The World Council of Churches has announced grants of £319,000 to various organisations whose alleged purpose is to 'combat racism'. The largest grant goes to SWAPO, the Namibian 'guerilla' movement. The grants are made 'without control of the manner in which they are spent'. COMMENT - That means that if the money is spent on machine guns the WCC won't mind. Other grants were made to racist organisations in this country.

Even before this announcement the Salvation Army had confirmed its withdrawal from the WCC on the grounds of the Council's 'political motivation'. COMMENT - What an excellent example for other churches to follow!

Romania's most prominent Baptist minister, Joseph Ton, has been barred indefinitely from returning to continue his work in his own country after a holiday abroad.

A MODERN MARTYR

The murder of President Sadat came as a shock, though not as a surprise. In my view he was the leading world statesman of the last decade - a man who, having tried the ways of war, recoiled from them and turned to devoting his life to peace, well knowing that in the search for peace that life would inevitably be given up. A man of extraordinary courage - his mission to Israel -, of individual humanity - his hospitality to the deposed Shah of Persia (both of these acts earning him the bitter hatred of millions of his Moslem brothers) he gained the respect of genuine lovers of peace throughout the world. It was fitting that he was the one statesman to receive the honour of being entertained by the Prince and Princess of Wales on their honeymoon cruise.

Whatever his religious convictions, this man must surely have been closer to that greater Prince, the Prince of Peace, than many of the so-called Christian

leaders who in that decade have said 'Lord, Lord' - and have given their support to bloodshed and violence.

A-MAZE-ING GRACE

One of the splendid send-ups in that devastating cavalcade of send-ups of the ritual cliches of Western films 'Blazing saddles' was an episode where a man gained the sympathy of a hostile crowd, by threatening to kill himself. The I.R.A. has just pulled off an even more bizarre trick with astonishing success. It has gained concessions by offering to stop its members starving themselves. Yet while 10 of them were killing themselves in this way the I.R.A. killed over 60 other people, none of whom volunteered to die. Nevertheless, it has been allowed to gain its concessions without being required to give any promise to stop its campaign of murder against the people of Northern Ireland and England. Needless to say, the prisoners' demands had the support of the Archbishop of Armagh.

"The hunger-strike is over now, thank God"

said Father Fee,

"The Brits must give remission back and set
the prisoners free.

Now does not this concession show the IRA's
good will -

Their members now may live - the public only
will they kill".

R.F.B.

FLORAL NOTES

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

8th	Mr. & Mrs. Bulstrode	22nd	Boys' Brigade
15th	Mrs. F. Ross	29th	Mrs. D.M. Turner

FLOWER FUND

Thank you for your continuing support of the Flower Fund and for £5.30 received during September.

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for October - £23.50, received
with thanks,

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

Spending an afternoon talking of the beginnings of our Church was a thrilling experience; summed up so beautifully below:-

MEMORIES

My husband and I came to live in Goring on 15th June, 1956, and oh! what changes we have seen since that day.

Goring Station was a country one, getting 1st Prize for the best kept one in Sussex for many years. One of the porters tended the garden beautifully, planting flowers to form "Goring-by-Sea" in the border. As you came out of the Station, you took your life in your hands, as there was no path until you came to the narrow paths bordering the farms which were on each side of the road. The farms were becoming a bit derelict, but we were thrilled to see corn growing in the fields up to the cross-roads.

Crossing the road up the leafy lane of Goring Street, with its old cottages, you came to the Bull Inn which was once a coaching station. If you turned left in Goring Way, passed what is now Steele's Garage, you came to the Forge and two lovely old cottages. The forge and one cottage have now gone to make way for houses. Old Mr. Haffenden of the Forge was quite a character. He was the longest surviving bell-ringer at St. Mary's Church. He would mend anything you wanted repaired in his line of business.

From our house we walked across fields to Goring Gap. This is now Aldsworth Avenue. A very important thing for us was to find a Church - this we soon did

in Goring Congregational Church. We walked to our Church along Barrington Road when it was fine, and in those days we were served by an excellent bus service - to the town, the stations and the sea (although not so good on Sundays!)

We were made so welcome and felt so very much at home that we soon transferred our membership from Petts Wood Congregational Church. Mr. Franks had been the Minister for about two years and what a happy ministry it was! The Hall was always full and the Choir - oh! such a full Choir - just packed the platform. The Sunday School, as it was called then, was so large that there was an afternoon gathering for the overflow. Only two classes could come into the Church each Sunday morning for the opening sentences.

With more people coming to retire in Worthing the Church grew each week. The seats were so close together that you could not spread out your legs and if you were late you had to sit or stand in the doorway of the Hall. So it became imperative that we talked about building a new Church.

Oh! what church meetings we had!

Discussions took place on - the site and position, the size, and, of course, the main topic - the money! We had no money for War Damage as some of our churches had and no large banking accounts. So it had to be a question of faith that the money would be forthcoming. Some of our members felt that the Church should get a good proportion of the amount needed (it was at first suggested £15000, I believe) before we thought of building. But, the need was so urgent that faith won the day and plans for building went ahead. Oh, what excitement and what a lot of activity went on!

We had big bazaars and a regular garden-party at Mrs. Nodes', and many other activities to bring the money in. The Sewing Meeting was something to remember. This room was full of happy chatting ladies gathered around card-tables, working away with their hands as well as their tongues! Some friends did marvellous work whilst others of us just managed to make aprons or tea cloths. For tea we had currant, brown and white bread and butter with

home-made cakes - there was a rota for making the cakes. I think we paid 2d. for the tea and 1d. for the penny box. The penny box brought marvellous things over the years such as curtains and carpets.

As time went on and things became more expensive, it was felt that a cup of tea and biscuits would suit as all just as well. The Guild Meeting took place on alternate Tuesday afternoons- it was quite small when I joined, just twenty-five years ago. There were twelve of us then with Mrs. Franks as President and Mrs. Bridger (as she was then) Chairman.

