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1975

FROM THE VESTRYDedication and Renewal

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

None of us whether leaders of State or Church can admit to much personal confidence, strength or vision as we look ahead to the New Year. And for this Praise God! The idols of personal endeavour have too long ruled over us. Men and women have spoken as though they were God Almighty to command the shape of society, to demand loyalty to political ends that were so far from Christian beginnings as to be stupidly pretentious and hopelessly ineffective.

The Christian faith dares to say what the world which, whilst supplying evidence to the case, lyingly derides ... we say that men and women are sinners and that we cannot achieve within or about ourselves anything of lasting worth without the help of a Saviour.

This means that we are invited to Dedicate ourselves afresh, not to new ideas or nobler ideals in hope that we may yet succeed of our own efforts; Rather we are invited to give ourselves anew to God the sower of our life and the inexhaustible resource of the Universe.

With such a message which demands humility to accept our condition for what it is, we should not expect to be popular. And yet with such a message we dare to speak of the saving resources of God in Christ without whom nothing is new, strong or holy; in whom everything - including you and me - may be made new.

Blessings and love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

BAPTISMS

Neil Peter Kerkhove 17.11.74
 Jeffrey John Zachary Hipgrave
 24.11.74
 Elizabeth Mary Bond 22.12.74

"Yet not the sign we trust, Lord, but the grace that
 in Thy fold prepared the lambs a place."

MARRIAGE

Richard Paul Ivory and
 Claire Elizabeth Thomson
 30.11.74

"And the greatest of these is Love"

IN MEMORIAM

Irene Unwin McLaren
 Ethel Winifred Lock
 Albert Arthur Cozens-Walker

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

Thanks be to God who gives us the Victory, through
 our Lord Jesus Christ.

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIESChange of Address

Mrs. L. Roberts, now at 4 Gay Court, Batheaston,
 London Road, Bath, Somerset
 Mr. R. Williams, temporarily at 5 St. Botolph's Road,
 Worthing

Deaths

Miss E.W. Lock of 80, Melrose Avenue, on 5.12.74
 Mr. A.A. Cozens-Walker of 38a Aglaia Rd, 17.12.74

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Spurgeon's mother, and also of Mrs. Jenkins' sister. The families and friends of all these will be in our thoughts and prayers especially, at this sad time.

New Members received into the Fellowship on
Sunday, 1st December, 1974.

D/

~~Mr.~~ & Mrs. Haines-Nutt (Frank and Anne) of
 55 Boxgrove, Worthing (W. 501319) by transfer
 from Roath Park United Reformed Church, Cardiff

Mrs. Linda Garrod of 16 Wear Close, Worthing (W. 62560)
 by transfer from Bushey Baptist Church.

Alan Flashman of 44 Alexandra Road, Worthing, by
 transfer from St. Andrews United Reformed Church, Balham

Miss Margaret W. Joyce of 180 Terringes Avenue,
 Worthing (W. 40373)

Miss Marjory North of 163 George V. Avenue, Worthing,
 (W.49113)

Mr. and Mrs. Young (Edward and Joyce) of 44 Trent Road
 Worthing (W. 43447)

ELECTION OF ELDERS 1975

There is to be an election of Elders at the Annual Church Meeting and every full member of the Church is eligible for nomination for election to the Elders' Meeting. Members are invited to submit nominations to the Church Secretaries by Sunday, 26th January, 1975. Each nomination should be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, but not requiring the consent of the nominee. Members of the nominations Committee will be responsible for making a personal approach to every nominee.

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Elders retiring by rotation in 1975, but eligible for nomination are:-

Mr. J.R. Beale
 Mr. J.S. Blackwood
 Mr. N.A. Dobson
 Mr. R.F. Hobbs
 Mr. W. Perrett (elected 2.8.73)
 Dr. R. Webb
 Mr. E.A. Winstanley

BIBLE VERSES

(Bearing New Year resolutions in mind)

Colossians 3 vv. 16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Galatians 6 v. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Philippians 3 vv. 13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

QUIET CORNER

In view of the suggestion that a Quiet Corner be incorporated in the Church, Members may feel that they would like to contribute towards the furnishings in memory of a loved one. e.g. small table, Cross, picture, or New English Bibles with the name placed on the fly-leaf. Has anyone any further ideas of this nature-?

please see
 the Minister

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND LETTERS

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Connelly,

Would you be good enough to pass on my grateful thanks to all who by their prayers, letters and in so many ways, have helped me through a very lonely and sad eleven weeks.

Wishing you all health and happiness in 1975,
(Excerpt) D.B. JENKINS

Miss Lock and Miss Gilby wish to say how much they have appreciated the love and sympathy expressed by so many of their friends in the Church on the passing of their dear sister and friend Ethel. The fellowship of the Church has indeed been a real source of strength to us all in the difficulties of the past few years.

"Leave tomorrow's troubles for tomorrow's strength;
tomorrow's work for tomorrow's time; tomorrow's trials
for tomorrow's grace - and tomorrow's God"

— David Livingstone

December, 1974

Dear Friends,

Marjorie and I would like to thank you for the many kindly greetings which we have been receiving. We have been most interested to read of your Christmas gatherings, and confess that both these and your greetings have made us feel more acutely our miss of the Church life and all its friendship. But we are very happy in our new home, with the family at hand, and in this lovely Kent countryside, and feel that the peace and quiet of our days is a benediction which has brought us both physical and spiritual refreshment.

We hear with great joy of the hopes and blessings of the ministry of Mr. & Mrs. Connelly, and are

constant in our prayers both for the life of the Church, and for those in the fellowship of whom we hear as passing through a difficult time.

May 1975 be a year of blessedness for you all, and may Minister and people together share the joy of the fellowship of Christ, and of service for the Kingdom blessed with fruitfulness.

Our love to you all,

WALLIS & MARJORIE HAYWARD

THE WHELK SHELL

Along the mark of the high tide
I walk amid the debris of the sea:
Weed, and wood worn grey and satin smooth;
And shells, swept up in thousands by the waves,
Beauty cast carelessly upon the shore.
I bend to look, take in my hand just one,
The skeleton of a shell, simple but beautiful,
Showing the former pear-shaped swelling of its walls
And the inner spiral core.

The shell has a shape.
It was the shape of her life.
Outer shell, and soft living tissue
Coiled round and round the centre pillar of solid shell
Dependent on its spiral strength.
Though buffeted by waves and storms
And constant movement of the sea,
The outer shell may crumble, wear away,
Still is the centre pillar strong.

The answer to life, the strain, the toil?
Not outside the shell!
But inside, an inward road to Grace and Glory.
An inward spiral staircase of thought and prayer,
A central core of inner harmony.
A singleness of purpose.
In her, the mind of Christ,
Doing the will of God.

"And there was no more sea" (Revelation 21. 1)

A tribute to Mrs. Colonel Edith Tucker of the
Salvation Army. (Promoted to Glory on Monday, 9th Dec.74)

POEMS FOR THE NEW YEARTHREE ENCOUNTERS

I met the Prince of Beauty, He changed the world for me,
 And by the magic of His words revealed eternity.
 He called me in the springtime, among the meadow flowers
 It seemed that life would always be a dream of sunlit
 hours.

I met the Prince of Beauty when summer parched the
 ground,
 From days and nights of weariness no respite had I
 found,
 But when I heard His summons new strength awoke in me,
 Bright blossoms decked the barren slopes, my heart
 grew glad and free.

I met the Prince of Beauty as autumn leaves blew down
 Upon the path that led my steps towards an unseen town
 He smiled and touched me gently, then vanished from my
 sight
 But now I journey joyfully as sunset turns to night.

E.G. HARDING

"Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory"

Thine is the Kingdom of the young,
 Who greet with joy each newborn day,
 And ask with glad, unfaltering tongue
 Thy blessing on the unknown way.

Thine is the Power that brings us back
 To labour in the noonday heat,
 To tread with hope the desert track
 And find love's humblest lesson sweet.

Thine is the Glory of the height,
 Where men, grown wise with age, may stand
 And see afar in sunset light,
 The frontiers of the Promised Land.

Lord, we would serve that Kingdom here,
 Live by that Power, that Glory see,
 Until earth's shadows disappear,
 And time becomes eternity.

E.G. HARDING

CHURCH CALENDAR - JANUARY, 19751. Weekly Meetings:

Sundays	11.00 a.m.	Junior Church & Creche
	8.00 p.m.	Youth "Squash In" -- Manse
Mondays	6.00 p.m.	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	5.30 p.m.	Girls' Brigade (New Session Starts- 14th)
Wednesdays	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade - Company Sch.
	8.15 p.m.	Bible Study Group at Manse
Thursdays	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club
Fridays	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade, Company Section
	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturdays	7.00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club

2. Other Meetings & Services:

2nd	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	CHURCH MEETING
5th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP - The Minister SERVICE OF RE-DEDICATION AT COMMUNION <u>N.B.</u> It is earnestly hoped that ALL will find it possible to be present at this Service
		6.30 p.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP - The Minister
7th	Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		8.00 p.m.	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
9th	Thursday	10.30 a.m.	MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE with Communion
12th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP)
		6.30 p.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP) The Minister with Holy Communion.
13th	Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship "Nottingham after Dark" - The Rev. W. Connelly (Open Meeting)

CHURCH CALENDAR CONTINUED

14th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m.	Womens' Social Afternoon
		2.45 p.m.	Men's Fellowship "Caribbean Cruise" Films - Mr. F. Wills
**19th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP - Rev. R. Clarke from St. Richard's
		6.30 p.m.	COMBINED SERVICE - to be announced
FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR February CHRONICLE			
21st	Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship "Worthing Animal Clinic"- Mr. F. Howard
		8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
23rd	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Elders Meeting
26th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	DIVINE WORSHIP)the
		6.30 p.m.	DIVI WORSHIP)Minister
27th	Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellow- ship - "Using a Freezer" - Mrs. M. Wilson
28th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m.	Women's Social Afternoon
		2.45 p.m.	Men's Fellowship "Members' Afternoon" A Service
30th	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	CHURCH MEETING

** WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY -
19th-26th JANUARY

FROM THE TREASURER

The special Retiring Collection which was taken after each service on Sunday, 8th December, 1974 resulted in the sum of £23-80 being collected and forwarded to The British & Foreign Bible Society. Thanks to all who contributed to this splendid result.

I also have to acknowledge the receipt of two anonymous gifts of money - one for £20 which will be put into the Fund for the New Private Chapel Scheme - and the other for £3 which will go to our General Fund. My grateful thanks on your behalf go to these kindly folk.

A NOTE FROM THE WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Annual Service of Unity, arranged by the Worthing & District Council of Churches will be held on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1975, at Worthing Baptist Church, Christchurch Road, Worthing, at 7.30 p.m.

The Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. S. Russell; M.A., B.D. Dr. Russell is General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and Moderator of the Free Church Council of Great Britain. The service will include hymns, readings and prayers from all the various traditions represented, and all one in Jesus.

At this service the Rev. D.H. Weller will induct the Rev. G.A. Potter, as the new Chairman of the Council. Members of all Churches in Worthing & District are invited to attend this Service.

Two verses contributed by a friend in Vancouver, Canada

"We live simply, that others may simply live."

"When good friends walk beside us,
On the trails that we must keep,
Our burdens seem less heavy
And the hills are not so steep.
The weary miles pass swiftly,
Taken in joyous stride,
And all the world seems brighter
When friends walk by our side"

Thank you Mrs. Scudder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE - Despite a somewhat late return from St. Bridget's on 10th December, we all had a wonderful time and The Family very much enjoyed and appreciated all that the Girls did for them.

We look forward now to our parties on 8th January, and to a return to our regular meetings on Tuesday, 14th January.

We would like to remind you once again of our "Open Day" on Saturday, 25th January from 4 - 7 p.m. Mrs. Dobson will be opening this event for us and presenting the special awards at 4.0 p.m. and from then until 6.30 p.m. you are invited to look around at the girls work and the "Rogues Gallery" of all their achievements, and perhaps find something of use on one or more of our stalls! At 6.30 p.m. a short devotional will be held in the Church and a warm invitation is extended to all on this day. Admission including tea is 10p. and tickets will be available from Sunday, 5th January.

We look forward to seeing you,

JEAN WEBB

WANTED - The Explorer Section require PICTURE POSTCARDS in good condition, for use in special project. Please hand to Dorothy Bruford or any Explorer. THANK YOU

CHRISTIAN AID - I would like to thank you all for the generous support given to me for Christian Aid. If anyone would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, I should be delighted to see you any Sunday morning in the Church vestibule.

The amount collected for December 1974 was £28.28 including £7.85 received from Ruth and Michael Chatfield, well done! and many thanks for this splendid effort.

HILDA HELE

There is a proposal to hold a Fashion and Fun Fair at the Assembly Hall on 26th February. Messrs. Marks &

Spencer are providing the Fashion Show for both ladies and gentlemen and we of the Christian Aid Committee are hoping to arrange a good musical programme with interesting personalities taking part. Please take note of the date, fuller details later.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 1975 WILL BE FROM 19th - 26th MAY

J. TURTON

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Start their new session at 3.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th January when the speaker will be Mr. W. Connelly. On 21st January Mr. F.A. Howard, Chairman of the Worthing Animal Clinic will tell us of the work done in the Clinic.

N. HODGESS

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP - We look forward to old and new friends joining us, with their husbands, in the Cornwall Room at 8.0 p.m. on Monday, 13th January, when our Minister will speak to us about "Nottingham after Dark". On 27th January Mrs. Margaret Wilson will speak on "Using a Freezer".

A joyful and blessed New Year to you all, IRENE TULEY

WOMEN'S SOCIAL AFTERNOON - We shall commence our Spring Session on Tuesday, 14th January at 2.30 p.m. This is really our ideal way for ladies of the Church to meet and have a chat with a cup of tea. We also work for Dr. Barnardo's, knitting up garments with wool that is provided. Do come and join us in the Church Hall on alternate Tuesdays, we like to give a warm welcome to new friends.

MABEL HITE

LEPROSY MISSION - The amount collected for the last half year was £22.25. Thank you all very much for your continued support.

MAY ROWBOTTOM

FAMILY CIRCLE - The Committee wish to extend to all readers their best wishes for the Festive Season.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 20th Jan. at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We have been fortunate in arranging for the Evening Argus to send a team of three speakers to describe how a modern newspaper is produced. Films will be shown to enable the audience to see and understand the complex processes involved. This will be an evening of considerable interest to all.

Please make a note of the date! J.M. CURRIE

SMALL AD. -

Another plea from the Manse! School trunks are urgently wanted by Mark and Fiona Connelly.

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CHURCH FLOWERS FOR
JANUARY

January	5th	Mrs. B. Chatfield
	12th	Mr. C.S.C. Wood
	19th	Mr. & Mrs. L. Boyce
	26th	Mr. W.R. Williams

KAY WINSTANLEY
Flower Sec.

FROM CLIVE & ADELINE

November, 1974.

Dear Friends and Relatives,

First of all we must apologise for the long delay since our last newsletter; this has been mainly because there has been very little to report. Secondly we thank all those who have written to us over the last few months. Whilst we have answered most of these we know that a few are still outstanding. If yours is one of these we trust that you will accept this as your very own personal reply. And now for some brief news.

THE CHURCH In our last newsletter we were rather pessimistic about the church activities for 1974. We said that due to localisation everything would probably grind to a halt. Our prediction was more or less correct, but only for two or three months. The Sunday School was re-organised and started up again. It has had a successful nine months and last Sunday it closed down for the year with a prize giving service. The High School has been running a fairly successful youth group. Also a Scripture Union Representative visited the school several months ago and organised several rallies. After his visit many students showed a great interest in Christianity and continued to meet twice a week under Adeline's guidance. To show the school that Christianity was a happy thing, the group put on a Christian concert. The numbers continued to grow and there are now over sixty keen members in the group.