This Meeting grew until it was too big for the small hall, so it came into this large hall. Over the passage of years these two meetings have amalgamated until it has become the very happy and successful gathering that we now so much enjoy, thanks to a wonderful Secretary and capable committee.

As we look back over the years our hearts are full of thanksgiving to God for giving us the privilege of worshipping under the ministries of three such fine men in the persons of The Rev. C. Franks, The late Rev. Wallis Hayward and our own Minister, The Rev. W. Connelly. Three such different personalities who have given their very best to our Church and we thank God for them and pray that their work in God's service may continue to be richly blessed.

GRETA PEPPERDINE

Thank you, Greta, and God Bless you and Robert. What an example and inspiration to us all today!

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by Ron Christopher on 6th October and found the story of his movements and activities over a period of forty years most fascinating. He has promised to tell us more about the Bible Society on another occasion.

Just a reminder that we hope to have short illustrated talks by members on 3rd November, and we anticipate a variety of subjects. On 17th November we welcome Mr. H.A.F. Denham to speak to us on "Youth Work".

We send our greetings and best wishes to those members who for various reasons have been unable to join us so far this Session.

REG GOODCHILD

GIRLS' BRIGADE

As we move into November thoughts of our Awards Evening loom ever nearer, and we would invite you to make a note in your diaries:- Saturday 12th DECEMBER Girls' Brigade Awards Evening, with a Christmas story in mime and song. 7.0 p.m. in the Church, plus refreshments. Please come along and join us.

So far we have had only three visitors on a Tuesday evening! Remember, each Tuesday this Session between 6.0 and 9.30 p.m. we are 'open' to receive visitors; to sell you, very cheaply, Christmas cards and paper.

We still need a pianist. Our new lady only came for one week! So we are stuck with Captain again until someone comes along who will love us for longer than a week!

Thank you for your encouraging words about the girls' smart appearance and turnout at Church Parades. We, the Officers, are very proud of them, but its lovely for all of us to hear it from you. To know that you notice and care helps us to keep going. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

The Boys' Brigade

And I had a dream and the elders of the Church stood in front of the congregation and strummed their guitars as they sang "Where have all the young men gone". And suddenly from the congregation the voice of Oseebeebie cried out, "O Lord, how long? I am getting old and there is no one to take my place. I have many souls under my care, but they are naughty and wayward and not really interested in you Lord. They sometimes do things that are not acceptable in the life of our Church. I do my best Lord, but some think I arrange the wrong doings of these boys. Surely it would be better if they, or even me, Lord, were to go elsewhere. Surely a place where your name is hardly

mentioned in reverence, would suit them better. Without them Lord, this corner of your vineyard would be much quieter and we would have less problems. After twenty one years in the Company and twenty six years in Junior Church, I see very little fruit. Is it me, Lord, that is at fault? Perhaps I do not pray enough. If you wish to contact me Lord, I will be down at the Church on Sundays and three evenings during the week" But then I woke up, only to find that most of my dream seemed to be true.

Do not forget the arrangements for our B.B. Week fund-raising efforts from 21st to 28th November. Starting with a Coffee Morning and Bazaar on Saturday 21st at 10.30 a.m. and ending with a Jumble Sale on the following Saturday (28th) also at 10.30 a.m. Your support by being there and your contributions of goods etc; will be greatly appreciated. Copies of our hiring list will be available soon. Have you a hand sewing machine that you would like to dispose of please? Thank you for your interest and prayers.

DONALD STEWART

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

After the summer break our Fellowship returned enthusiastically and it was a joy to be part of such a happy gathering. Once again we were delighted to welcome new friends to the Fellowship and we trust they will find friendship at our meetings. We are pleased to have Mrs. Joan Foott as our new Chairman and her husband Ted opened our Autumn Programme with a light-hearted look at what goes on behind the scenes in the Advertising World. The following meeting we invited groups from local churches and friends to join with us and we were amazed at the response as we welcomed Mrs. Hazel Rice and friends from the Greenland Road Baptist Church, who lead us in an evening of "Praising God" in singing and prayer. Many of us were moved by this experience and went home with renewed spirit.

Mrs. Overberry, a local Methodist lay preacher, very kindly came and spoke on the life of Octavia

Hill. Mrs. Overberry called her the "Model Land-lady" as the guide-lines she laid down then are still used today.

We are looking forward to our next meeting as it is to be an outing to the Connaught Theatre to see "My Fair Lady".

OLIVE BUSHBY

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

GOD cares, WE care, BUT do you?

At our last Church Meeting, Mr. Paul Archer gave us an inspiring address about the work of Youth for Christ. He showed us that we can all help in this work both young and old alike, and he distributed some useful literature about BYFC. Here are one or two excerpts:-

"British Youth for Christ cares. We want to help in a practical way. As part of the call to "Tell the Nation" BYFC has developed its own plans to care for the unemployed by getting involved with the young people whom society has written off. We want to provide training and counsel and even short-term work. We want to help you plan to do the same. Here's how. VOLUNTEERS. We want year-long volunteer teams of unemployed Christians to be involved in evangelism or social action, working with the unemployed. PRAY. We believe that our work with the unemployed is a response to what God is doing. We want to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel where society has failed. But this is a battle against spiritual forces. Will you stand by the work in prayer and pray regularly for those involved?

Your church or group could make its own plans. You could get funds to support your work from Government agencies. For just 50p, we can send you a guide on HOW TO CARE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED."

These are only a few paragraphs to show you how important this work is. If you are interested in helping our local Youth for Christ work, do please get in touch with Mr. Archer, or myself, and we shall be pleased to furnish you with further information, addresses to which money may be sent, etc.

SCOTTISH HYMNWRITERS

by Tapton

Few among us would fail to include the hymns - "Fill Thou my life"; "O Love of God"; "Light of the World"; "I heard the voice of Jesus say"; - among that list of hymns that mean so much in worship and private devotion and remember that a good hymn book is always a treasure house for private devotion.

The writer of these hymns HORATIUS BONAR, was one of a group of Scottish ministers who were possessed of a warm spirit of evangelism in an age of cold and faithless worship among the others was his brother Andrew, and Robert Murray McCHEYNE.

When next you sing these hymns rejoice in the Scottish evangelicals who have given so much to us by their preaching and hymnwriting. The nineteenth century was a time of great activity in hymn writing in Scotland and we now share their gift in word and song.

THE SECRETARY'S PRAYER

Help me to have the memory of an elephant, and by some miracle let me do all things at once, answer four telephones at the same time, and type a letter that "must go today" even though it won't be signed until tomorrow.

Give me the knowledge of a university professor with my junior certificate of standard education. Let me know without being told, where the boss is, what he is doing, and when he will be back, and help me to keep cool when I am passed the buck so that he won't look stupid.

And grant me the foresight not to destroy, when I am told to, records that will be asked for within a few days.

(A copy of this prayer was handed to a Newcastle secretary on her first day at the office, 25 years ago).

A TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty years have passed since the coming to fruition of the building of our beautiful Church! It was with great joy we welcomed Rev. & Mrs. C.C. Franks on 16th September to join with us in the celebrations, along with many others who had been with us in those early days, and had now left the town.

Mr. Franks gave us a strong message - to carry on the work in this place, and go forth in faith, and with praise to God.

Mr. Connelly took the service and we welcomed ministers from other churches in the district. Afterwards, many of us gathered in the Church hall - our first Church in this area, for light refreshments and a chat with old friends, some of whom had come many miles. We were particularly glad to see Mrs. Hayward.

Another interest had been arranged - Mr. Popplestone showed a cine film taken by Mr. Colin Nodes, at the opening of the church in 1961 - and on one or two Sundays afterwards. It was difficult to get a seat in those days, and many times extra chairs had to be brought in. A number of photographs were also on show to add to the interest.

Altogether, it was a very happy and interesting evening. May we go forward for many years in the Spirit in which we began.

Faith and Praise.

Mabel Hite.

20th ANNIVERSARY 1981

On behalf of the above Committee, I would like to thank "Everybody" who helped in any way to celebrate this Anniversary, especially the team who worked with Mr. Arthur Mercer to make our premises so tidy and smart - cutting the grass etc. Also, thank you to the ladies who served us all with that "Welcome cuppa" after the Service.

Thank you all,

MORIAN A. DOBSON

CHANTS

I have been intrigued by the fact that, most of the comments made concerning the use of chants in the services, have been in favour of having them in greater frequency. Perhaps I could reverse the trend and say - my wife and I are not at all keen on singing chants, although, prepared to accept the occasional one that may satisfy those who like to have them sung. If we were to have Metrical Psalms then we have no objections as to their frequency, as I think they are much more tuneful and more likely to encourage people to sing, whereas I fear, chants do not.

This point seemed to be borne out in an article in the Christian Herald (handed out to all the participants at the large parade service at the Steyne Gardens last Saturday) which was referring to a recent book on Psalms edited by Lionel Dakers and it states that after pleading the cause of changing the final book paragraph says - quote

"What is difficult enough for a trained choir is even more formidable for a congregation who are expected more often than not to sing the Psalms from unpainted copies of a Prayer Book.

A further obstacle, as compared with the metrical tidiness of hymns, is that the psalms have verses of different lengths and therefore little of the consistency of hymns. Add to this the fact that a congregation invariably sits in small groups scattered around the church, as compared with the choir being a compact unit, and you have enough obstacles to deter congregations from effectively taking their part in the singing of the Psalms. These are some of the factors which pose the question as to whether the singing of Psalms is a viable pursuit for congregations."

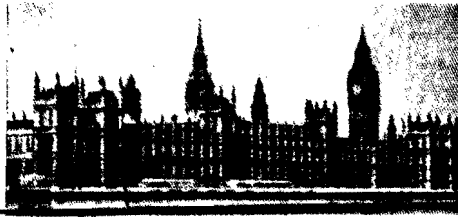
This seems to summarise the feelings of myself and others very well indeed.

F. FINLAY

Thank you, Mr. Finlay, it is good to have your views, but you will find that, in the Congregational tradition on the whole, chants are more popular than metrical psalms.

THE EDITOR

LONDON LETTER



Look for signs that summer's done
Winter's drawing near,
See the changing colours come
Turning of the year.

The summer is done, and soon the year will be old, then finished, and the New Year will come with its new resolutions. In School, the New Year comes in September. By half-term ideas and resolutions for the next academic year have been put forward and in many cases are being put into action.

However, since the beginning of March, electricians have been in, re-wiring the whole School. Top Hall had it, then the middle - they all managed to use other rooms for their classes, but we, unfortunately, have had to move the two lower infant classes in together - sometimes spilling out into the hall, where there's drilling and banging and men moving, working and talking.

Gradually the work is getting done; eventually we shall have our rooms back and we hope to be better organised than ever before! We want to be able to invite parents to come in to see children working and to talk to the teachers, promoting better understanding of teaching methods and friendship among all.

Parental involvement in school activities is not very good at the moment, possibly because of lack of real communication. To sit and talk to many of the parents we need an interpreter present! A Bengali Social Worker helps us as much as he can, but I am going to approach one of the parents to ask him if he can help. He has no job, so he may be able to spend the time which is necessary.

One recent step forward is that we have a new Inspector in our division, a West Indian woman. She was previously one of the multi-ethnic inspectorate

but has now been transferred to the "ordinary" inspectorate - which may be a sign of the times.

More hard work has gone on in the garden - digging a trench for a flower bed; digging up bricks and stones and raking them away to provide 'fill' in the other part of the garden.

Today the big corrugated iron fence between the garden and the nursery playground was knocked down, (there's still a low chain-link fence), so that the whole area is 'opened' up and is no longer so prison-like. We think we know where we can perhaps put the rockery, and where we will have some climbing roses; where we will have some scented foliage; where some creeping vine will grow best.