THE FUTURE Clive has been offered the chance to do some research at Manchester University for two or three years and after much thought we have decided to accept this. Accordingly we will return to our house in Congleton in the middle of January. The address for those who have forgotten is 9 Wiltshire Drive, Congleton, Cheshire Tel. Congleton 4091. We leave Salamo in December and will spend a couple of weeks with some friends in the Highlands of New Guinea before returning to London.

We send you our warmest Christmas greetings and look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year.

CLIVE & ADELINE

Excerpt only. When this goes to print Clive & Adie should already be back in England

YOUTH CORNERAND ALL 'COS OF SUZIE - JAYNE

The old man ambled slowly forward. His old faded eyes seeing his surroundings as a blurred mass. His grey wrinkled ears, soon to give up for good, holding back the sounds of the Spring, as he twiddled with the knobs of his out-of-date hearing aid, that was half in, half out of his ear.

He would often peer anxiously out of the windows of his much-hated flat, one of those in a tower. He hated the new-fangled lifts, buzzing their way up and down the council building. There was only one person who consoled him, Suzie-Jayne, a girl of about 14 years, adorned with curly golden locks falling about her shoulders like a cascade of golden rain. She had eyes of clear blue, as azure as the summer sky. She was a slight girl, rather shy, yet living in the slum areas of the big city, Nottingham. But now it was winter, it was a bitter cold winter, and Suzie did not come to visit him. Every Wednesday she had come to see the old man, but no more. The old man was so worried and heart-broken that he decided he had better move his old wrinkled limbs and amuse his half-gone mind. As he shuffled forward he tripped on a step: because of his old brittle bones his leg was broken. He was rushed to the nearest hospital and his leg was put into traction. Even though his leg might heal, not so his broken heart, soul, and spirit, and his much needed courage to live in this modern, non-caring, permissive society, that was seemingly given to him by Suzie. So, in his sleep, painlessly he died.... And that was all because of Suzie-Jayne.

FIONA CONNELLY

Thank you Fiona, I think there is a lesson for us all in this story. EDITOR

What's all this about New Year resolutions? Didn't you make a resolution at Christmas? - Or was Christmas just a time for Carols, decorations, presents, food and more food?

Did you celebrate with revelry Jesus Christ's birthday? Some have celebrations without knowing what they are celebrating! They really make whoopee! Lights on trees, and songs and laughter, and more lights - the bright lights taste!

I saw the most Wonderful lights one clear night, when I walked along the sea-shore away from the bright lights of the town. I saw the STARS! They have been there for so long that we don't often look at them.

Looking at a particularly bright star made me think of Jesus. For hundreds and hundreds of years God seemed very far off. People looked up into the sky and wondered, but they could never be sure how much of God they had seen, or whether they had seen him clearly, or know what he was really like.

But one day, on the first Christmas morning, there came into the world, a child Jesus, who was the perfect reflection of God. "Now", they said, "We have seen God, we know what He is like, now we know how good and wonderful He is! Immanuel". They made that word out of three words - Im, ann, el - with, us, God. Immanuel: God with us. God is with us, Christ was born, a special friend, Jesus.

He must have a special place, right in the middle of our hearts. So, in this New Year, in this mad, mad world, have Christmas every day - God with us! - and keep Him with us! "For in the tender compassion of our God

The morning sun from heaven will rise upon us,
To shine on those who live in darkness under the cloud
of death
And to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Let us resolve to say "CHRIST LIVES IN ME".

MARY CONNELLY

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL from THE EDITORIAL TEAM

No. 264

FEBRUARY

1975

FROM THE VESTRY

Thank you - for the many cards, letters and messages given to welcome us to our first Christmas among you. Your welcome and encouragement continue to mean so much to us in these months of becoming a real part of the fellowship.

Many - have responded to the invitation to talk about Church Membership, and more than 20 members have so far been received during these early days. And yet, these are surely only the first fruits! The Church of Jesus Christ is awakening from its sleep of uncertainty, from its loss of confidence in Christ, to a realisation that DECISION NOW, through membership of a living Church, is vital. Let Christ be given the Glory in the Church in your life, and the fruit will follow.

Remember - that the West transept is soon to become a little chapel of peace, and already some of you have promised contributions toward the furnishings. Have a word with the Minister if you would like to contribute in any way to this scheme. Some are finding this to be a means of making a gift in memory of a loved one.

Do This - and in response to Jesus, many more communicants have remained for the Sacrament of His body and blood, can we still further increase this number?

Evening Service - may need to be looked at again as the years go by, but some younger people have started to come to this service and they are a great encouragement, lighter nights should lead to a further improvement in our attendance.

Telephone - 48259 to have a word with the Minister, especially where there is sickness or pastoral need, and do please invite me to call anyway: I should like to complete a visitation of the whole of our Church family during the next three months - you can help - fix a date. Blessings & Love to you all,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

BAPTISMS

Simon David Price
and - 26.1.75
Stephen Edward Price

"The Lord Bless you and keep you"

IN MEMORIAM

Jabez Thomas Brand died - 1.1.75
Walter Carey died - 13.1.75

"The Eternal God in thy dwelling place and
underneath are the Everlasting arms"

We give thanks to God for our Lay Preachers, Mr.
L.E. Knight and Mr. J. Titlow, and we hope to publish
their engagements to enable you to pray for them and
the Churches they serve.

Mr. L.E. Knight's engagements are:

26th Jan.	ARUNDEL
16th Feb.	PULBOROUGH
23rd Feb.	AMBERLEY
29th June	PETWORTH

Mr. J. Titlow's engagements are:

9th Feb.	BILLINGSHURST
13th April	BOSHAM

THE YEAR AHEAD -

What will it bring?

At least we may be sure of Spring, What
will they hold - the coming hours? At least
we may be sure of flowers, blossoms and birds
and budding trees.

Thank God, we may be sure of these.

ANON.

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIESDeath

Mr. J.T. Brand, of 91 Aldsworth Avenue, Goring on
1.1.75

Membership Transfers in on 2nd January

Mr. Ray Close and Mrs. Valerie Close, of 46 Longlands,
Charmandean (W. 32174) from West Worthing Baptist
Church.

Mrs. Ella Dennis, of 56 Bolsover Road, Worthing.

Miss Ella Robertson of 19 Maple Court, Worthing from
The City Temple, London.

Transfer out on 2nd January

Mrs. Winifred E. Brown, of 46 Newlands Rd., Billericay
Essex to the Methodist Church, Billericay

Amendments to details
previously notified

Please refer to pages 2 & 3 of the January Chronicle
for the following:

Page 2 - Mr. R. Williams temporarily at 3 St. Botolph's
Road, Worthing (not No. 5)

Page 3 - New Members -

Mrs. Margaret Joyce of 180 Terringes Ave.,
(not Miss)

With our apologies to Mrs. Joyce & Mr. Williams

Changes of Address

Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Bond to "Homestead", Woodmancote,
Near Emsworth, Sussex.

Mr. & Mrs. G.D. Bond to Flat G, Drayton Court,
Park Hill Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent.

BIBLE VERSESBEAUTY

1 Chronicles 16 v. 29 - Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 27 v. 4 - One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalms 90 v. 17 - And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

BEAUTY PERSONIFIED

And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with the Lord. Exodus 34, v. 29

A Letter and A Prayer

My family & I have found great comfort in the expressions of sympathy and the prayers of so many friends at this time of sadness. I would like to write to you all personally, but we have had so many wonderful letters that this is not possible, so will you please accept our heartfelt thanks.

DOROTHY COZENS-WALKER
and Family

"O God, we thank Thee that not only are our hands stretched out to Thee, but that Thy hand is ever reaching out feeling for us. First it comes as a baby's hand, so soft and appealing that the hardest heart must melt at its touch. Then as a hand rough and hard with toil, so that the poorest of us need not be ashamed to put our hand into it. And last, as a hand all pierced and wounded, so that we may know there is no sorrow that can come to us which has not already been felt and borne by Thee and

borne gladly - O God, into that hand we commend ourselves - Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high!"

'THANK YOU' MESSAGES

The Explorers want to say a big Thank You to all the very kind people who have given picture postcards for their use. Has anyone postcards of birds, animals or craftsmen at work?

We now require clean thin card. So - - - gentlemen, when you open the new shirt that Father Christmas gave you, please save the sheet of card - - - the Explorers can use it!

DOROTHY BRUDFORD

From the Treasurer: I have received a letter of thanks from the Warden of Fen Place, Miss L. Holden who writes: "Thank you very much indeed for the cheque for the sum of £19.27 which was your Christmas Day offering on behalf of Fen Place. We are most grateful for the money in these days of rapidly rising costs, but particularly to know that we are specially remembered by the Congregation of Goring Church on Christmas Day.

The Residents of Fen Place join me in sending thanks and good wishes for the "New Year".

The Rector of St. Giles Church at West Bridgford in Nottingham has sent greetings and thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Eve collection which was taken on behalf of the survivors of the terrible fire at the Old Peoples' Home at Fairfield. This amounted to £12.34.

NORMAN REDMAN

When Jesus had finished his work on earth the Angel Gabriel met Him "Lord", he said, "Thou has done a wonderful work on earth; what plans hast Thou made for the carrying on of Thy work?" "I have given the message to Peter and John, and to the other fishermen, to Martha and Mary and the other women," replied Jesus. "They in turn will tell their friends, and they in turn will pass it on until the whole earth shall know". "But supposing" said the Angel Gabriel "that the fishermen become too busy with their fishing and the women become too busy with their housework and forget to pass the message on. What other plans hast Thou

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAYS:	11.00 a.m.	Junior Church & Creche.
	8.00 p.m.	Youth "Squash In" at Manse
MONDAYS:	6.00 p.m.	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	5.30 p.m.	Girls' Brigade (9th Feb. "Half-Term")
WEDNESDAYS:	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road, Worthing
THURSDAYS:	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club
FRIDAYS:	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice
SATURDAYS:	7.00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS AND SERVICES

2nd	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship	} The Minister
			with Communion	
		6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship	
4th	Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Womens' Fellowship "The Theatre" - Miss F. Pearson	
		8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group - at 1 Arun Close, Durrington	
9th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship with)	} The Minister
			Parades	
		6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship	
10th	Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship "Reminiscences of a London River Pilot" - Capt. MacKenzie	

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11th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m.	Womens' Social Afternoon
		2.45 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
			Members' Afternoon - "Service"
13th	Thursday	10.30 a.m.	Monthly Prayer Service with Communion
16th	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship with Communion
			} The } Minister
18th	Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Womens' Fellowship "Herbs & Their Uses" Miss W. Bunyan
		8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington
20th	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
23rd	Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship
			- The Minister
			{ The Minister { & Mrs. { Connelly
24th	Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship "Slides of Canada" Mr. K.Carr
25th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m.	Womens' Social Afternoon
		2.45 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
			"Australia Revisited" Mrs. & Mr. Margetson
27th	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting

LENTEN SERVICES

Thursdays	-	27th February	3.00 p.m.	at Goring U.R.C.
		6th March	3.00 p.m.	at The Church of English Martyrs
		13th March	3.00 p.m.	at Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring

19th Feb

closing date for Magazine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Housing Association - Now that Hayward House is open it is very easy to think that our financial problems are a thing of the past. Unfortunately we are in as much need of help as ever and apart from the open invitation to our friends in the Church to assist our work with gifts of money, it has been suggested that an Antique Fair should be held to raise funds. We should be grateful if anyone who would be interested in taking part in such a sale of antiques, could contact either the Minister or the Secretary of the Association.

J. TITLOW
Hon. Secretary

Womens' Fellowship - We have two meetings in February. On 4th Miss Elizabeth Pearson, General Manager of the Connaught Theatre, will talk to us (see Calendar). and on 18th Miss Winifred Bunyan takes as her subject "Herbs & their Uses". We warmly welcome all women to our meetings.

N. HODGESS

Church Flowers for February -

2nd	-	Mrs. F. DePury
9th	-	Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Jones
16th	-	Mr. & Mrs. Pullinger Miss D. Hedgcombe
23rd	-	Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday

KAY WINSTANLEY
Flower Secretary

Girls' Brigade - We should be very glad if you would save your postage stamps for us, as these help our G.B. sisters overseas. Also, we are low on all types of pictures from Christmas, birthday, anniversary cards etc. Can you help us?

JEAN WEBB
Captain

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount received for January, 1975 - £22.65 with thanks,

HILDA HELE

Further information about the Fashion Show -

On Wednesday, 26th February in the Assembly Hall, the Committee and Messrs. Marks & Spencer are putting on a Fashion Show entitled "Fashion and Fun". Marks and Spencer are giving their services free as well as contributing to the Christian Aid Fund.

This will be an extremely attractive and entertaining show, both for ladies and gentlemen. Elsie and Doris Waters, the famous sisters who live at Steyning, have promised, subject to engagements, to open the show.

Two schools who have joined in presenting a 'Musical', - Davidson Girls' School and St. Andrew's Boys School - are giving the first half of the programme, with excerpts from their show, which alone will be worth hearing. The second half will be entirely run by M. & S. with fashion for both sexes and with fun to help it along.

Please enter this date in your own diaries. Tickets are on sale and can be had from myself - Prices - 50p and 75p. These tickets are going well, but we want to raise £1,000 from this effort so we need all the help we can get. If you don't see me at Church (and I'm not so small!) first drop me a line and I will deliver whatever tickets you want.

PLEASE HELP

J. ROBSON TURTON

Monday Evening Fellowship - Husbands & Friends are warmly invited to join us in the Cornwall Room at 8.00p.m. on Monday, 10th February, when Captain Tom MacKenzie will speak (See Calendar). On 24th Feb. Mr. Keith Carr will show us his slides of Canada.

IRENE TULEY
Secretary

SPECIAL RATE

Little girl overheard at the weekend: "My mummy always gets me to say prayers at night. You can send messages to God at the cheaper rate after 6.0'clock".

THE WAVE

Where does a wave begin?
 Where does a wave end?
 In the swelling of the tide
 Where is its place?
 Ever changing shape, form, colour,
 Yet never one in itself.
 Crashing into scintillating fragments,
 But gathering strength in its withdrawal;
 Strong in the force of the tide
 Strong as the sea.

Where does a wave begin?
 In the darkest depths?
 Where does a wave end?

MARY CONNELLY

The Family Circle - will hold an evening entitled
 "Songs and Scenes of England" on 17th February.

This evening will include a Slide Competition, so
 look out your slides and contact the writer as soon as
 possible for entry details. Take a note of the date
 NOW!

JIM CURRIE

Another Excerpt from a Parish Magazine, with acknowledgments.

"The parish magazine of Holy Cross Church, Uckfield made a loss of £200 last year. By reorganisation the church hopes to reduce this to a deficit of £60 this year and still charge 5p per copy.

Other churches in the district, including St. Richard's, Heathfield, and Christchurch, Horam, are maintaining their existing magazines by increasing the price."

THINK ON'T

EDITOR'S PAGE

This is an excerpt from a letter received by our family, from friends in Australia with a daughter & her family who, until the recent disaster, lived in Darwin.

"Dear friends,

The 'real thing' hit them in the wee small hours of Christmas Day. When the blow started they sheltered under a table in the centre of the house for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. as the place disintegrated around them. In the 10 mins. of dead calm they crawled out of the rubble of their own home to the neighbours' house where some 4 families took shelter under a big stairway with the men holding up bed mattresses over the women and children. For $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. the storm and tempest battered this house and it fell about them. Rain and wind in almost hitherto unknown quantities and fury descended on them. When daylight came and the wind abated somewhat they crawled out to see a scene of devastation and chaos beyond compare and not a soul in sight. They thought they were the only ones left alive and started to call out names and slowly folk emerged from the wreckage of their homes. The miracle is that the death toll is so low, it is almost unbelievable that people came through this shattering experience with life and limb still intact.