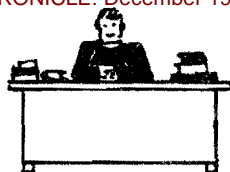
One of the boys asked today - "Why can't we grow coffee, miss?" - He's been watching "The Flame Trees of Thika"! I told him he would have to be content with peas and beans which will grow in our climate. Another boy, who was recently in danger of being expelled from the school, has been working extremely hard, and has improved a great deal in his speech and general behaviour since working in the garden. He has shown a lot of interest and we hope that the garden will provide a source of therapy for more than a few who badly need it.

Remember the words of that old song -
 "The kiss of the sun for pardon,
 The song of the birds for mirth;
 One is nearer God's heart in a garden,
 Than anywhere else on earth".

I have been told that since another school, similarly surrounded by buildings, has had a garden, they have been visited by a wide variety of birds and wild life. Let us hope that we shall have something more than our present slugs, centipedes and woodlice! - (though, they provide a constant source of interest of a kind).

We have already been given one garden seat, so by next summer we hope there will be a pleasant view for the ones fortunate to be sitting on it!

Thus rejoicing,
Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing
Greet the morrow
Christ the Babe was borne for you!



Soon it will be Christmas. Advent heralds the coming of Christ and speaks hope to us, both by His first and last coming.

The Saviour, Jesus Christ is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. This is why we continue to rejoice at Christmas for it's teaching in word, carol, drama, and Christian imagery speaks of 'In the beginning was the Word and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His Glory and the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of the glory of God.' From the beginning God had planned the joy of Christmas within the hearts of those who would accept the Saviour Jesus Christ.

It may be that some will say upon reading these words "what a different approach from that of the world to Christmas" and you will be right. The world's approach to Christmas continues to be an escape from reality ... "and pray that your flight be not in the winter!" Christians approach this holy season with awe, expectancy and hope in sight of reality.

May your Christmas be a time of happiness with your confidence in Christ, may Christ's blessing attend your homes re-uniting families and friends in His Love.

The Church will be filled with praise, hope, peace, and thanksgiving.

O perfect love, outpassing sight,
O Light beyond our ken,
Come down through all the world tonight,
And heal the hearts of men!

Happy Christmas,

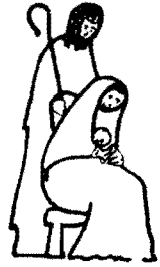
William Connelly.

BAPTISM

Adrian Carl WILLIAMS

1.11.81

"The Lord bless you and keep you".



John RICHARDSON to
Linda Kathleen PAGE

24.10.81

"Whom God hath joined together"

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. W.L. COLTART

Mrs. Barbara STEED

27.10.81

"In heavenly love abiding"



NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP



BOYS have been born to Mr. & Mrs. C. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Byerley and Mr. & Mrs. B. Easey. May they grow in grace and be a blessing to their parents.

Mrs. Mary Spence is in The Hurst Nursing Home, Mill Road.

Miss Hilda Lowman greets her friends from Willett Lodge where she is quietly recovering from illness.

Mr. Bill Scudder is taking life easily at St. Bernards Nursing Home.

Miss Mary Mortimer greets us as she leaves the district - may God richly bless her.

CONTACT (A group for young mums and children).

We thought it was time to let you know what we have been up to since introducing ourselves to you in an earlier edition of the Chronicle. It is difficult to explain exactly what takes place at our meetings, as no two are alike. But after coffee and general chat we settle down to a time of prayer, choruses and sharing.

On Sunday 25th October we held a tea at the Church to which we invited all families who have had their babies baptized within the last 5 years. It was an informal gathering with an important message. Mr. Connelly spoke to us on 'Baptism, our promises to God and the importance of being part of the Church Family'. We also gave 'Contact' invitations to all who came and, as a result, we were very pleased to welcome some new mums and their young ones at our November meeting.

Our next meeting on 3rd December will be more informal than usual and will have a Christmassy flavour including some mince pies! We do not meet in January as our older children are still on holiday but we look forward to resuming our meetings again on the first Thursday in February at 10.15a.m. in the Cornwall Room, we would be delighted to welcome any new friends who might like to join us.

Carole Davis.



GIFTS of Bibles have been received, including some Good News Bibles & large print copies. We are grateful to Mr. Fred Edis for helping to arrange this. Remember it is always possible to take a Bible from the vestibule into Church to help with your devotions and worship.

We offer congratulations to Phillip Gill on attaining his 21st Birthday on 24th October last. Also Phillip - well done - on passing your RAC/ACU Test, enabling you to assist others in motor bike skills.

OBITUARY

It was with deep regret that I learnt of the death of Mr. Harry Horsfall on 7th October 1981 at the age of 94 years. Mr. Horsfall and his wife, Babbie, were good friends of my parents, and they both took a very active part in the life of the Church. Mr. Horsfall served on the diaconate, as Covenant Secretary, and on the Building Committee. In an article in The Chronicle for May and June 1957 he writes "Human nature being what it is we all like "Summat for Nowt" which means, being interpreted from the north country dialect "Something for Nothing" ... the Church will receive in Tax Refund 14/9d. for every £1 covenanted - without any extra giving on your part".

Harry retired from office when his wife became unwell, and they decided to return to Yorkshire. The plant trough near the pulpit bears the inscription "Deo Gratias, Mrs. Horsfall".

Although of advanced years, Harry enjoyed an active life in Morley, and on several occasions he revisited Worthing for holidays and worshipped at our Church. May we give thanks to God for a long and gracious life.

COLIN NODES

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

My very dear friends of Goring U.R.C.,
This is just to wish you all every blessing this Christmas and a very happy New Year. I look back with much affection to the days I was privileged to be with you and it was very good to be able to share in your rejoicings at your 20th Anniversary.

with love to you all,

MARJORIE HAYWARD

Ron and Elspeth Christopher wish to their friends at our Church a Happy Christmas and God's Blessing and Guidance in the coming year.

"Love came down at Christmas,

- Love Divine"

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ◁ LOVE MANIFESTED

Read; I St. John iv. 9.

This passage is one of the loveliest for this festival of the Christian year because it sums up so perfectly what Christmas Day should mean to all mankind. Whatever else we may try to make of this great day, here is its true meaning: we keep it for love's sweet sake; we express in and through it the spirit of love; we commemorate the fact that -

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.



Christmas means - 'Love manifested'.

The moment, however, we say Love, we are led into the deepest deeps. The context declares, 'God is Love'. That is a statement so simply worded that any small child can spell it and write it down. And yet it contains such profundities that even the greatest minds are only able to see what it means, 'as through a glass darkly'.

As the scientist, dealing with the vastness of the universe in which we live, has to confess the merest partial knowledge, so here the greatest thinkers are compelled to own they only 'know in part', and they have to acknowledge that, in trying to define 'Love', they are attempting the impossible. Their halting phrases may tell us that 'Love is a divine law, a principle of sacrifice'; or that 'Love alone makes possible a purely unselfish benevolence'; that 'Love is an operation, impartial and universal'; that it is inexhaustible, gracious, unconstrained, spontaneous and unconditional in its bestowment. 'Love hesitates at no sacrifice'.

But when they have said all these things they have only told us a little about it; they haven't

defined it, or exhausted it. We are still dealing only with shadows and we are so built that we cry out for something fuller and more substantial. Our minds need - if we are in any way to understand - more than these vague abstractions.

Love, really to mean anything to us, must be personalized. It must 'become flesh and dwell among us'. This is true even if we are dealing only with imperfect human love. How much more is it true when we are thinking of 'Love Divine, all loves excelling'!

That Perfect Love has been so manifested is the fundamental Christian claim. 'God sent His only begotten Son into the world' to reveal Love. There are dozens of statements in the New Testament which say precisely the same thing. Christian thought, Christian living, The Christian Church are built upon that foundation. God has made it plain what His Love (He Himself) is in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ. 'Love was born at Christmas'.



Try this by taking St. Paul's great hymn to Love - I Corinthians xiii - and wherever the word 'love' occurs read instead 'Jesus Christ' and observe how admirably true to His Life and character every statement of that poem is; we then begin to understand - just a little - of 'Love manifestation'. We see something of the meaning of Christmas, for, by and through His personality, we grasp what the essential Being of God is. In Him Love is embodied. In Him Love incarnates itself. God, 'taking the form of a servant' and 'being found in fashion as man', reveals His heart of Love.



Why manifested. "That we might live through Him". If 'God is Love' then 'essential Being' is Love; Life is Love, Love is Life, and nothing else is truly worthy to be called living. We may exist apart from Love, but we do not live life unless we are both receiving and giving love. Test this and illustrate it by experience.

The most beautiful and harmonious moments of our lives are those when soul meets soul in reciprocal self-giving: when confidence rises above fear and trust is complete; when there is genuine understanding of mind with mind and heart with heart. It is then we know exquisite joy; deepest satisfaction of being. This when we do experience it, we know is really to live.

But where, apart from Christ, can we ever be sure of such complete oneness of spirit? In whom, save only in Him, dare we so utterly confide? 'In Him was Life and the Life was the light of men'.

May the 'Blessed Lord' grant to each one of us a 'Joyful Christmas'.

JOHN BEAMISH.

FLORAL NOTES



FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

6th	Mr. & Mrs. Brunton	20th	Mrs. Turton &
			Mrs. Cozens-Walker
13th	Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine		
	27th	The Connells	

Thank you for financial support during 1981 by either special date donations or the Flower Fund. Early in December the flower rota for 1982 will be found on the notice board in the vestibule. If you wish to donate flowers on a special date, please place your name on the rota, or get in touch with me if in any difficulty phone: W. 43843.

FLOWER FUND Sincere thanks for £11.15 contributed during October/November, 1981.

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary

ADVANCE NOTICE

The 'Help the Aged' Clothing Appeal, 1982 will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 10th February.

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for November amounted to £33.50
received with thanks, HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our Anniversary Service on 20th October with Mrs. Joan Franks our Speaker, Mrs. Titmus our Soloist and our Vice President, Joan Burrage, leading our prayers, was an inspiration to all, and one that we shall not forget in a hurry. There were visitors from seven other churches and it was a joy to see members of our own Church not usually at our meetings, joining us for the service and for tea afterwards, which was served to 140 people.

I must say 'thank you' to Mrs. Jenkins and everybody who did the work to make this such a memorable and happy afternoon. Sure proof that no-one is indispensable!! Thank you all for the wonderful collection taken for the work of the "Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen" this being their Centenary Year.

On 3rd November Mr. McIllroy talked of the Mission's work, and showed their latest film depicting the work of the men who go down to the sea in ships for us, and the work of the Mission amongst them and their families. How little we know of their troubles.

Your contribution to the work in the form of a cheque for £40 was given to Mr. McIllroy for the Mission's work with our love and prayers.

May I wish everybody a Happy Christmas and as we join our friends and families may we bring the peace of Jesus into our homes, and our prayers be for those less fortunate than ourselves.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

DIGS!! The Minister is always glad to hear from those who may have a bed-sitter or flat vacant. A vacancy has also occurred for a part or full-time housekeeper - details from the Vestry.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will be holding a Christmas Festival on Sunday, 20th December at 3.00 p.m. in the Church. We hope that all parents and friends will be able to join us for a joyful afternoon. All ages of Junior Church will be taking part.

We hope to hold our Christmas Parties on Sat. 2nd January, and that all children will be able to attend.

JEAN MARSH

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It has now become a regular event for us to join with the Women's Guild to celebrate their Anniversary, and on 20th October we enjoyed taking part in the Service in the Church and helping to dispose of the excellent refreshments afterwards. At our Members' Afternoon on 3rd November several of our Members produced a selection of slides which took us to all parts of the world. Our thanks to Reg Hobbs for projecting the slides.

In December we welcome once again our old friends Don & Lois Donovan, who will be taking us by slides to "The Canaries", and knowing the quality of their slides we are surely in for a good time. We shall also join the ladies on 15th for a Christmas programme.

Our seasonal greetings to all members,

REG GOODCHILD

The Boys' Brigade

We have no idea at the time of writing as to how successful our B.B. Week was. We certainly hope that we can be happy with the results. Our Band instruments, particularly the bugles, need replacements and will cost something like £250. Our sponsored effort this year is to visit as many local churches as we can.