Friends like yourselves have written us from many parts ... thank you. We will write again later, but for the time being, greetings and a good old Aussie cheerio, and thanks for your prayers and good wishes." from Your old friends ***** "down under"

Many thanks to all friends who have helped by handing in matter for the Chronicle in good time. Perhaps those of you who do not catch me at Church on the Sunday prior to Submission Date will be kind enough to drop copy through our door, or of course pop it in the post. M.B.P.

SMALL AD. - Is there another man's bike for a worthy Elder, or even possibly an unwanted tandem?

Phone: 42906

YOUTH CORNER

How much pocket money do you get? Do you have to do anything to earn it, or is it a "hand-out" from your Dad or Mum?

I had to work for mine. In order to earn my half-crown (12p to you) each week, I had a Saturday job. I had to brush out our little family car, clean and polish the inside, wash, rinse and dry the outside, & polish the windows. Sometimes I gave the car a wax polish. I think I had 6d extra (2½p) for doing that. All hand-finished! All for 14½p!

A little later on, I took on additional work, but this time, unpaid. There was one thing I had always wanted to own, something I had always admired, and always wanted to say - "That's mine" - so that one day when I had my own home it could have a special place where everyone could see it. This was a tea-pot which had stood for years on a shelf in the glass china cupboard in the living-room. A tea-pot of a beautiful colour, decorated with gold, and loops of pink and blue flowers. We only made tea in it on very special occasions.

After a long time of wanting, waiting and eventually asking for it, I was told I could have it if I worked for it. So every Saturday morning, as well as cleaning the car, I had to wash and scrub the pantry floor. It wasn't one of your little 3ft. square pantries, but a room with a concrete floor, where the earthenware pitcher of drinking water stood; where the hot pans of milk were laid for the cream to cool (for Cornish clotted cream of course); where the hot pies cooled, and where the food cupboard stood, with its perforated zinc 'windows' to let the air circulate.

It took a bit of scrubbing, did that floor, and it was cold to the knees and hands! But I scrubbed that floor for weeks, until I had paid the price of the tea-pot by my work, and the sacrifice of my Saturday mornings. Whatever is worth having is worth working for, and worth paying for.

Jesus often told stories to explain the Kingdom of Heaven to his disciples - "like treasure", or "a pearl

of great value" for which the man went and sold all he had, so that he could buy it.

You may not yet truly understand what "The Kingdom" is, but Jesus asks us to follow Him, He will show us the way. Read Hymn No. 118, Cong. Praise:

"Seek ye first the Kingdom
'Tis your father's will";
So the voice of Jesus
bids us follow still.
Saviour, we would hear Thee,
Follow, find and see;
And, in life's adventure,
Thy disciples be.

MARY CONNELLY

A Short Story about a little boy

A friend of mine, an Anlgican, tells me the following story of his young nephew, aged six, who accompanied his mother to church one Sunday morning expecting the usual morning service. However, on arrival, she discovered that it was Family Communion Service. Slightly apprehensive, she admonished young Peter to be very quiet and ask no more questions until after the service, when she would explain all to him. All went well; young Peter remained reverently quiet, until the minister raised the chalice above his head with both hands. This proved too much for him. With the confidence of a young man that now understood all, he explained to his mother in a loud whisper: "It's all right mum, I know what it's all about now, it's just like the Cup Final!"...

STOP PRESS

"At the Elders' Meeting held on 23rd January it was reported that several tables had been removed from the Church premises. None of the furniture & effects should be taken from the Church without permission from the Caretaker or one of the House Committee,

and it would be appreciated if the missing trestle tables could be returned as soon as possible".

COLIN NODES
House Committee

JUNIOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE PRIZES

The Junior Church Staff are very happy to congratulate the following prizewinners on their magnificent attendance records for the three years ending September, 1974.

Prizes have been awarded for three consecutive years of over 90⁰ attendance.

Jacqueline Anne Brame

Alan Easey

Wendy Evans

Anita Luckin

Janet Luckin

Valerie Luckin

Peter Marshall

E.W. POPPLESTONE
Junior Church Secretary

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From the VestryIN HOPE OF A RESURRECTION

Her name was Mary, and her only title to remembrance is that she so loved Jesus Christ as to be aware that crucifixion was not enough; memories, however holy, did not go far enough. The love that Jesus had given her had so marvellously awakened her spirit that she knew that neither God nor man could be satisfied with anything less than LIFE. She so **trusted Jesus** as to believe that by His awakening of her soul to the unutterable beauty of His presence the end result must be LIFE. And so Mary waited and watched in the certain uncertainties of a garden in the edge of dawn.....and Dawn came in ! That voice which had given the worlds their birth within the happy ardour of creation spoke her name.....Mary.... and she replied, Master; and her own ardour and **Warning** were fulfilled on that new day of creation, the day of Resurrection.

We live today in the hope of resurrection, in hope that we ourselves may so love Christ as to **know** Him alive in us. This is true of people, of the Church, and of society, which together sleep the sleep of death unless and until they have life in Christ.

Our message is that Christ is alive and calls us to **LIVE** - and that we accept Him as Lord of our

lives and of the world we shall LOVE also.

The year has begun in a most encouraging way. At worship, the congregations have been excellent in the morning, with the Church almost full - and that means nearly 400 men, women and children ! Junior Church speaks of increasing numbers, whilst all other organisations report vigour and growth. Evening service has significantly improved in congregations, and the new way of making Holy Communion central to worship has resulted in increased numbers of communicants and a greater sense of being One Family in Christ. How good it has been to see our young people in such good numbers, both at worship and following at the Manse Squash. The record number for the biggest room at the Manse is 30 - but don't ask me where they sit.

A final word, to the Editor and staff of the CHRONICLE. Your work in producing such a worth while magazine is greatly appreciated, and circulation continues to rise - we do pledge ourselves to make your task easier, and are grateful to you for your very hard work.

Blessings for Easter,

Yours most sincerely,

BILL CONNELLY

A Personal Word and Invitation

The Minister's Elder daughter HELEN, is to be married to Mr. Victor Peters in Falmouth U. R. C. on Sat. April 5th, 1975. The following Saturday, April 12th,

they will be "At Home" in the Manse, and all friends will be welcome during the day. Further details will be available later.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. G.M. Herschell

"I am the resurrection and the life"

TO REMIND YOU.....

Could you provide a house, say once a fortnight, and in the Sea Place/Alinora Avenue district for a Bible Study Group ? Your help would be greatly appreciated and a word with the Minister would help.

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We are always happy to encourage people to join the Church as full members. Will you not consider this and whether by transfer from another Church, or on proffesion of faith, we shall be glad to receive you in Christ's name.

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A Derby and Joan Club is shortly to be formed at St. Lawrence's Hall. Helpers on Tuesdays, say once a month, or members are welcome - names please to the Rev. Richard Walker, telephone 48793.

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The vestry telephone number is 48259. Please use this rather than the Church's general telephone number when telephoning the Minister in the mornings.

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THE PLACING OF THE BIBLE:

This is being used as a sign that worship is due to start. Digitalisation by Graham Redman - gurg.org.uk/digital - Copyright 2009

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIES

We were sorry to hear that Brenda Ford is to undergo an operation on her knee. Brenda visited her sister's family at Christmas and has been unable to return to Worthing.

Miss M.I. Shearmer has damaged her shoulder as a result of a fall; we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. A. Young is making good progress after an operation.

We send congratulations to Margaret and Norman Dobson on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary at the end of February, and also to Marie Roe and Eric Popplestone on the recent award of the B.A. degree of the Open University.

GORING AND FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

This centre which is sponsored by the Goring Churches including our own is in need of more help to maintain the service of providing between 60 and 70 meals each Wednesday lunchtime. The help required is:-

An active person to help with equipment,
Waitresses and washers-up.

If you can help on one or more Wednesdays a month the Committee of the Centre would be most grateful. Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Morton, telephone Worthing 44194 for further particulars.

COVENANTED GIVING

The Church derives very material income from an annual recovery of Income tax in respect of the contributions of subscribers (mainly through the weekly envelopes) who are able and willing to help by signing a deed of covenant. This is no more than a promise to continue

the subscription for a period of not less than seven years. If income tax is paid on any part of your income will you please give earnest consideration to entering this scheme, which is, one may say, the way in which the State provides financial help for all charities, and we should set ourselves to obtain the maximum degree of benefit.

I shall be most happy to supply further information and forms if you will please enquire of me.

If you already covenant and your deed is, perhaps, becoming a little "elderly", will you please consider an additional or supplementary covenant to help us against the inexorable tide of rising expense ?

PHONE 43947.

C. S. STEPHENS

SPECIAL NOTICE TO COVENANTING SUBSCRIBERS

New regulations save a very considerable amount of work for the covenant secretary, but in order that full advantage may be gained, it is necessary for the Treasurer to be able to certify that all covenanted giving for the income tax year has been completed by the 5th April. May I ask you, therefore, please to ensure that your envelopes are fully up to date by the 30th March - especially if you contemplate absences on or before that date ? Thank you !

C. S. STEPHENS

HELP WANTED URGENTLY !

THIS WEEK (MARCH 3rd - 9th) IS DR. BARNARDO'S APPEAL WEEK - VOLUNTEERS are needed for a door-to-door collection. Can YOU spare a couple of hours ? If the answer is YES, ring the Editor on 42906 NOW !

UNAUTHORIZED AD. Needed for the Bible Class every Sunday Morning- a pianist. Here's your chance to get some of that practice you were told to do when you learned to play ! J. Church Secretary.

EXPERIMENTS are at present being carried out in order to facilitate correction of heating faults and also drafts in parts of the Church especially the Choir. Your comments or observations will be welcomed. E.W.P.

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIES' DESKSMEMBERSHIP

New Members accepted into the Fellowship on Thur.30.1.75

Mr. George Fallowfield & Mrs. Marjorie Fallowfield, of 8 Twyford Close, Worthing (Tel: W. 62805)

Mr. Ernest Jephson of 7 Sandown Close, Goring (Tel: W. 43436) by transfer from the Central Free Church, B'ton

Transfer:

Mrs. B. Evans, 4 Church Green, Roxwell, Chelmsford to Chelmsford U.R.C.

N.B. Correction: Miss A.M. Thomas is not at Fraser Lodge as reported in the February Chronicle, she is still at Caer Gwent.

ELECTION OF ELDERS

A total of 29 names of church members were submitted to the Nominations Committee, all of whom have been approached by a member of that Committee. The list of members who are prepared to stand for election will be given at the Church Meeting to be held on Thursday, 27th February. The election will be held at Church Meeting on 10th April, 1975.

REPORTS

The question of time and manner of presentation of reports by church officers and leaders of church organisations on their work, has been discussed at Elders' & at church meetings. In consequence it is proposed that the following arrangements apply for 1975.

There will not be an Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation as in previous years. The Treasurer will present his statement on the church finances for 1974 at the Church Meeting to be held on 10th April. Church Officers' and Leaders' reports will be compiled in booklet form and distributed before the Church Meeting of 3rd July, 1975, at which they will be discussed. Reports, which should be brief, are requested to be submitted to the Church Secretaries by Sunday, 11th May, 1975.

The reports submitted will possibly be subject to editing through space considerations. Reg and Do Goodchild have kindly agreed to act as Joint Editors and be responsible for the final preparation of the Reports Booklet: it will be available on 15th June.

EARLY NOTICE:

Sunday 6th April	Visiting Preacher - The Rev. Robert Duce
Thursday 10th April	Church Meeting: with Election of Elders, Financial Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 1974

~~THE~~ EDITORIAL TEAM FOR THE CHRONICLE HOPE TO BE ABLE
TO DISTRIBUTE THE APRIL ISSUE ON EASTER SUNDAY
We wish to thank all those who have assisted us with
the current issue, and made the job so much easier
by their kind thoughts, and practical help. M.B.P.

BIBLE VERSESBEHOLD

Psalm 119 v.18 - Open thou mine eyes that I may
behold wondrous things out of thy law.
John 17 v.24 - Father, I will that they also, whom
thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they
may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for
thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
Isaiah 12 v.2 - Behold, God is my salvation; I will
trust and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my
strength and song; he also is become my salvation.

MONEY WILL BUY

A bed but not sleep,	from: J.R.T.
Books but not brains:	
Food but not appetite,	
Finery but not beauty:	
A House but not a home,	
Medicine but not health:	
Luxuries but not culture.	
Amusement but not happiness,	
A crucifix but not a Saviour:	
A Church-pew, but not Heaven.	

But what you cannot buy you can receive as a GIFT

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	8.00 p.m.	Youth "Squash-In" at Manse
MONDAYS:	6.00 p.m.	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	5.30 p.m.	Girls' Brigade (end of Session 25th)
WEDNESDAYS:	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group, 38 Trent Road, Worthing
THURSDAYS:	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club
FRIDAYS:	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice
SATURDAYS:	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS & SERVICES

This month the Minister will preach unless otherwise stated

2nd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship with Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship - Mrs. Connelly
4th Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship - Drama - Goring Marine Townswomen's Guild
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group, 1 Arun Close, Durrington
6th Thursday	3.00 p.m.	Lenten Service at the Church of the English Martyrs
7th Friday	3.00 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer Service in our Church
9th Mothering Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship with Parades & Distribution of Gifts
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship
10th Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship (see P. 12)

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11th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m. Women's Social After- noon
		2.45 p.m. Men's Fellowship - (see P. 12)
13th	Thursday	10.00 a.m. Monthly Prayer Service with Communion
		3.00 p.m. Lenten Service at Bury Drive Methodist Church
16th	Passion Sunday	11.00 a.m. Divine Worship
		6.30 p.m. Divine Worship with Communion
17th	Monday	7.30 p.m. Family Circle- Barn Dance
18th	Tuesday	3.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship (see P. 12)
		8.00 p.m. Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
20th	Thursday	7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
23rd	Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m. "Music & Words for a Resurrection", & Distribution of Palms
		6.30 p.m. Divine Worship
24th	Monday	Monday Evening Fellow- ship - (See P.12)
25th	Tuesday	2.30 p.m. Women's Social Afternoon
		2.45 p.m. Men's Fellowship - "The Crucifixion" (P.12)
27th	Maundy Thursday	7.30 p.m. Service of Worship with Communion -The Minister
28th	Good Friday	11.00 a.m. Divine Worship "
30th	EASTER DAY	11.00 a.m. Divine Worship with Communion
		6.30 p.m. Divine Worship with Communion

Please note There will be a Missionary Committee Meeting on Thursday, 6th March at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 13th March - LAST DAY FOR "CHRONICLE" COPY
EARLY NOTICES: See Page 7.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTChurch Meeting held on 30.1.75

It was reported that Miss Burns and Miss Hambleton had resigned as joint secretaries of the Missionary Committee. We are all conscious of their devoted work over several years. The new secretaries are Mr. & Mrs. Cleverton, a very appropriate choice, as son John is in Zambia, and returns home in the near future.

New members were accepted with one transfer out. This refers to Mrs. Evans known affectionately as Bron to so many of us.

REPORTS: Annual reports for the year will be edited by Mr. and Mrs. R. Goodchild who will arrange for duplication and binding in a printed cover.

SERVICES: As an experiment the evening service on 16th February would be an integrated service of worship and Communion.

An austerity lunch would take place on Sunday, 20th April (do not prepare by having an extra large breakfast!)

In May - a shortened evening service would be followed by a discussion on Life & Work of the Church.

QUESTION TIME: Although not so political as Westminster, this time is proving very interesting and stimulating. The subjects included: - Placing Bible on Communion Table, Entry of children at morning service, parking in Barrington Road, order of services etc.