On behalf of the Officers, Helpers and Boys, I do wish you all a very Happy & Blessed Christmas.

DONALD STEWART

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Saturday, 12th December at 7 p.m. in the Church Awards, followed by a nativity story in mime and song.

We have struggled so hard to put this particular evening together and for the girls it is a very special occasion; a time when they receive their badges for a whole year's work.

please come and join us. We shall have the opportunity at the end of the evening to chat with you over coffee and mince pies, and you will be able to meet our two new officers.

We shall break for the Christmas holiday on 15th December and return on 12th January. We wish you all a Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

We shall enter 1982 with these thoughts:-

What we are is God's gift to us.

What we become is our gift to God.

Bless you all, JEAN WEBB

FRIDAY CLUB

I made a visit to the Club on 6th November and discovered something wonderful. It was "Children's Night" which meant that they were responsible for the programme that evening. Starting off with gospel choruses, what a joy it was to listen to them singing to the Lord's praise. Prayer time followed with each prayer prepared and said by the children; continuing with stories again prepared by the participants and how beautifully they were read.

A game of naughts and crosses with a difference, involving a Bible Quiz, a new way to learn. Their knowledge of the Bible was quite amazing.

To complete the programme the last minutes were devoted to boisterous games. How they did enjoy it all! An hour of real pleasure and an experience I can heartily recommend. Well done,

DOROTHY TURNER

FAMILY CIRCLE

In the September issue of the Chronicle, reference was made to a proposed Concert in the Church Hall on Saturday, 28th November - it even achieved publicity in the local press! Unfortunately, owing to insufficient rehearsal time, it was impossible for some groups to be ready by that date and the Concert had to be postponed. Several groups had expressed their interest in taking part, and it is now hoped to stage the event early in the New Year. The arrangements are now in the hands of Malcolm Nicholls, whose idea it was in the first place, and he will be in touch with those responsible for each group's activity.

CHRISTIAN AID AT CHRISTMAS

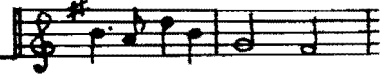
At the heart of the Christmas Festival is God's gift of Himself. In our own way and within our own limitations we give Christmas presents to our relations and friends as a token of our love and goodwill. None of us can afford to extend our present-giving to all whom we are bidden to love as neighbours, but together we can pool our resources. And through Christian Aid they are multiplied like the loaves and fishes which fed the five thousand.

Last Christmas this produced £950,000 towards the worldwide work of the churches among 'the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed'. A small proportion of it was also used to help those churches which struggle to serve and to witness in predominantly non-Christian lands. Christian Aid Week money cannot be used for this, for it is raised from the general public. Nor can that fund-raising by church people in Christian Aid Week be a substitute for personal support of our own agency at Christmas.

This year we can all help lift the Christmas total into seven figures - and go to the general public in May with renewed justification.

In order that you may make your contribution to Christian Aid this Christmas, envelopes will be available in the Church later this month.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



To visit the western side of Highgate Graveyard in London is no easy task. The old London burial grounds were all closed by the middle of the 19th Century, and in their place seven new graveyards were opened, among them being Highgate in 1839. CHRISTINA ROSSETTI was buried there in 1894.

It was on a beautiful Autumn day in St. Luke's little summer, when by consent of the graveyard authorities we set out in quest of Christina's grave. It will be understood that the years have dealt hardly with what was once a tourist attraction in London, and only by diligent searching was the Rossetti grave discovered; as modest and gentle a place as the soul of Christina herself.

But you will remember her at Christmas. The carols 'In the bleak mid-winter' and 'Love came down at Christmas' will sing her praise to the Prince of Love, who gave her love when sorrow and unrequited love denied it.

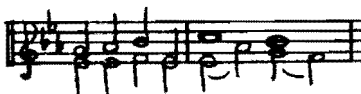
Those who stood by her graveside on that lovely autumn day were reminded of her own words written in her poem 'Remember' and beginning:

"Remember me when I am gone away
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by
the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet
turning stay.

and ending:

Better by far you should forget
and smile
Than that you should remember
and be sad".

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"



TAPTON

FREE WILL OFFERING

Dear Member,

Having recently taken over the work of F.W.O. Treasurer from Mrs. Valerie Close I should like on your behalf, to express to her, the sincere thanks of the Congregation for the excellent job she has done. Now that I know a little more of the work involved, I can but state that there is a little more to it than one might suppose. On handing over the books, Valerie gave me a very detailed list of things that should be done, and when, and I thought how nice it is that someone doing a piece of work for the Church, should do it with such care and attention to detail. I doubt if I shall be able to match it. Thank you Valerie.

Now, as F.W.O. Treasurer, may I draw the attention of all members and friends of the congregation, who are not yet members of the F.W.O. scheme, that, with the approach of the New Year, this is the ideal time to join the scheme. The benefits to the Church from having an effective F.W.O. system are numerous, not least that the Treasurer can budget his expenditure, and know if costs can be met directly from normal giving. Whilst, from the Members point of view, should you be away from home on business or holiday, then the F.W.O. envelopes, which will greet your return, will be a reminder of your regular giving to Church funds, and the amount you require to give to make up for that period of absence. So, if you are not yet a Member of the scheme, may I implore you to come and see me for information and to obtain a supply of envelopes, I'll be happy to oblige.

FRAZER FINLAY (TREASURER)

P.S. As the cost of living increases, so unfortunately does the upkeep of our Church and premises. Should you feel disposed to increase your giving - at any time - no one will object, least of all our Church Treasurer.

MAKING MEN WHOLE.....

A fortuitous visit to a North Sussex church recently enabled two of us to experience a fine address by Dr. Stanley Browne of the Leprosy Mission on the subject "making men whole". Seldom can the Christian approach to Mission have been so tellingly presented. The physical and spiritual aspects of healing were given the emphasis they deserve by the speaker, who is an expert in both fields. But he also gave us, and at a deeper and more detailed level than we had heard before, the third and equally essential element, as regards leprosy, of healing the mental approach of victims and non-sufferers alike.