YOUTH REPORT: An excellent report was given by one of our young people, Christopher Brann, on his visit to the National Youth Conference at Swanwick. Other reports Mr. Winstanley: on the District Committee, and Mr. Mooney on Worthing Council of Churches. Last month's report was completed by someone named "Scoup". If this is a misprint for Scout it does not apply as I was in the Boys' Brigade! If it refers to a "Scoop" then I agree that it was not available in any other journal; in that case it is suggested that a 100% raise is applicable.)

Sorry Harry.

Here are a few thoughts about our first service at our church. As it will be published for the church magazine it has been a bit tricky to put down on paper.

There were a couple on holiday, and they saw a small quaint church, and while looking at it, an elderly, white-haired gentleman came along in his clerical grey and told them the history of the said Kirk. They then gathered their bicycles, and rode away cheerfully, having viewed the interior of the Church. Later on they wrote an article, and sent it with photographs to a popular periodical. Yes, it was published faithfully, and about six weeks later the Editor read a long rigmarole from the Vicar of said church, scratched his head, and rang for his stenographer. He wrote to said Vicar saying he considered it a splendid article and good photographs, and would the said Vicar make his complaint briefer.

The long and the short of it was that following the original publication of the article a small party arrived to see the quaint little church, and subsequently larger and larger parties! "And now" moaned the Parson, "We are getting these char-a-bang things down from London full of men in bowler hats with cameras!" But you see, as he said to his housekeeper "I wish I had been like the fish when I saw that couple". "The fish sir?" enquired the good lady, "Yes, you know what the fish said to the angler? - 'Keep your mouth shut old chap, if I had kept mine shut I shouldn't have been caught!'"

G. Fallowfield
 (to be continued next month!)

FROM THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.
"WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MISSIONS" ENVELOPES

The Mission quota due from the Church to the Southern Province in 1974 amounted to the sum of £1296. Contributions from the weekly mission envelopes provided £395, and other donations £216, leaving the balance of £685 to be met from the Church General Fund, which is more than twice the corresponding contribution which was necessary for the previous year.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - There has been a welcome increase in numbers during this session, and we have enjoyed the programme to date. In particular the meeting was interested to hear three members talking about their personal form of service. Mr. L.E. Knight spoke on Lay Preaching, Mr. E. Jephson on Toc. H., and Mr. C.S. Stephens on The Hospital Service. The March meetings are on 11th when the Rev. Dr. A.R. Ankers will speak on the subject of "Wilfrid Scawen Blunt, Sussex Squire, Poet & Politician" and on 25th our Easter Meeting, we shall hear Music & Readings. Men visitors are invited to come along and join in the friendly atmosphere of our Fellowship. R.O. PARKER

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - The Goring Townswomen's Drama Group make a welcome return visit on 4th March, and on 18th Mr. R.O. Parker will talk to us on "The Holy Land" and give illustrations by films. All women are welcome.

HAYWARD HOUSE - It is hoped to hold a Jumble Sale for the Association early in April, (look out for date next month). If you are Spring Cleaning or moving & turning out, please remember us; and if you wish for jumble to be collected get in touch with either Mrs. D. Cozens-Walker, or myself. D. JENKINS
(see handbook for Tel. Nos.)

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP - A warm invitation is given to all husbands and friends to join us in the Cornwall Room at 8.00 p.m. on 10th March, when The Rev. B.T. Bean (Chaplain to the Sussex Diocesan Assoc. for the Deaf and Dumb) will give an illustrated talk on "Helping the Deaf". On Mon. 24th March we hope to visit the Connaught Theatre. IRENE TULEY

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

	2nd	Mr. & Mrs. S. Arnold	
	9th	Miss E.M. Ryde	
	16th	Mrs. D.E. Bridger	
	23rd	Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Popplestone	
EASTER DAY	30th	Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Beale	K. WINSTANLEY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP THE AGED CLOTHING DRIVE - This will take place on Wed. 16th April, 1975 in the Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Please bring your unwanted clothes & blankets for elderly refugees all over the World, (but not shoes or jumble). Please note the much earlier date this year, and start your "spring turn-out" now!

JANE BOND

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 7th MARCH

The Women's World day of Prayer is being held in our Church on the above named date, at 3.0 p.m. and it is hoped that all ladies will support this Service if possible. There will be about six local churches represented.

L. HARRIS

CHRISTIAN AID result for FEBRUARY

Amount collected £18.90 Many thanks

HILDA HELE

THE FAMILY CIRCLE - The Committee was delighted at the magnificent response to the Slide Competition. 165 slides were received and the best were shown as part of our "Songs & Scenes of England" Evening. Many thanks for your support. Our next event is a Barn Dance to be held on 17th March, starting at 8.00 p.m. There is a brisk demand for tickets (at 15p each) so don't delay getting yours! J. CURRIE

CONNELLY'S CONFESSIONS

Overheard when our Minister visited a church member:

"May I have a slice of bread please, I am taking Communion on my bike".

Was it an ENCYCLICAL LITTER or a PAPAL BILL!

ANON.

"Weekly Offering for Missions" Envelopes.- (Contd.)

Perhaps we should ask ourselves what we can each do to avoid a similar depletion of the Church General Fund in 1975, and yet to continue the missions work.

Each week I collect some twenty five mission envelopes which, alas is a very modest score, and I am wondering whether others would like to contribute. If so (and bless you) a supply of envelopes is available on the top shelf immediately under the notice board on the west wall of the vestibule, and new contributions will be gratefully received.

If you are already contributing but feel able to increase your weekly offering, your extra efforts will be most appreciated.

Thankful that our own beautiful church, giving spiritual support to so many, is close to our homes, we are still aware that countless millions throughout the world have yet to know of the Christian Faith, and we need no persuading that to give others a Church so that they can learn to "Hold fast to Christ" is our mission.

It may well be that some of my friends have forgotten the mission envelopes, or were even unaware of their existence, and it is with these thoughts in mind that I appeal for your help in increasing our mission collections.
(William Perrett.)

WORLD CHURCH NEWS.

UNIFIED APPEAL Just in case anyone has not yet heard URC's Unified Appeal reached its target of £474,500. What a relief! Sixty per cent of this goes to CWM. It's supporters will be glad to know that our full 1974 contribution of £284,000 has been paid.

OUR HOSTS - Kenyan Churches are carrying a big responsibility in 1975, they will be acting hosts to the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Two out of every three Kenyans is a Christian. Our delegates can look forward to being well received.

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

Some time ago I held a piece of rock, called IRON STONE, in my hand, and moulded in it were prints of shelled animals like cockles and mussels. How long ago did they live, do you suppose? Tens, or hundred of thousands of years ago? No, 105 MILLION years!

My geologist friend told me that the shells were probably there until 'only' $\frac{1}{2}$ million years ago, and that they were probably worn away by wind and weather. But these creatures had left their mark, and I could see by the prints which were the cockle kind, and which the mussel kind.

I expect you all leave your marks! Dirty hands leave marks on doors, walls and towels! - and fingerprints! Mothers don't need to be very good detectives to know when children are around. Of course everyone's fingerprints are different from everyone else, as you probably know, and every person can be identified by his fingerprints.

The C.I.D. find this most useful. You leave other clues behind - footprints, prints on earth and sand. You can tell whether an animal or bird or a boy or girl has passed by. You might be identified by the size of feet, or the pattern on the sole of the shoe - zig-zag, diamond, or wavy lines. You can tell by the prints in the sand and soil whether the person was running, walking or limping.

Do you ever "put your foot in it"? I do, quite often! Have you ever been careless, not looking where you were going, and walked in a puddle, or in some mud? You can "put your foot in it" by not thinking what you are saying and get yourself or someone else into trouble.

You've heard the saying, "every time he opens his mouth he puts his foot in it!" What about this one? - "Following in his father's footsteps" - doing the same kind of things as your Dad (either good or bad) perhaps taking up the same work as your father.

"Follow my Leader" - You know how to play that! Wherever your leader goes, you go, whatever he does, you do.

Good King Wenceslas told his page: "Mark my footsteps good, my page, Tread thou in them boldly" He

did, and found it much easier to follow, as the way had been made easier for him.

Well, do you look where you're going? Are you following your leader?

Jesus said, "Follow me", so follow in His footsteps. Get to know more about the One you're following and the way you're going. Jesus also said "I am the Way". Be careful where you put your feet and what marks you leave behind.

"Follow my Leader"
A game that we play -
Skipping and hopping,
So happy and gay.

"Follow my Leader",
No longer a game!
Our leader is Jesus,
We're Christian in name.

Jesus, we'll follow
Wherever you lead,
Living as you lived,
True Christians indeed!

Help us, Lord Jesus,
That we can all say,
"I'll follow my Leader,
Dear Christ, all the way".

MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS: The Girls' Brigade

Thank you so much for your response to our plea for white card, stamps, used Christmas cards etc., Please keep up the good work - everything you send us is used.

Before the next Chronicle is issued Easter-tide will be upon us. All in 5th Worthing wish everyone a Joyous Easter and every blessing.

MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRYYour Neighbourhood Church

More concerned to see the life of Christ set among the lives of His people, than to work along purely denominational lines. Happy to welcome into fellowship and membership all who love the Lord, without reference to former church loyalties, except to praise God who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. Ready to receive and to share the cares of those who are in trouble either with their faith or in their personal lives, and asking no questions beyond those that speak of Christ's compassion, forgiveness and His offer of new life in Him through faith. Eager to receive, for teaching, blessing and inspiring, children and young people. This is your neighbourhood church, centred in Christ and with Him offering arms of love, and not least to those who for whatever reason share the burden of a cross.

May I now suggest some ways in which you can continue to set forward the life of your Church. Your regular witness in worship, and your giving of TIME, TREASURE and TALENTS are all important. Your sharing in WORSHIP; and here I invite all who would be willing to read lessons or to lead prayers at worship to let me have their names, preferably written down for reference. Those who have time to give (not only to spare!) and here age is no barrier, may like to consider helping our proposed "holiday club" for children during the last two weeks of July. Names please to Mrs. B. Chatfield or to myself.

The bookstall is being widely used, and further suggestions for its effectiveness are welcomed. Have you seen the new paper-back - "For the Part-time Youth Worker" by Lakeman and Connelly which is on display?

Thank you for continuing your service in telephoning 48259 in cases of need or sickness. You are keeping me busy, but happy enough too!

Blessings to you all,

BILL CONNELLY

BAPTISM - 9th March, 1975

Jemma Rosanne, daughter of Brian and
Rosemary Read

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

IN MEMORIAM - Ethel Maud Press aged 87 years

"And I will give you Rest"

CONGRATULATIONS

To Christopher Byerley and Janice Croydon
on the occasion of their engagement

NEW ADDRESS

From 15th March, 1975

Miss J. Catt, 34 Belsize Road, Worthing Tel: 202092

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIES

NEW MEMBERS

Miss Dorothy Hunter of 42 Sunningdale Close, Goring
by transfer from Findon Valley Free Church (Baptist)

Mrs. Jean Shelton and Mr. Ray Shelton, of 5 Colne Close
Worthing (W. 63012) by transfer from Warwick Road U.R.C.
Coventry.

Mrs. Elsie M. Wilde of 7 St. Helier Court, Sea Lane,
Ferring, by transfer from Burnt Ash U.R.C.

DEATH

Miss E.M. Press, late of Mrs. Robinson's Nursing Home,
145 Offington Drive, Worthing, on Thursday, 27th
February, 1975.

continued over..

BIRTH

To Andrea and Colin Redman, the gift of a daughter,
 Charmaine Louise, on Friday, 14th March, 1975.

CORRECTION TO CHRONICLE DETAILS GIVEN IN JANUARY:

Dr. & Mrs. Haines-Nutt (Frank and Anne) of
 55 Boxgrove, Worthing.

ELDERS' ELECTION

The following Church Members have been nominated and
 have consented to stand for election as a serving
 elder:

Mr. J.R. Beale	Mr. G.E. Redman
Mr. J.S. Blackwood	Miss E. Robertson
Mr. G.M. Dean	Mr. D. Stewart
Mr. A. Flashman	Mr. R. Tuley
Mr. W.J. Perrett	Mr. E.A. Winstanley

There are eight vacancies, and the Election will be
 held at the Church Meeting on 10th April, 1975.
 Those members who are ill, or who have a good
 reason for absence from this Church Meeting, may
 obtain voting papers through the Church Secretaries.

CHURCH HANDBOOK

Preparations are in hand for the production of the
 27th edition of the Church Handbook, to be published
 in July. Amendments and additions are requested to be
 notified to the Church Secretaries by 27th April, 1975

Church Loss of £1000!! Are YOU to blame?

Do you realise that you may be one of the church members who are quite unintentionally robbing the church of up to ONE THOUSAND POUNDS each year? If you were at the February Church Meeting you heard Mr. C. S. Stephens explain that other churches get up to £1500 per annum back from the Inland Revenue by way of Income Tax reclamations on COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS. We only get about £500! It is not because you can't help..... you probably can. If you are paying any income tax at all on your wages, salary or pension, or on income from securities where the tax may even have been deducted before you get the balance, you could probably allocate a considerable increase to the Church without it costing you a penny...Yes, WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY. All you have to do is to sign a covenant promising to pay a regular sum to the Church, and put this in your weekly envelope. This is how the Church would benefit:

Weekly Amount	Annual total	Tax Refund	Your TOTAL Offering	How much it costs You per week
10p	£5.20	£2.57	£7.77	10p
20p	£10.40	£5.13	£15.53	20p
30p	£15.60	£7.69	£23.29	30p
40p	£20.80	£10.26	£31.06	40p
50p	£26.00	£12.81	£38.81	50p
£1.00	£52.00	£25.62	£77.62	£1.00
£2.00	£104.00	£51.23	£155.23	£2.00
£5.00	£260.00	£128.00	£388.00	£5.00

Our regular contributions through the envelope sheme gross about £3000 per annum; We should get about £1500 from tax like some others do. Do YOUR bit NOW - see Mr. Stephens or the Minister, or any of the Elders, who will be pleased to point you in the right direction.

REMEMBER..... IT COSTS YOU.... N O T H I N G !

E.W.P

EASTER 1975

Thou art the Resurrection, Lord,
 To life and joy for evermore,
 To love and mirth, and sweet accord,
 On Heaven's bright floor.

Thee we adore, our Shepherd-King,
 Who frees us from our sin's dark chain,
 That Thou our singing souls might bring
 Safe Home again.

C.W. BIRD

BIBLE VERSESBELIEVE

John 1 vv. 11-12 - He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

Romans 10 v. 9 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Hebrews 11 v. 6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

John 14 vv. 1-2 - "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

R.S.V.

TEILLARD de CHARDIN

An interchurch study and discussion group based on "The Prayer of the Universe" meets, one Wednesday afternoon a month, in Worthing. Two members of our Church belong to it, and anyone interested is invited to contact the Minister for further information: Transport may be available.

HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONAUSTERITY LUNCH

Yes, like the cartoon natives of old, we are to have a missionary for lunch!

The Austerity Lunch will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday, 20th April, after morning worship. We hope that this will be supported by friends of all ages. Always optimistic, we aim to kill 3 birds with one stone:-

- (1) We will raise money for Christian Aid by making a contribution hopefully in excess of the 19p actual cost of the lunch (perhaps even as much as we would normally pay for our roast and two veg!)
- (2) We shall have some hot news of missionary work in Papua from our own friends Clive and Addie Perrett, who will speak and answer questions at the lunch-table.
- (3) We will be reminded that our lunch, which will be nutritious although small, will be much more than half the world will be getting that day (and some of us will make up at other meals, won't we?).