He told us of a man he met in a Government leprosy hospital in India who spoke to him in cultured English tones. It turned out that the man had been a university professor before he had caught leprosy. When that scourge was diagnosed he was, by the cruel and out of date rules of the authority, based on centuries of myth about leprosy, at once deprived of chair, job and home. He had been reduced to begging for a living by displaying his claw-like hands. Dr Browne was glad to be able to tell him that his hands could be made to function again by physiotherapy and surgery, which Dr Browne offered to arrange. But the former professor declined - "If you mend my hands", he said, "I will have nothing to show people and I will lose my income from begging" - such were the shutters on the mind and out-look of this highly educated man. In contrast Dr Browne told us of a much less educated man in a far more advanced state of leprosy - beyond physical remedy - whose constant song was 'I'd rather have Jesus' and was the life and soul of the Christian leprosy hospital.

So we were bidden to pray not only for the physical and spiritual healing but particularly for the enlightenment of knowledge and hope so that the deeply entrenched myths and prejudices about leprosy could be destroyed and healing made more widely available - healing that restores real wholeness to the sufferer.

Our own Church supports the Leprosy Mission and Mrs Mary Luckin will be glad to provide literature and accept donations for this cause - perhaps a Christmas gift?

.....NOT JUST KEEPING THEM ALIVE

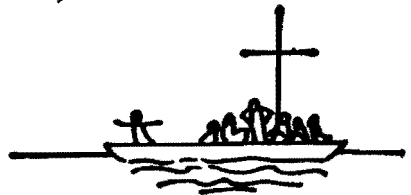
As a talking point, here is an extract from a letter to the Times by a Mr. Carr:-

"I count myself a Christian, in that I try to follow the message brought by Christ, lived by Him, for which He died and which I believe was confirmed by the Resurrection: and I worship, with other Christians, the God whom Christ worshipped. I find nothing there to suggest the divine intention that men and women should drag out their lives as long as it is technically possible, regardless of their own agony of mind and body and the distress of others; nor can I believe that Christ submitted himself to a horrible death to bring us that message".

Just in case you think 'A pity not to have a Christmas ditty' I'll just write a line or three

To wish all men at this season and all women, with more reason, And including Father Fee

And the Elders in their status, notwithstanding they don't rate us,
Every Blessing RFB.



THE 'CHRONICLE' PRODUCTION STAFF
WISH ALL OUR READERS



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
BLESSED NEW YEAR.

"Thank You" everyone who gave me their stamps and holiday post cards. Please could you all save your Christmas stamps and all used stamps both from home and abroad, and leave them in the Church Porch in the box provided. Please leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " paper round the stamp. The money collected from the sale will be used for bible production for Christians in the Communist World.

Please, could anyone who is able to give lifts to Church on Sundays, either morning or evening, let me know.

Thank you,

SUE CLARK

My wife and I would like to make known to the Church our deep appreciation of the sympathy given us on the death of my wife's sister. Your prayers and the loving concern of our Minister have been more than we either expected or deserve. We can only say "THANK YOU and God Bless you all".

JOHN & JOAN PARKER

REMINDER

Those of us who are privileged to attend the Monthly Day of Prayer would like to see more of the Congregation join with us on the second Thursday in each month at 10.30 a.m. for worship, prayer and Holy Communion, which lasts about 45 minutes.

Our numbers have been sorely depleted lately, chiefly because of removals and illness. Please remember that Prayer Meetings are the Power House for the Holy Spirit's Power to help a caring church.

Our present Provincial Moderator, The Rev. C. Franks', words to us on going to Purley in 1963, were: do try to keep this Day of Prayer as active as possible. It will also gladden our Ministers' hearts.

ERNEST MUNDAY

PRAYER VIGIL on NEW YEAR'S DAY 1982

"Watch and Pray" - so said Jesus to His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane when His need was great. Jesus says to us, His disciples, when our need and that of the nation and the world is great, "Will you not watch with Me for one hour, and pray?"

Join with us in praying for the life, work and witness of the people of this Church, our Town, our Nation and the World. COME to the Little Chapel in the Church ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, Friday, 1st January, 1982 ANYTIME between 08.00h and 22.00h.

You may share in this time of blessing in a number of ways, e.g.

- a) join us for a while in the Chapel any time during the Vigil.
- b) Be responsible for a particular hour or half-hour during the day (Names and times to me please)
- c) Pray at home if you are unable to join the Vigil in person.

LET US TOGETHER START THE NEW YEAR WITH JESUS!

IRENE TULEY

A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

Many years ago I was working in X Bank, Camberley Branch when on the 17th December, I received a letter from the Staff Department, requesting me to report to the Liverpool Branch on 23rd December. I wrote to the Liverpool Branch Manager asking whether I could report on 27th December as I had made special arrangements for Christmas. He replied by telegram "Working 10 p.m. last three weeks, must come". I went to Liverpool on 23rd December, not knowing a soul in that district.

On Christmas morning, I attended a service at Myrtle Street Baptist Church, and at the close a lady (whom, later on, I found to be Miss Johnson, a Deaconess) spoke to me. I am not aware that I volunteered any information about myself, but she inveigled me to admit that I was a stranger in a strange city. She immediately said "Will you come to my home and share with my aged father and elder sister our Christmas dinner - stay for the rest of the day if you care to do so". I responded avidly. Not only did I spend Christmas Day with them, but I stayed for nearly two years! I realise this is an old story but I still like to repeat the incident as an example of Christmas hospitality.

GORDON WRAIGHT

AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK _____

New Members:

CLARK Christine, 123 St. Andrews Road 66780
PLANK Mr. Trevor, 97 Rectory Road 64473

Telephone No:

ELLINGWORTH, Miss W., 30 Somerset Rd. Ferring
504034

Change of Address:-

LOWMAN, Miss H.F., Willett Lodge, 4 Chaucer Road
SPENCE, Mrs. M., The Hurst Nursing Home, 1 Mill Road

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS _____

On a wet and windy night, 28th October, the Choir had a sponsored "Hymn Sing" to raise money for Dr. Barnardo's. The aim was to sing 100 hymns and we did it!!! How much did we raise? over £200 to date. Thank you, sponsors and those who braved the elements to join us on that occasion.

DOROTHY TURNER
Choir Treasurer

May I say 'Thank You' to all those who wrote and called on me in my sadness at the sudden death of my husband. Your thoughts, prayers and flowers, together with Mr. Connelly's visits, have been a great comfort to my daughter and myself. OLIVE JONES

May I thank all my friends at Goring U.R.C. for their prayers and good wishes during my recent short, sharp indisposition. Special thanks go to Ray and Dora for their unobtrusive but very practical help. Many thanks also to Dorothy Turner whose cheerful presence was as bright as the lovely flowers she brought with her. It was especially nice to be remembered by the Girls' Brigade and I must add a special word of thanks to the Minister, who by his own example demonstrates fully the pastoral care which is such an important feature of our Church.

MARY SMITH

LONDON LETTER



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

(A contribution written for our new school magazine by one of my gardening club boys.)

One day some workmen came and took down the outside toilets and for a long time after that nothing happened then Mrs. Connelly and some of us started to clear away the rubbish. Now we are making the flower beds with bricks and earth. We have seen lots of insects, worms, green caterpillars and snails. By next year we may see butterflies! I know I am looking forward to the garden very much. When we found some eggs under some rotten wood the nursery children were looking over the fence and they said they look like grapes. We think they may be snails' eggs. They are really quite big. And we have seen a robin and a sparrow and two blackbirds.

by Matthew Trewick.

We have put some plants in one flower bed, and are making a rockery and more flower beds. The "heavy gang" who are helping shift the earth are also good scavengers and we go regularly to look in the skips across the road for bricks, half bricks and broken paving stones to make paths and steps later on. I have had to impress upon them that bricks near to the skip just delivered by a lorry are not likely to be rubbish or to be added to our collection!

A Happy Christmas from us all.

Mary Connelly.

P.S. A Happy Christmas to Hoang and his father (Vietnamese boat people, who came to us two years ago) together again with sister and wife, missing for two years, just recently arrived in England from a refuge camp to which they escaped.

MC

COVENANTING - THE other view?

Our last Church meeting opened and closed significantly in Hymns of prayer - a clear indication of the importance of prayer in dealing with the matters on our agenda.

"Covenanting" - that was the item which most affected me. I have listened over the past few meetings to the cogent arguments for and against "Covenanting", all coherent, all with the ring of truth.

But are we going about this issue in the right way. Yes, we were giving our opinions a good airing but did we once stop and think - "What would the Lord have done? What would He have us do?"

Perhaps the answer was already supplied in Bill's reading for the evening - 1 Corinthians 12.

I must admit its significance was lost on me until I came to prepare these notes but as I read through that chapter again it made me wonder.

Are we still pagans, influenced and led astray to or by dumb idols, of self-righteousness, of the infallibility of our denomination. With such strong feelings against the Church of England and what that orgre would have us do are we not in danger of losing sight of the Lord? Are we so right and they so wrong? If so then we must surely go to them and seek to persuade them through Christ to our way of thinking. If not then we must yield to Christ that we might discover His will. Either way we cannot progress or help our brothers in other denominations to progress whilst we remain apart.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men".

We must not be so suspicious of our brothers in Christ for most assuredly they are in Christ. Let us look at our differences and praise God for them. Let us look not with suspicion but with interest. Let us see if we can learn from them and pray God that they may do likewise.

I fear that we are in danger of casting out the eye from the body, Christ's body the Church, if we reject this opportunity of reconciliation. For "God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it."

Denominations, whether they be U.R.C., C of E, Baptist, Methodist, whatever, are an abomination, a cancer on the Lord's body, so long as they represent division. If they are but parts of the body and all those parts one in the body then we have unity already.

I believe the former to be the case and that we must urgently and most earnestly seek the cure for that cancer. The cure is not to be found in the Surgeon's scalpel for we cannot do without the eye of the body, or whatever other vital organ is affected. The cure is found in verse 25 - "equal concern for each other" and of course in that most excellent following Chapter 13 - "Love". It is not without significance that Chapter 12, so relevant to these deliberations ends thus "And now I will show you the most excellent way".

Of course we have differences - until they are resolved we can, as Christians, agree to differ.

Of course there will be problems in any new venture in the Lord - let us meet those problems, as they arise, in the strength of the Lord and through His guidance.

Let us not fret about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Do not approach the coming adventure in pride, arrogance or suspicion but in love, humility and compassion.

Let us march together into a new awareness of God's will and into a new oneness in Him and through Him.

Jesus made this prayer (John 17 v 21) - "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you that the world may believe that you have sent me."

God hears and answers our prayers. Can we not do the same for him just this once.

I have somewhat deliberately avoided the arguments put forward in the red and green leaflets circulating on the subject. For, as I see it, we are not being called to discuss how we might achieve unity but to take a step of faith. And I hope that we will all (i.e. all Christians of whatever denomination) hear and respond to that call "that the world may believe".

I do urge you to give the matter prayerful consideration and perhaps commence your prayer in the words of Hymn 167 v 6

"In your hearts enthrone Him;
There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;

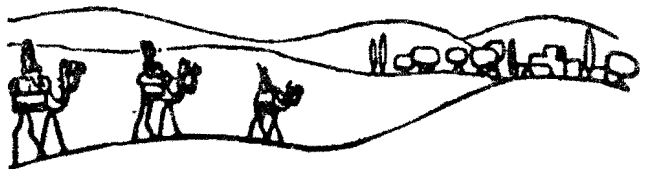
"Let His will enfold you,
In its light and power.



And just as a parting treasure for your patience in reading this most lengthy tome. I mentioned 2 Hymns of prayer at the beginning. I have excerpted a verse from Hymn 167 but would urge you to offer up the prayer of our opening Hymn, number 22. May God bless us all in so doing.

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