We may well be the healthier

for it

Tickets for the Lunch will be free, but please book now - numbers must be limited to 100

These will be available from members of the Missionary Committee or the Stewards, but please take them only if you really will be coming

R. BRUFORD

World Church News

AS OTHERS SEE US

Canadian Churches were wanting to have a look at themselves to see how they were matching up to their job. They decided it would be good to ask a few Christians from other countries to help them. Invitations went out and finally a team of six was assembled, one each from Zaire, Argentina, Cameroun, S.E. Asia, Costa Rica and Switzerland.

The team travelled widely over most of Canada, looking, listening and asking questions; and finally sat down with Canadian Church leaders to share their impressions.

BROADCASTING IN SPAIN

The Church plays a large part in Spanish TV and radio. Even TV has two Christian programmes every day. Naturally most of what can be seen and heard is Catholic, but Protestants are now making good use of a law which has permitted them to produce their own radio programmes. In fact they are now clubbing together to buy their own radio station. There is one available at Albacete for 16 million pesetas (£120,000).

CHRISTIAN AID

Result for March - £20.65 pence received
with thanks
HILDA HELE

SPECIAL NOTICES"Reform"

Since the beginning of the year I have had two cancellations. Would anyone be interested in taking the magazine from April to December, 1975 at a cost of 72p (11 issues = £1.00)?

M.L. HAWKE
(Magazine
Secretary)

A Coffee Morning - Will be held at 10.30 - mid-day.

Please come and buy your tomato plants promptly, as supplies may be limited this year. There will be two varieties available: Ailsa Craig, and Money Maker.

19th APRIL, at 56 BOLSOVER ROAD (opposite 6th form College).

Proceeds will go towards Church Funds, and your support will be greatly valued. If you are not the gardener-type, or do not like tomatoes, don't miss an opportunity to look at a stationery stall, where cards and paper-ware of many varieties will be on view, and prices very modest.

Cups of tea will be laid on for those non-coffee drinkers, and also fruit drinks or milk for the youngsters.

E.M. DENNIS and

E.W. & M.B. POPPLESTONE

Coach Trips - Have been arranged for this Summer; on: 14th May, 23rd June and 10th September, the last one being for 22nd October. If anyone would like to join the party please phone - W. 44309

(organizer) - W. SMITH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship - On 1st April a policewoman from Sussex Constabulary, B. Division, by kind permission of the Chief Superintendent, will talk to us on "The duties of a Policewoman". On 15th April Mr. V. Gosling, Worthing Council Cleaning & Salvage Superintendent, will talk on Refuse Disposal.

N. HODGESS

Monday Evening Fellowship - Jesus Christ is Alive! A very Happy Easter to you All. We shall meet on 21st April, and we cordially invite everyone to A Zambian Evening, with slides and a talk from John and Dorothy Muir, in the Church Hall at 8.00. There will be refreshments and a collection. On 5th May we hope that husbands and all friends will join us at 7.15 p.m. for a visit to Worthing Municipal Nurseries in Titnore Road. (meet at the Church). This has been arranged prior to the Mayor's Banquet, and there will be much to see. Those requiring transport should contact me.

IRENE TULEY
(Secretary)

Flowers for April

6th Miss I. Wingrove
13th Mrs. L. Gilbert
Mrs. C. West
20th WEDDING
27th Mr. & Mrs. A. Razzell

KAY WINSTANLEY
(Secretary)

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAYS	11.00 a.m.	Junior Church & Creche
	8.00 p.m.	Youth "Squash-In" at the Manse
MONDAYS	6.00 p.m.	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS	5.30 p.m.	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS	7.15 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road, Worthing
THURSDAYS	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club
FRIDAYS	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice
SATURDAYS	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS AND SERVICES: (The Minister will preach
except where otherwise
indicated)

1st TUESDAY	3.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship - "The duties of a Police-woman"
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington
6th SUNDAY	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship with Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship (Preacher: Rev. Robert Duce)
8th TUESDAY	2.30 p.m.	Women's Social Afternoon
	2.45 P.m.	Men's Fellowship - "The Law and the Profits" - Mr. J.H. Akerman
10th THURSDAY	10.00 a.m.	Monthly Prayer Service with Communion
	7.30 p.m.	CHURCH MEETING: Treasurer's Annual Report, ELECTION OF ELDERS
12th SATURDAY	10.30 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.	Manse At Home & Reception by Bride and Bridegroom
13th SUNDAY	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship - Parades
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship

14th MONDAY 7.30 p.m. Family Circle - "Drama"
Ferring Amateur Dramatic
Society

15th TUESDAY 3.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship -
"Refuse Disposal" Mr.
V. Gosling

16th WEDNESDAY 10.00 a.m. to
1.00 p.m. "Help the Aged" Col-
& 2.00 to lection of Clothing.
5.00 p.m. CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE

20th SUNDAY 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship followed
by "Austerity Lunch"
6.30 p.m. Divine Worship with
Communion

21st MONDAY 8.00 p.m. Monday Evening Fellow-
ship "Zambian Evening"

22nd TUESDAY 2.30 p.m. Women's Social Afternoon
2.45 p.m. Men's Fellowship -
President's Message &
Annual General Meeting

24th THURSDAY 7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting

27th SUNDAY 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship, Induction
of Elders
6.30 p.m. Divine Worship

29th TUESDAY 3.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship -
Annual General Meeting
8.00 p.m. Bible Study Group at
1 Arun Close, Durrington

Next Church Meeting - 1st May, 1975

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR
MATERIAL DUE FOR MAY MAGAZINE
16th April

A FEW REMINDERS

AN AT HOME - The Manse At Home will be held on 12th April, from 10.30 - 4.00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and an invitation is given to all members and friends to meet the Minister's daughter Helen and her husband following their marriage in Cornwall.

A JUMBLE SALE - Don't forget this date - Friday 4th April, at 2.30 p.m. We shall be glad of anything you can spare. Please let us have Jumble by 3rd April, ready for sorting, and collection may be arranged if you phone - W. 64759.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF HAYWARD HOUSE

DULCIE JENKINS

HELP THE AGED - Please bring your gifts of clothes and blankets to the Church Hall on Wednesday, 16th April, 10.00 - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

JANE BOND

FUTURE DATES

Advance Notice - We hope to have another real live missionary to speak at a meeting some time in May, when another notice will appear in the Magazine - Watch out, and don't miss the date.

MISSIONARY
Secretary

Girl's Brigade - During the last Session some of our older girls have left, but new girls keep coming, and we now have 57 on the register. The need for

G.B. Cont'd.

equipment and the cost of uniforms are increasing problems and so we are planning a Bazaar on Sat. 22nd November, preceded by one or two Coffee Mornings in the Summer months.

We need at least three more officers to continue our work, and ask that you pray both for an increase in staff and for the support of our existing officers.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Church Meeting, 27th February, 1975 - Apologies were received from several members, and news of the family was given by the Minister, and added to by members.

Membership

Three names were submitted and agreed, for membership, all by transfer from other Churches. It was urged that friends who still retained membership of former churches should consider transferring to our Church. For others thinking about membership there would be pamphlets on the bookstand, outlining what such a step entailed. It was reported that the present Church membership numbered approximately 290.

Election of Elders

There were eight vacancies and nominations had been received for ten members willing to stand.

General

Help was requested for Methold House. The Minister's elder daughter was due to be married on Saturday, 12th April, and there would be a reception at The Manse to rejoice with the happy couple (Helen and Vic).

Our Correspondent, Cont'd.Question Time

As is now normal, plenty of questions were forthcoming: The Bible on the Table; Request for children sitting with parents to join with Junior Church; appreciation regarding prayers in Choir Vestry before services, and Church Music.

What was the reaction to the Service on February 16, when the Communion Service was incorporated with the main service. The Elders considered it a very inspiring service.

Visitation

The Minister reported that he had tried to visit all non-members as shown in the Church Handbook. If there were any person not visited, yet whom would like a visit, please would they let him know.

Finance

Appeal was made for covenants to be taken out.

The Treasurer reported that the U.R.C. recommended increases in the stipends of all Ministers. The meeting agreed to the figures suggested by Mr. Redman. It was also agreed to increase the Caretaker's wages, as proposed.

Another interesting and happy Church Meeting

SCOUP SPENCE

From a tombstone dated 1440 an Epitaph from Essex
 When pictures look alive with movements free,
 When ships like fishes swim beneath the sea,
 When man outstripping birds shall span the sky,
 Then half the world deep drenched in blood shall lie.

G. WRAIGHT

CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLDContinued from last month

There are many reasons for going into churches. One may shelter from a storm! When we were in Tahiti where the sunshine is terribly hot, (there is a mixture of the modern American style, all-electric buildings next to a ramshackled wood building with oil-lamps,) - and we were glad to find the splendid Cathedral which had several doors on each side, wide open; how lovely and cool it was sitting down there! There was also a splendid pulpit: eight-sided and four figures about the front, two with beards, but all four held a quill-pen in one hand and a book in the other - representing the authors of the four Gospels.

In the old Garrison Church in Sydney, N.S.W., there are the crests of many Regiments painted on the pillars, and a lot of Military History within its walls. In Tasmania a Church of interest is the oldest Church in Australia, built near the first bridge, an old stone structure over a small river. While travelling we used to go straight to the nearest Church to the Dock, or to the Station, and thank the good Lord for a safe journey, and so we entered many different buildings.

One Church, (said to be Church of England) at Brisbane, had Holy water at the door! and the altar struck me as a cross between that of the R.C. and C. of E. churches. There's a church upstairs near Panama Canal; I don't know what's beneath it, but there, like in Tahiti, one is glad for the shelter from the heat of the sunshine. Well, I have sank down in many churches but I have never sat down on such lovely chairs as those in our Church at Goring. I have never met so many friendly people to shake my hand in a church as those in this one. As for the sermon about the Wind, it was the wind took ships across the seas first, and drove windmills, and brings

the clouds around the earth to scatter the rain.

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed my rigmarole, but the point to grasp was in the last paragraph, and though I have been in many churches all over the World, none has such comfortable chairs, or such friendly people as this one.

With best wishes I remain,

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD

Note: please forgive my splitting this up, and may we have some more lovely stories from you soon?

EDITOR

We are pleased to note that the members at Amberley are still receiving the Chronicle regularly, and we should very much like to hear from them.

Further copies of the Magazine may be obtained from Miss E. Gilby, or from any of the Editorial Team. (see addresses on front cover).

Next month we shall be giving some details of a Provincial Conference on "The Role of the Lay Preacher", which have been kindly forwarded to us from The Rev. Desmond Bending of Pulborough.

Two Secret Paintings Surprise The Mayor

The Mayor, Mr. Stanley Elliott, received the surprise of his life at the Sidney Walter Centre on Tuesday. He was presented with two oil paintings of himself in full regalia; one a miniature to keep, the other, a portrait to be hung in the Centre. The portraits were painted by Mr. Harry Rushby, of 53 Fernhurst Drive, Goring.

He captured the Mayor's likeness by using photographs. Mr. Rushby enters all the local exhibitions and has helped the Sidney Walter Centre win the Denham-Wall Art Trophy two years running in a competition at Chichester organised by the West Sussex Association for the Elderly.

(Acknowledgements to the Worthing Herald of 21.2.75 and to Mr. Knight who drew our attention to it.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. HARRY RUSHBY!

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TWENTY-FIRST FILEY CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY CRUSADE: 20/27.9.

Last year over 6000 attended the Crusade at Butlin's Holiday Camp at Filey, Yorkshire for a week's holiday of fellowship with other Christians from all parts of the British Isles and even from distant places overseas. They enjoyed a superb feast of Bible Study, Worship, Christian films, other Christian entertainment and Holiday relaxation. The preachers and speakers were among the most notable in the land.

Geoffrey Dean (Worthing 40376) will be very pleased to tell you more about this year's Crusade and arrange a booking for you should you wish to attend. Bookings must be made by April 30th.

G. M. DEAN.

EDITOR'S POST BAG

Dear friends,

I was wondering if any more has been said about giving Goring United Reformed Church a name. I read with great interest the articles in the Chronicle, and then the whole idea seemed to die out. It seems a shame to let such a good thing be shelved, other churches have done it, and it seems to add a touch of individuality and identity. Goring United Reformed Church is rather a lot to say each time - What do folk at the Church think?

ROSEMARY FAIRBAIRN

(This letter was addressed to Mr. Bond)

FROM A DEAR FRIEND IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MANY KINDLY
GESTURES IN RECENT WEEKS

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Connelly and to all my friends for their kind thoughts and wishes during my illness. It seems it will be quite a time before I get around again, so please remember me in your prayers.

PHYLLIS SCUDDER

WE SHOULD WELCOME ANY ANSWERS TO LETTERS, OR LETTERS CONVEYING MESSAGES, AND HOPE TO HEAR FROM FRIENDS FURTHER AFIELD TOO. Please send your notes to The Editor direct, the closing date for the next issue will be Monday 14th April, 1975. We look forward to a thriving Post Bag in the future months.

YOUTH CORNERSEED SECRETS

Little brown apple seed,
 so tiny to me,
 How is it you know
 To grow to a tree?

How is it you know
 To grow apples sweet,
 Red, ripe and rosy,
 Delicious to eat?

How is it you know
 From green shoot so small,
 To grow to a tree
 So strong and so tall?

Those rosy red apples
 Have something to hide -
 All of your secrets
 are stored up inside!

Leaves, flowers and fruit,
 And all of your needs,
 Are inside the apple,
 And inside the seeds.

MARY CONNELLY

Dear Boys & Girls,

It's round about this time of year when fathers say, "Good gracious! It's time I put in my seed! I shall have to start on Saturday!"

He means that it is time to put the vegetable and flower seeds into the earth, so that you might have lettuce and radish for your tea, and have beautiful flowers in your garden.

Each Spring there are sown many different kinds of seeds from many little packets, which have been bought from seed merchants. On the packets are the names and pictures of certain flowers and vegetables. Inside are crinkly seeds, long seeds, feathery seeds, shiny black seeds, big seeds, or seeds so tiny they look like dust when they are shaken out into the ground.

We trust the seed merchant when he sells us the packets of seeds, when he sells us onion seed, and lettuce seed and wallflower seed. We believe that the seeds we have bought will grow up to be onions and lettuce and wallflowers.

Every gardener knows that if he sows good quality seed he may hope for a good harvest. He knows too, that if he were to plant turnip seed in his flower bed and expect something else but turnips to come up, he would be very silly.

There's a story of a man who planted seeds, and stuck seed packets on sticks to remind him where he had planted each kind of seed. Later on, looking at the packets and their pictures he felt dissatisfied, and said to himself "those would be better there, and those would look better there ...", and he shifted the packets about from stick to stick until he thought they were in the best place and would look good when they came up! Of course, that was a useless thing to do - he had already sown the seed, and each seed came up and grew up to be the plant it was meant to be, according to the secret life inside itself.

The gardener sows his seed as though he were listening to the text "what so ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". If we sow the good seed of loving words or deeds, we shall reap a beautiful harvest. Sometimes we are tempted to think that we shall not reap happiness and love when we sow it, when our efforts to serve God seem lost. It isn't so. The one who tries to think the right and do the the right for the love of God, is sowing seed that will be reaped in happiness and blessing, when God has strengthened and ripened the plant by the sunshine of His Love.

What kind of secret life is inside you? "God's secret is Christ himself; in Him lie hidden all God's treasures of wisdom and knowledge" Colossians 2 (3)
 "And now your life lies hidden with Christ in God"
 Colossians 3 (3)

MARY CONNELLY

FROM THE VESTRY

The keen enthusiasm of our young people, in Junior Church, the Brigades and Youth Club is something that has to be experienced to be appreciated. I want to say both to the young people and to their leaders a very warm word of appreciation to you all. Remember and pray for us as we prepare for our pre-membership visit and conference on the I. of Wight at the end of June. It is our hope that many young people will come to that knowledge of Christ which will give them victory and joy in their own lives and guide them into a true membership of the Church.

Perhaps the only experience that equals that of working among our young people is that of encountering the courageous and hopeful faith of our older friends. I think of you, who reading this in nursing home, in hospital bed or laid up at home, have begun to get to know me as I have come to see you. Many a grey day of winter has been cheered by your company, conversation and prayers. Please remember that I am coming in to see you as often as I can, that I am always glad to share Communion with you, and a telephone call for a 'special visit' finds a ready ear in the Vestry. Anyone who feels neglected could themselves remedy this and help me by a word to an elder or to myself.

We invite those who would like to share in worship by reading lessons or leading prayers to sign the form provided in the Church Porch. Mr. R. Edwards our Choirmaster is anxious to recruit new members for the Choir. A word to him and some keen volunteers would cheer him as he continues his first-class direction of our music.

We are still looking for a suitable table - about 3 ft. in height and length, and 20 ins. in depth, for use in our proposed quiet corner "for rest and healing", any offers please to the Vestry.

It was lovely to have your company at the Manse last Saturday, to welcome Helen and Vic home after their marriage - come and see us again, you will always be very welcome.

Blessings and love,

BILL CONNELLY

- BAPTISM - Robert Paul, son of Mr. & Mrs.
J.A. McHugh - on 13th April
- "Let water sign and seal of grace
bless every girl and boy".
- MARRIAGE - Gary Smith to Marilyn Tanner
on 19th April
- "and the greatest of these is LOVE"

UNITED FOR MISSION

Church meeting having decided to set aside the Sunday evenings in May for this study project, we now indicate the form it will take:

Worship in the Church 6.30 - 7.0 p.m.

Group discussion in Halls
7.00 - 8.0 p.m.

The Rev. John Muir presently on leave from the Church in Zambia has kindly consented to help the Minister in this project. Will all teenagers and older members of the Congregation join us in this project, and so help to equip us for the work of evangelism we are called to share with the Council of Churches.

FAMILY CHURCH FESTIVAL

Morning of 11th May promises to link together Junior and Adult Church. The themes will shew the work of

God in Christ and recall us to our responsibilities as Christians TODAY. Mrs. Mary Stephens has greatly helped us to prepare this project and our gratitude goes to her. Although not strictly a Parade Service all members of uniformed organisations are invited to make this Festival OUR FESTIVAL.

LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS ADVERTISING THESE
EVENTS

SING WITH UNDERSTANDING

The Minister invites members of the Congregation to let him have in writing hymns and tunes for selection at public worship. Let your ideas or hymns be shared within the Church.

FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIES' DESKS NEW MEMBERS

At the Church meeting on 10th April, 1975 :

Mr. E.W. and Mrs. L.M. Collison of 39 Reigate Road,
Worthing
by transfer from Hither Green U.R.C.

Mrs. Rosemary Fairbairn (Kitto) by transfer from
Burnt Ash U.R.C.

Mrs. Brenda Lewis of 30 Palatine Road, Worthing on
confession of faith

DEATHS

Mrs. H. Hoskins of 14 Phrosso Road, Worthing on
27th March, 1975

Mrs. J.S. Marshall of 42 Bolsover Road, Worthing
on 7th April, 1975

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Ethel M. Gilby to 62 Sea Place, Goring, BN12 4BY
(Tel: W. 41235)

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Ellis will be celebrating their 50th
Anniversary on 23rd May

STOP PRESS! We have just heard that Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
celebrate their Golden Wedding on 16th May.

FROM THE SECRETARIES ContinuedPUBLICITY OFFICER

Through restriction on his time due to travelling to London each day, Mr. E.A. Winstanley has had to give up the appointment as Publicity Officer for the Church. Ted has held this appointment for eleven years and has done much to bring the work of the Church to the notice of folk in the immediate neighbourhood and in the wider field. This included the notices of Church Services week by week, and preparing reports on Church activities for the local press, and many other ways.

We are much indebted to him for his devoted service. We are fortunate in that Miss Ella Robertson has agreed to become Publicity Officer.

ELECTION OF ELDERS

At our Church Meeting on 10th April, the following members were elected to serve as Elders:-

Mr. J. R. Beale	Mr. G.E. Redman
Mr. J.S. Blackwood	Mr. D.W. Stewart
Mr. G. Dean	Mr. R.J. Tuley
Mr. W.J. Perrett	Mr. E.A. Winstanley

From an Ex-Joint Secretary

It was with very mixed feelings that I formally gave up the office of a Joint Secretary at the Church Meeting on 10th April, and I was touched by your kindness in making a gift to me. My invitation to the office in April, 1968 was under the expert guidance of the late Bert Winterton, whose Secretaryship from 1962 to 1968 had been such a distinguished one. Since then I have been privileged to serve our Lord in the ministries of Mr. Hayward and Mr. Connelly and with sterling co-officers - Arthur Birch, Roy Webb, Robin Parker and Norman Redman. I am thankful for this privilege, and for your co-operation and your friendship.

ERIC BOND

THE CHURCH SECRETARIES

The Church has, since its inception, been blessed by a **lengthening** line of distinguished men who have served as Church Secretaries. In recent years we remember with gratitude the devoted services of Bernard Hoskins, Herbert Winterton and Arthur Birch. We have now come to the end of a further period of outstanding service rendered jointly by Dr. Roy Webb and Eric Bond who are in the great succession and who have secured for themselves a place in the lasting affection and regard of the Church. We are sad that their task has been laid down.

Will you pray that there may be raised up from among us, as we reach the threshold of great expansion of the Church's work and witness for Christ, others who will bring to the Master's service equal gifts and devotion?
C.S.S.

ENVELOPE STEWARDSHIP

We have all been deeply concerned regarding the health of Norman Gregory and rejoice that he has recently shown evidence of such a good recovery. After very many years (who, indeed, was his predecessor?) during which he never failed in most gracious and devoted Stewardship of the weekly envelope scheme, he has found it necessary to ask to be relieved. We record our deep appreciation of all that he has done in this service.

It is hoped that the Elders will shortly be able to bring to Church Meeting the name of a successor.

COVENANT NEWS

I am happy to be able to report a generous response to recent appeals for more Covenanted Subscribers. Some twenty new or additional Covenants have been signed in the past few weeks. The 1974/75 Income Tax repayment is likely to be considerably diminished by deaths and removals during the year, but the new Covenants will, it is hoped, go far to retrieving the position for

1975/76. We have not yet, I fear, made much impression on Eric Popplestone's target of £1,000 mentioned in the April "Chronicle". However, many thanks to those who have responded generously so far. I shall be pleased to hear from any others who would like to help the Church in this way.

C. S. STEPHENS

NEWS OF LOCAL U.R. CHURCHES

St. Columba's: We are interested to hear that this month the Church will be celebrating the Rev. J. Logan Armour's 35 years in the Ministry, and Mr. & Mrs. Armour's 35th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our warmest good wishes to them on this occasion. The Church is also taking this opportunity to honour the 60th Anniversary in the Ministry of the Rev. J.A. Little who is also known to a number of us at Goring.

Shelley Road: As an outcome of an address given on the World Food situation at a recent Church Meeting, members have expressed willingness either to write individually or to sign a petition to the Prime Minister and our Member of Parliament, urging the Government to take certain lines of action to bring relief to the distressed areas, giving to the British public a firm lead, so that a response may be made in the form of sacrifices to bring about immediate results.

P. J. BIGGS

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WORTHING FELLOWSHIP
OF CHURCHES

On 14th May, 1975 there will be a large gathering of the Churches of our area at Shelley Road. At 7.30 p.m. the Choirs of the area will be joining together to demonstrate some of the new hymns and tunes to be found in the new U.R.C. Hymn Supplement. All are invited to go along and help them, and become familiar with some of the music which we may share together.

BIBLE VERSESBLESS

God Blesses: Numbers 6 vv. 24/26 - The Lord bless thee and keep thee:

The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Psalm 29 v. 11 - The Lord will give strength unto his people: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Man Blesses: Psalm 103 vv. 1-2 - Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Psalm 145 vv. 1-2 - I will extol thee, my God, O king: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ"

After a long and wearisome illness, Mrs. J.S. Marshall passed to her rest on 7th April. Before ill-health forced her to give up her car, Truda was invariably at the services of this Church of which she was a member, and she willingly used her car to transport others to the Women's Fellowship.

During the long period of invalidism at home and then at St. Michael's Nursing Home she never lost her keen interest in the Church, supporting both its funds and those of the Leprosy Mission. Our deep sympathy is with her husband who nursed and cared for her so devotedly, and with the members of their family. D.G.W.

The late Mrs. Hilda Hoskins

To all who knew Mrs. Hoskins the announcement of her death given by Mr. Eric Bond on the Sunday morning was a shock. For a few years she was unable to get about and after she went into the Nursing home, was confined to a wheel chair. But she did not appear to be ill, and was delighted to hear news of any event taking place in the Church. Mrs. Norman Dobson made arrangements for her to have a private telephone, so I was able to contact her every Sunday evening to give her the latest news.

The last Sunday was Palm Sunday, and I sent her Palm Cross and service paper. She was pleased to receive them and wrote me a letter of thanks which arrived after her sudden passing on the Thursday morning.

Her late husband was a barrister and was Church Secretary for a few years and did a lot of good work. We thank Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Stephens for representing the Church at the Burial service.

From one of many friends,

CICELY NODES

FROM THE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Acknowledgment - First a word of thanks to all who gave and helped at the Jumble Sale on 4th April. Your interest and co-operation is a great encouragement. We raised the sum of £44.73, a good result seeing the weather was so bad and must have kept folk away, but a special 'thank you' to all those who braved the elements and manned the stalls in the afternoon.

DUCLIE JENKINS

From the Hon. Secretary - Hayward House is now open, but the efforts that went into making the House possible cannot be slackened. Mr. Beale, our Hon. Treasurer, has prepared the following extract from the balance sheet which should serve to explain the present financial position.

EXTRACT FROM BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1974 showed net assets of £19,482. 46 represented by loans, share capital and accumulated fund of £19,282. 46 and Reserve £200. The Income and Expenditure Account showed:-

Income from Rents		£1,448. 40
" " Donations & Legacies		1,330. 19
<u>LESS</u>		<u>2,778. 59</u>
Outgoings on 2 Shaftesbury Avenue	£576. 71	
Provision for Redecoration & Renewals	200	
Finance & Administration Expenses	677. 64	1,454. 35
Balance Surplus for the Year		<u>1,324. 24</u>

It will be seen that the income from rents over a period of less than ten months was within £6 of the outgoings which included a reserve of £200. Our overdraft with the bank was £2,489. 53. The overdraft has since been reduced slightly but it is our aim to eliminate it entirely. Gifts of money are gratefully received from time to time, but we owe a particular debt to those who organise fund-raising events and to our friends who supported them. Mrs. Jenkins gives her own acknowledgment to all friends who came to the Jumble Sale.

February Events: Australia & New Zealand. For those who read this article in time - on Saturday

Antique Fair - If you have anything old which you may feel is remotely saleable, please contact the Minister or the Hon. Secretary,

JOHN TITLOW

MISSION

The excellent introduction to the latest Council for World Mission Report deserves a wider circulation than it is likely to receive from the few copies scattered among us. Here is a slightly adapted version:-

please turn to page 12 ---

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Sundays	11.00 a.m.	Junior Church & Crêche
	8.00 p.m.	Youth "Squash-In" at Manse
Mondays	6.00 p.m.	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	5.30 p.m.	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road, Worthing
Thursdays	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club
Fridays	7.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade
	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturdays	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
	7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS & SERVICES (The Minister will preach each Sunday)

1st Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting
3rd Saturday	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning at 56 Bolsover Road, Worthing
4th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship & Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship
5th Monday to 9th Friday -		Assembly at the City Temple
5th Monday	7.30 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship - Visit to Worthing Council Nurseries (Open Meeting)

8th Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Monthly Prayer Service & Communion
11th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship, Junior Church Festival Service
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship
13th Tuesday	3.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship - "Treasure Trove"
	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington
14th Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	at Shelley Rd. Church, Introduction to "New Church Praise" - Rev. T. Caryl Micklem
18th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship with Communion
19th Monday	8.00 p.m.	Monday Evening Fellowship "A Cornish Flavour", Mrs. M. Connelly
21st Wednesday	2.30 p.m.	Sussex West District - Spring Meeting at Petworth U.R.C. Speaker: Mrs. S. Cookson of Sompting
22nd Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
25th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Divine Worship
	6.30 p.m.	Divine Worship
27th Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington
29th Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting

CLOSING DATE FOR COPY TO BE INCLUDED IN JUNE MAGAZINE :

Wednesday, 14th May

God's World

Any mention of World Mission may make us feel like crying 'I've had enough of the world; I'm tired of its troubles. Leave me alone'. So we tend to settle back in the chair with a sigh, turn to music, fiction or comedy for relief - and forget. But the Active Church reminds us of three deep Christian convictions which claim our obedience and cause us to rejoice.

1. The World is God's - for it is an expression of his creative power and loving purpose. His design for all men has NOT been repealed by an act of the South African parliament nor by the Chinese Communist Party. His love is NOT turned to indifference by human fury and folly from Uganda to Chile. We work as servants in HIS WORLD.

2. The World Changes Us, The Church - for we are not isolated in a cosy religious club. In every land the people of God feel the hopes and tnesions of the society in which they are set. Whether the nation's problem is 'development', like Zambia, 'independence', like Papua 'rebuilding' like Bangladesh or 'Common Market'? the Church cannot, indeed must not, remain uninvolved.

3. The Church Acts to Change the World - in which it is set, not for the sake of power and not because Christians have exceptional wisdom. Only because they have seen in Christ the grace of forgiveness and new creation, the pattern of God.

We cannot turn off the World. If we are to love, then we are to love the people of the world - we don't know any others. Indifference crumples before the Cross: despair flees the empty tomb!

By the time this 'Chronicle' is out our own little burst of HOT missionary news from Zambia and Papua will be in the past. But the work and the witness does not stop. We can't turn away and forget it for another year or two. Let us maintain, indeed improve our interest, our praying, and our giving.

ROBIN BRUFORD
(Mission)

AUSTERITY LUNCH - 85 people attended the lunch, and after expenses, £50 was handed in ior Christian Aid. Many thanks to all friends who supported this venture.
Mrs. CLEVERTON

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTChurch Meeting, 10th April, '75.

The East Hall was bursting at the seams for the Annual Church Meeting. Extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate all who attended.

News of the family was reported, and tributes paid to members who had passed over since the last Meeting. It was reported that The Rev. H. Theobald would be taking the services on Sunday 29th June.

New Members - to be received in were: Mr. & Mrs. Collison Miss Rosemary Kitto and Mrs. B. Lewis.

Elders' Election - Messrs. Paker and Dobson were appointed as scrutineers, and the ballot proceeded. Whilst the counting was taking place the Minister thanked those retiring elders who were not standing for re-election. Especial thanks were expressed to Mr. Eric Bond who had served for seven years as one of the joint secretaries. A token of the Church's appreciation was presented to Eric who, in turn thanked the Church and the colleagues with whom he had worked. Later on in the Meeting the election results were announced with 7 elders to serve for 3 years, and 1 for 2 years.

Question time - The subjects ranged over a wide area viz. Austerity Lunch on 20th April, Holiday Club, Community Hospital Scheme, List of members prepared to read lessons or conduct prayers, the Chronicle, and orders of service papers.

Notices

Family Circle Meeting on 14th April. Arrangements would be made for new Church Members to be received at a Family Circle Meeting. The Elders were in agreement with the proviso that a Church Officer should also be present.

The resignation of Mr. E.A. Winstanley as Publicity Officer was received with regret and Miss E. Robertson was unanimously elected to fill this important post.

Synod - Mr. J.R. Beale gave a very full but concise report on the Meeting which he and Mr. R. Hobbs had attended.

Housing Association - Mr. Beale reported that figures shewing the present position would be given in the Chronicle.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Redman presented the Accounts for the year 1974, and these were agreed. He expressed thanks to all who had helped but pointed out that strict economy was necessary. It was expected that we should be about £2,000 short in 1975 and a gift day and special efforts would be needed.

The Gift Day

would be held on 5th July.

Duplicator - It was reported that the duplicator in use up to now was worn out, but we were fortunate in that Mr. E. Popplestone had been able to obtain a second hand machine in very good working order, and at a very reasonable price. The Meeting thanked Mr. Popplestone for his help in this matter.

Auditors - The auditors for 1975 were agreed: Mr. J. Mason and Mr. J. Currie.

A very important Church Meeting, but one which everyone felt had been well worth while, and in which important business had been dealt with, came to a close, and all in a true spirit of fellowship.

HARRY SPENCE

BOYS' BRIGADE

We give our apologies for not giving any news of our activities recently. Obviously we have been very active and sometimes very noisy! In our Junior Section we have been fortunate in having increased help, namely from Mr. A. Flashman, Lyn Garrod, Eileen Garment and her daughter Sharon Billingham. As Lyn is now looking forward to a happy event I find myself

still helping in the Section, but trying hard not to cramp Alan's ideas. Alan has been in charge of a Junior Section in London, and therefore we look forward to great things from him.

The Juniors are now working for their display which will be held on Saturday, 3rd May at 7.15 p.m. at the Sixth Form College in Bolsover Road. We look forward to seeing as many parents and friends as can be packed into the Hall. Please do make the effort to come. The Juniors will also be holding a sponsored walk on Cissbury Ring on Saturday morning, 17th May. Details of this will be forthcoming. The money raised will be used towards the hire of a coach to take some of the boys on a holiday in Kent during the first week of August.

The Company Boys will not be holding an indoor display this year, but will be involved in out-door activities including a Summer Fair, Camping, Jumble Sale, etc.

Thank you to all those who have given us their support through prayer and donations. We do find them both so necessary.

DON STEWART
CAPTAIN

N.B. 3rd May Junior Display
17th May Sponsored Walk

THE ROLE OF THE LAY PREACHER

Part I

I was interested to see in February's "Chronicle" details of the engagements of Mr. Knight and Mr. Titlow so that readers may share in praying for them and the churches they visit to conduct services.

With the Rev. Richard Cox I share a "team" ministry of seven (out of 29) U.R.Churches in the Sussex West District, which are organised as "the West Sussex Area Ministry", and know how much the services of these two Lay Preachers and others who come to us, are appreciated. Last November Mr. Cox and I represented the District at a Provincial Consultation on "The role of the Lay

Preacher". Also there was Mrs. Hilda Tizard, Local Pastor of Bosham U. R.C. and District Commissioner for Lay Preaching, three Lay Preachers from our Group of churches, and Mr. Lovett of Sompting and Mr. Jackson of Nevill Avenue Hove.

The Consultation considered the man (and woman) power resources within the Province and ways in which maximum value could be achieved from the considerable volume of regular and devoted work undertaken by those who travel to other churches in order to conduct services throughout the year. There was general recognition that this was not simply an individual's response to a call of God to preach the Gospel, but needed to be worked out in the context of our Church Life. Maximum value could best be obtained if "lay" preachers exercised their ministry within an informal team including ministers, elders, youth leaders and sunday school staff, organists and choir leaders. In this way preaching could be related to a pastoral ministry, to the greater enrichment of the service offered to congregations, and personal satisfaction to the preachers. "Partners in Learning" calls for partnership in teaching and caring also: we all have something to give and to receive within the church's fellowship, and that of the District. (see June issue for Part II).

THE REV. D. BENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIRLS' BRIGADE .. Readers Wanted - The Explorers Section has a problem! Owing to the welcome influx of new recruits (age 5 & 6) the training work of the Leader and Helpers is being too thinly spread. They would welcome anyone who could spend some time between 5.30 and 6.30 on Tuesday evenings reading to the younger members while they wait their turn for the attention of the Helpers.

If you feel you can help, even if only occasionally, please get in touch with Mrs. BRUFORD.

LEPROSY MISSION - The half-yearly collection of phials is now due. Will you kindly let me have them, in an envelope with your name on, not later than the third Sunday in May. Many Thanks,

MAY ROWBOTTOM

Monday Evening Fellowship - All are invited to join us on 5th May at 7.15 p.m. at the Church for a visit to Worthing Municipal Nurseries in Titnore Road, prior to the Floral Display the the Mayor's Banquet. Anyone requiring transport please contact me. On 19th May we meet in the Cornwall Room and hear Mrs. Connelly speak on "A Cornish Flavour".

Please see subsequent magazines, and listen to Church Notices for our Summer Programme.

IRENE TULEY

Church Flowers for May

4th May	-	Miss L. Harris
11th May	-	A WEDDING
18th May	-	Mr. & Mrs. N. Gregor
25th May	-	Mrs. E.M. Townsend

KAY WINSTANLEY

Christian Aid

Result for April, - £32.30 received
with thanks
HILDA HELE

Christian Aid Week will be from Sunday, 18th May to Saturday 24th May.

For those who came and supported the Committee at the "Fashion and Fun" show at the Assembly Hall, we raised £600 for our funds. It was a grand occasion, of course the audience was mostly ladies, but there were some husbands there, I wonder what they got stung for afterwards? One man who is no longer young, said to me as he was going out "You know I'm not as old as I thought I was"! So it was a success.

During Christian Aid Week we shall be doing a door-to-door collection again, and I do hope that those who so willingly gave their help last year, will again help this year. Unfortunately, I've lost my list of helpers so if you can approach me and remind me I shall be most grateful.

J. ROBSON TURTON

Dear Editor,

We were interested to read the letter from Rosemary Kitto on page 18 of last month's Chronicle, as to the renaming of our Church. Out of the many suggestions given at the time we like the idea of "High Cross". We need to hold the Cross High in these uncertain times.

I. HOLMES & L. SEXTON

To my many helpers from Dr. Barnardo's

It was so kind of you to send us the welcome contribution of £16.24 which you arranged in your area on our behalf. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and is a source of great encouragement to us all here at headquarters, when friends like yourselves are so willing to give so much time and energy to our cause. I trust you have all derived much personal happiness in the work that you have carried out for our little ones.

(Excerpt Only) EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are both very happily settled here and have made many new friends, mainly due to becoming attached to a very 'live' Church with a fine Minister. It resembles Goring in that it attracts folk from every denomination - or none - and has a fine body of keen young people. Win has recently been appointed Flower Secretary, as well as sharing responsibility for the Missionary Working Party attached to the Women's Fellowship, as well as functioning behind the Refreshment Table which seems to be customary at most local Church Activities. I have recently been elected to the Diaconate, and as well as serving as Door Steward at our own Church, last year was appointed Secretary of the 'rinton Prayer Fellowship in which all the four Protestant Churches participate. There is a wonderful fellowship between the churches here even the Roman Catholic Priest and some of his flock are to be found in our special meetings.

During the Summer we had weekend visits from Cyril & Joan Franks and Brenda Ford, I was also invited to have tea in a friend's Beach Hut to meet Mrs. Percy West; so we have been kept up to date with Goring news. Please convey our kindest regards to all our friends who remember us,

Very sincerely yours

CLIFF & WIN POWELL
(Frinton U.R.C.)

YOUTH CORNER

"The time of the singing of birds is come" (song of songs 2 (12))

One day, I was digging in the garden, and my little friend, the robin, came hopping round, looking for grubs and little worms. He gathered up a beakful, and flew off with them. (A hungry wife at home, perhaps?) later he came back, and this time he had a good feed himself. He then flew into a bush, and perched there, perked up his tail, took a deep breath, and sang me a beautiful little song, "Thank you for digging my dinner for me!"

In spring and summer, the birds are at their busiest and happiest, building their nests and singing merrily from morning till night. The best time to hear them singing is at dawn, but perhaps that is too early for most of you! You are probably asleep until the alarm clock rings loudly, or someone comes to rouse you out of the loveliest dreams, and then you are too sleepy or cross to hear the beautiful song of the birds. However, we may hear some fine songs through the day if we listen carefully. First of all, the blackbird, who is one of the finest singers, and some people consider it the "prima donna" of the Bird-Voice choir. The thrush, who is a near cousin of the blackbird is another beautiful singer. He sings his songs over and over again. The poet Browning said "That's the missel thrush, he sings each song twice over,

lest you think he never could recapture

That first, fine, careless rapture".

Then, there's another bird round our way, who, though he's been eating my cabbage plants in the bad weather, I'll forgive, for he sits up on the T.V arials of

the houses in his grey coat and calls out "I love you, I love you!". There are the starlings, who seem to mimic all the other birds - they even try to mimic the cat! Last of all comes the sparrow. "Oh", you may say, "The sparrow! Why, he can't sing at all, he just gives a "chirp, chirp, chirp", all the time. He's not very beautiful, neither is his song. Why bother about him?". Jesus told us that God bothers about the sparrows. "One of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father". God sees and listens to his friendly chattering and chirping.

The sparrow is friendly, and friends are among the finest things in life. Sparrows always get on well with their neighbours and brothers and sisters and they cheer up the people in the town who haven't the chance of seeing and hearing any other sort of bird. So you can see that all the birds use the voices which God has given them. Boys and girls all have songs to sing. Some may be able to sing better than others. Some may be able to sing like the blackbird, while others, unfortunately, are like the sparrows! But, remember, the sparrows are always cheerful and friendly! Our songs are not always songs to sing, but cheerful faces, friendly smiles and helping hands. These often are more beautiful than the finest songs ever sung. If we cannot sing sweet songs to praise God we may praise him in our lives. We may be good friends, we may get on well with our brothers and sisters and neighbours, trying to help others and creating a bright and happy atmosphere around us.

"God make my life a little song
That comforteth the sad,
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad.

God make my life a little hymn
of tenderness & praise,
of faith that never waxeth dim
In all His wondrous ways."

MARY CONNELLY

FROM THE VESTRYKNOCK! KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

"My name is Connelly, and I'm the new Minister of the Church". "Oh, do please come in it's nice to see you..... I understand you like tea!" and so I have gone on from road to road, and house to house until I have visited hundreds of people, have come to know the district, and am not so new. By the time you read this I shall have called at your house, and will very probably have had the pleasure of meeting you in that informal way that binds us together as a Christian family. And yet, not everyone has been at home and some may have been missed. And so I want you to accept this as a personal invitation to ask me to call forthwith! It is my hope to have celebrated my first anniversary here with the knowledge that I have set foot inside everyone's home to be found in the Church Directory, members of the Church or not.

Talking about Members reminds me that there may still be those among us who would like to consider this decision. Invite me to discuss this with you personally, or if you would like to join a preparation class, again please let me have your name. The numbers on the Membership roll have begun a steady increase which is itself a witness to faith in an indecisive age.

People are asking about the Bookstall. Our present position is that the books there are available for borrowing, please return them after use. Later on we hope to have books for sale.

The transformation of the West Transept into a place of prayer, counsel, and healing is coming on well. It is hoped to have the work completed by the end of June. Thank you all for your gifts to make this work possible without charge to the Church.

The Council of Churches call to Mission has been made. Have you responded by signing one of the several forms inviting you to study your faith together with other Christians? This work cannot succeed without God's Blessing and so pray for His help upon us all.

Remember in your prayers our young people, who are off to the Isle of Wight for a pre-membership Conference at the end of June and we are so sorry that some who would like to come are unable to join us. Some of our young people have begun a new and important stage in their discipleship and have committed themselves more deeply to Christ. Consider how far-reaching such decisions could be for their lives, the life of the Church and of the world.

Blessings and love to you all,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

PASTORAL NOTES

REMEMBER our preachers and their work in the District, and our members whose service as members and officers of District and Synod is so valuable to us all.

Mr. L.E. Knight's preaching engagements for JUNE include:

15th Pulborough
 22nd Billingshurst
 29th Petworth

JULY:

13th Bosham

see also P.12

BAPTISMS:

MAY 4th Stephen Anthony Davis
 11th Nicola Jane Kingsbury
 18th Karen Suzanne Lewis
 Deborah Jayne Lewis
 Kim Lorraine Lewis

"The arms of young and old are given in love to serve
 this joy"

MARRIAGES:

APRIL 19th Gary Herbert Smith
 Marilyn Tanner
 26th John Anthony Tapp
 Fiona Melanie Jane
 Grostate

MAY 10th John Michael Bovington
 Frances Kathleen Marshall

"For Love is of God"

IN MEMORIAM:

Died - MAY 13th - Miss N.M. Lance

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

FAMILY NEWS

We have been pleased to learn from Miss Brenda Ford that at long last it seems probable that a bed for her will be secured in the hospital at Tring so that she may have her long-awaited knee-cap operation on 3rd June. She has already been assured of the love and caring of many friends and we hope that she will be most successfully treated and that she will soon be among us again in Goring.

MEMBERSHIP

At the Church Meeting on 1st May we were very happy to receive into Church membership, on profession of faith, Miss Freda Tizzard, of The Lantern Home, Shelley Road, Worthing. We pray for a special blessing for Freda as she enters more fully into the fellowship of the Family.

ENVELOPE STEWARDSHIP - The Elders have been pleased to be able to recommend to the Church Meeting that Miss L. Harris should be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement from this Office of Mr. N. Gregory, and this appointment was duly confirmed at the Church Meeting on 1st May. Any who are not already using the Freewill Envelopes as a means of contributing regularly to the financial needs of the Church, and who would like to do so, are invited to communicate with Miss Harris, 2 Southsea Avenue, (Tel: W. 40779) who will be happy to furnish details and a supply of envelopes for the remaining part of the year.

CHARLES STEPHENS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - For health reasons Miss Joan Catt has returned home to 5 Kelso Close, Worthing, Tel: W. 41291. The flat proved too much to cope with and it is nice to be back on familiar ground again.
My kindest regards to you all, JOAN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTCHURCH MEETING - 1st MAY, '75

The Minister reported on sick folk and also gave thanks for one of our young men who had come to accept the Christian faith. Mr. Connelly also emphasized that no Church meeting would be held unless in the spirit of prayer and the peace of God.

Holiday Club It was found that more attention and planning was required and that it had therefore been agreed to postpone the whole matter until 1976.

Treasurer Reported on the position for first quarter of the year. The balance at the start of the year was £647 but this was now reduced to £119. The collections, both loose cash and envelopes, were up and this showed promise of a healthy growth. Expenses however were increasing.

Membership Miss F. Tizzard was accepted on confession of faith.

Question Time The following items were discussed viz: Starting on Sunday, 4th May, group discussions after evening service; Worthing Council of Churches arrangements for United Mission Work; Open Air Beach Services to be revived; Land Bill before Parliament.

Leprosy Mission Miss M. Rowbottom's resignation had been received and the thanks of the Church for her work in this field were expressed.

Appeals For support were asked on behalf of the Boys' Brigade display, and also for the Young People's Camp at Cuckfield.

Manse The Elders' recommendation regarding the estimate to be accepted was agreed.

Appointments The following were agreed:
Envelopes - Miss L. Harris, our thanks to Mr. Gregory for his many years of work

Appointments cont'd.

Covenants - Mr. R. Tuley

Membership

Secretary - Being considered

Delegates

to Synod - For time being Mr. C.S. Stephens
and Mr. E.C. Bond

Worthing

Council of Churches - Mr. D. Mooney & Mr. G. Redman

United Nations Association A brief report of the recent delegates meeting was given by Miss M. Redman

District Council A report by Mr. E. Winstanley included details of redevelopment plans for a central Church in Brighton, a discussion on our monthly journal "Reform", advance notices of conferences, and also the fact that our own member, Mr. John Titlow, had been recommended as a student for the Ministry.

Christian Aid An appeal was made by Mr. Turton for collectors to help during the week 19th to 26th May.

HARRY SPENCE

POSTER OUTSIDE A SOUTH LONDON CHURCH

IF YOU WERE PROSECUTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN -
HOW MUCH EVIDENCE WOULD THERE BE?

ANOTHER CHURCH POSTER

- A. COME ALONG TO CHURCH WITH ME!
- B. ONLY FOOLS GO TO CHURCH.
- A. WELL, ANOTHER ONE WON'T MATTER!

BIBLE VERSES

(Taken from the Living Bible)

BOOK

Malachi 3 v. 16 - Then those who feared and loved the Lord spoke often of him to each other. And he had a Book of Remembrance drawn up in which he recorded the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him.

Luke 4 vv. 16/20 - When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on Saturday, and stood up to read the Scriptures. The book of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him, and he opened it to the place where it says "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him". He closed the book and handed it back to the attendant and sat down, while everyone in the synagogue gazed at him intently.

John 20 vv. 30/31 - Jesus' disciples saw him do many other miracles besides the ones told about in this book, but these are recorded so that you will believe he is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that believing in him you will have life.

Many years ago a lady in Spain wanted to witness to her faith by distributing Bibles. She approached a stone-mason when he was actually building a wall. He had never had a Bible and even though he was very reluctant he at least agreed to accept one.

When she had gone the man resolved that he would never read the book, and moreover he would make sure

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that noone else did either - so he sealed it up in the wall of the house which he was building.

A few years later the effects of an earthquake left a huge crack in the wall, and the Bible that had been within was now exposed. A building inspector who had come to view the house took the book away with him and began to read it. It was entirely new to him and through reading it he "heard" the Gospel and became a follower of Jesus Christ.

G.W.

ZAMBIAN EVENING

Monday Evening Fellowship and the Missionary Committee were delighted to welcome many friends on 21st April, to the Zambian Evening, presented by The Rev. John & Mrs. Dorothy Muir, aided by two of their sons.

We enjoyed an excellent talk interspersed by coloured slides, ciné film and tape recordings, which gave us an insight into the country of Zambia, the way of life and the work of the Christian Church, particularly in Kitwe where the Muirs lived. They wore their Zambian national costume and brought with them many of their Zambian "treasures", which included wood carvings, ornaments, pictures, copper articles, articles made of twisted wire, a recipe book etc.

We sang a Zambian hymn, tucked into a plateful of Zambian food and our many questions were answered in detail by the Muir family. A collection raised £9.00 which will help the five churches there. It was a most interesting evening, and we pray that God will direct and abundantly bless our new-found friends, John and Dorothy Muir.

IRENE TULEY

THE ROLE OF THE LAY PREACHERPart II

In some Districts within this Province there are "Lay Preachers' Associations" which can deal efficiently with a number of matters of common concern. Such a minimum organisation could simplify the work of those responsible for "pulpit supplies", and perhaps the remuneration of the preachers' expenses by churches. Baptists in our area already have a useful association for lay preachers and perhaps we should seek ways of sharing with them, and possibly the Methodists. There is an opportunity for someone able to help Mrs. Tizzard who is already responsible for training programmes etc. Group training sessions could be provided, if desired, along the lines of the "sermon classes" used to train theological students in college, and in voice production! Young people's teams are also sharing in "pulpit supply" and could usefully share in such initial training, and in the pattern of service to the congregations. Preparation for worship is something in which we all have a responsibility and contribution to make - but clearly some more than others. The role of the lay preacher is partly to form a "bridge" between pulpit and pew and I, for one, value this contribution. Prayer for individual and corporate needs can be more meaningful if those responsible take steps to inform themselves of these from church officers and elders - who might actually share in the service at the point of intercessions.

While some Districts have insufficient outlets for lay-preaching, ours is still able to provide opportunities for more than we have. In the West Sussex Area Ministry we turn to other denominations for help, mainly for the reason that there are insufficient people coming forward in our own locality. If any reader has thoughts of responding to this need please get in touch with Mrs. Tizzard (The Manse, Brook Avenue, Bosham, Chichester) or myself.

(see also part I, printed in May "CHRONICLE")

The Rev. Desmond Bending, 82 Lower St., Pulborough.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NOTICES FOR JUNEChurch Flowers

1st	-	Miss J. Luckin
8th	-	Mr. R. Briggs
15th	-	Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood
22nd	-	Mrs. A. Hopkins
29th	-	Miss E. Fisher

Monday Evening Fellowship - All ladies are invited to join us in the Cornwall Room at 8.00 p.m. on 2nd June for a talk on "The Art of Wigmaking" by Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. On 16th June gentlemen are also invited to hear Captain Mackenzie speak on his Reminiscences as a London River Pilot. IRENE TULEY

Christian Aid for May - Results were £15.75p.
with many thanks, HILDA HELE

FEN PLACE GARDEN PARTY - As you will all have seen this takes place on 14th June. Please make your own arrangements for transport this year. B. POPPLESTONE

SMALL AD. A standard size Refrigerator is for Sale: Coldrator, in Good Condition, Offers to Mrs. Epps, Tel: W. 41826, and the sale will be made in support of Church Funds.

RESULT OF COFFEE MORNING, held on Sat. 3rd May - £22.33p
This goes towards the Unified Appeal net
to date

There are some birthday cards and items of stationery still for sale, so please see me if you would like to contribute. The fund is still open. EDITOR

Mr. Titlow's preaching engagements for June/July:

8th June - Arundel, 13th July, Billingshurst,
20th July, - Bosham

"I'M VERY WELL THANK YOU!"

There is nothing the matter with me,
 I'm as healthy as can be,
 I have Arthritis in both my knees,
 And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
 My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
 But - I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
 Or I wouldn't be able to be on the streets,
 Sleep is denied me night after night,
 But every morning I find I'm alright.
 My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this - as my tale I unfold,
 With for you and for me who are growing old,
It is better to say "I'm fine" with a smile,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.
 How did I know that my youth is all spent?
 Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.

But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
 Of all the grand places my "Get up" has 'bin,
 Old age is golden I have heard it said,
 But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
 With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My eyes on the table until I get up.

'Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself,
 Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf,
 When I was young my slippers were red,
 I could kick my heels right over my head,
 When I was older my slippers were blue,
 But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I'm old my slippers are black,
 I walk to the store and puff my way back.
 I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
 And pick up the paper and read the obits.
 If my name is still missing I know I'm not
 dead;
 So I have a good breakfast - and go back to
 bed.

(A MESSAGE FROM CANADA) Anon.

UNITED FOR MISSION

Those who have been able to attend the Evening Services during May, taking the form of abbreviated worship in the Church followed by discussion groups in the Hall and rooms, cannot fail to have been impressed by the lively interest shown particularly by our younger people. Under the General Heading of "United for Mission" the following topics have formed subject matter for a very brief sermon and for the following discussion groups:

1. "Witness"
2. "Service"
3. "Evangelism"

It is perhaps unfortunate, though undoubtedly wise, in view of the coinciding Bank Holiday weekend, that the fourth in the series has necessarily been postponed. It has been a great enrichment to have the leadership of this series shared by the Minister with the Rev. John Muir, who has endeared himself to us all, and to learn a little, perhaps, of how other people have Christian enlightenment to share which does not always match that which we have ourselves cherished! A useful preparation for Worthing Mission 1976.

C. S. S.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth Corner

N.C.E.C. SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the following results of this year's examination:

Pamela Bruford	7 yrs.	87	hon.	
Michael Chatfield	8 yrs.	97	hon.	2nd Prize
David Bruford	9 yrs.	67	1st Class	
Anthony Elliott	9 yrs.	86	hon.	
Peter Close	10 yrs.	81	1st Class	
Alan Easey	11 yrs.	35	3rd Class	
Anita Luckin	11 yrs.	71	1st Class	
Jaqueline Brame	11 yrs.	51	2nd Class	
Janet Cable	11 yrs.	39	3rd Class	
Ruth Chatfield	12 yrs.	97	Hon. 1st Prize	& H. S.

Helen Bruford	13 yrs.	72	1st Class
Christopher Chatfield	15 yrs.	71	1st Class 2nd Prize
Jean Boughton	Adult	63	2nd class 2nd Prize

"Well done all! and a sincere 'Thank You' to Mr. & Mrs Lionel Knight who organised the invigilation. E.W.P.

THE HUMBLER CREATION

All these strikes! People wanting more money for less work! sickening! "WE WANT - - - !" again and again! There are some faithful workers - on the night shift, who work on and on and on! and are the best gardeners and farmers in the world! I'm afraid they'll join the strikers, bearing their slogans along the garden paths:

"WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!" "DOWN TRODDEN
WORKERS WANT FAIR DEAL" "WE WANT LESS WORK
FOR WORMS!"

Who works the hardest in your garden? Not your father, not your mother, not you! - but the worms! There are 11,733 worms in my garden. If you don't believe me, come and count them one day. Worms on strike? If they really did go on strike, it would be a very bad day for us all. The humble earthworm is not a very attractive creature, but it plays a most important part in our lives. It is blind, yet it can detect light and dark. It has no nose, but can smell; it has no ears, but can detect vibrations of noise.

Burrowing through the ground the worm opens its mouth and swallows the soil. This gets ground up inside the worm, and when all the goodness is taken out, the rest passes on and ends up as the familiar worm casts which you see so often on lawns. In addition to eating earth and its contents, it eats dead leaves, fallen blossoms, seeds and other vegetable substances lying near the mouth of its burrow. Cleverly, it draws the leaves down the hole in such a way that the small end always goes first, so taking the line of least resistance. Many of the

dead leaves which are taken down into the burrows turn to leaf mould in the ground, and so help to enrich the soil. Their burrows allow air and water to enter the ground and prevents it from caking and becoming non-porous. Moisture enters by these little canals, penetrates through their walls, and so opens up ways for the germination of seeds - for the spread of tender root-hairs of plants, which in hard, unbroken soil, would not easily make their way about to find nourishment for growth.

Up above, the worm casts of fine soil, are blown by the wind, or in other ways broken down, and so are carried through cracks and little channels, down into the ground again as rain falls and makes its way into the earth. The worm's search for food and homes has the effect of mixing soil and vegetation and animal remains into an ever-growing mass of vegetable mould which is the seed-bed of the richest plant life.

Another of God's lowly creatures, without whom we cannot exist: the worm is our master gardener. Out of sight, and out of mind, he makes soil fruitful, fine, and rich.

There is a book, who runs may read,
Which heavenly truth imparts,
And all the love it's scholars need,
Pure eyes and Christian Hearts.

The works of God above, below,
Within us and around,
Are pages in that book, to show
How God Himself is found.

Thou who hast given me eyes to see
And love this sight so fair,
Give me a heart to find out Thee,
And read Thee everywhere. (C.Praise 35)

MARY CONNELLY

FROM THE VESTRY

O Lord God,

When Thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory:

Through Him who for the finishing of Thy work laid down His life.

AMEN

(Sir Francis Drake)

I first met this prayer at the opening of a new Church, everyone was so thrilled with the experience of how far they had offered themselves in generosity and obedience to Christ. Perhaps they had forgotten that you can never go far enough! The Minister, sensitive and awake to his people's need included this prayer in the service of opening and dedication. How vigorously the words speak to us in our Church today! To the Minister just completing his first year among you, to young converts who have yet to learn to walk in the faith, to the middle-aged - no less in danger of giving up. It is the older Christian, the real pilgrim soul, and there are many in our Church, who could give testimony to inspire and cheer us all. There have been times when Christians have had long discussions on why people forsook Christ and left the Church. I believe that the witness of those who have remained steadfast and faithful is a more fruitful subject, and of great value to our younger friends.

Perhaps one Sunday we should have some testimony from two of our older disciples and two of our younger disciples - think through this, and consider offering your service.

It is a gracious thing to be experiencing these days of renewal among us - but remember the song: "Keep right on to the end of the road" and it's Calvary road that calls us.

Bless you all for your help, kindness, and inspiration during this first year's happy ministry with you.

Blessings and Love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Louise Roe

Lily Constance Thomson

Let Love's unconquerable might
Your scattered companies unite
In service to the Lord of light:
So shall God's will on earth be done,
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun
And the whole Church at last be one.

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

Rosemary Kitto	received into membership
	15th June

Frank Charles Beaumont	received into membership
Hilda Margaret Beaumont	6th July

Alexander Clarke	"
Susan Clarke	"
Gordon Skirton	"
Janet Skirton	"

'You have become very dear to us'

Remember in prayer Mrs. L.E. Manington

Mr. V. Clarke

and all who are unwell

Give thanks with David and Lyn Garrod on the birth
of their daughter Sarah

Share With Bill Perrett sorrow and thanksgiving
in his Mother's death - may she rest
in Christ

Be Glad That Rob. Turton and his helpers raised
£100 in recent Christian Aid Collection.

Note Miss L.E. Cometti is now at 8 Harrow Road

ANNUAL REPORTS - REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES

It is very much regretted that through a most unfortunate error in drafting, the commemoration of the Members having passed to the fuller life during the year included the name of Miss E.V. Spurgeon instead of that of her mother whose passing we wished to record. We sincerely hope that Miss Spurgeon - and any others who may have been misled - will accept this formal apology.

THE REV. JOHN AND MRS. DOROTHY MUIR

On 23rd of this month (July) The Rev. John and Mrs. Dorothy Muir leave England to resume their work on the Mission Field in Zambia, and opportunities, indicated in the Church Calendar, will be given for us to bid them farewell. Their sojourn with us has seemed all too short, but it has been long enough for us to learn to love them not only for the work they do but for themselves. They have indeed been a gracious presence among us and we shall miss them sorely. We look forward

already to their return after a further five-year period of service, which we hope will be a fruitful time of great blessing to them. Our prayers will follow them.

OBITUARY

The Late Rev. Andrew James

My late husband and I were first introduced to Mr. James about forty years ago. He was preaching one Sunday in place of Dr. Norman Goodall who was our minister at New Barnet Congregational Church (now a block of flats). Through Norman Goodall we became friendly with Andrew James. He was one of the nicest ministers we knew. After serving various Churches he became Moderator for the Southern Province. The last time I saw him was about seventeen years ago. He was preaching at our Church when Mr. Franks was minister and services were held in the Church Hall.

We were anxious to hear his views on our New Building. Some of the deacons and wives came along to tea. Mr. Wills was secretary of the Building Committee and was able to explain our plans. Mr. James was very interested though his view of seating accommodation was for 300. We had a pleasant time and a few hints.

I am grateful to Norman Dobson for letting me know of Mr. James sudden passing. The U.R.C. has now lost one of their most wonderful and kindly men.

From a friend,

CICELY NODES

Miss L.C. Thomson

A straying tortoise introduced my family to Miss Thomson in 1938, and ever afterwards she showed a keen interest in them, as we were near neighbours.

We were happy to become Foundation Members of Goring Congregational Church, as it was then, in 1947. When she retired from business, Miss Thomson, with her friend Miss Mumford, took an active part in Church life, working unassumingly always.

She had no relatives, and was often lonely after the death of Miss Mumford, but she was cheerful and very kind - a shining soul one is happy to have known.

DORA E. BRIDGER

Marie Louise Roe

We have said "Goodbye, God be with you", to our dear friend, with sadness at the parting, but with joy for her dear self, knowing that the greeting is true and that the crown of life triumphant is indeed hers. We bear her dear ones, still with us, in loving kindness and sympathy at this time, and commend them to God's Goodness and Comfort.

M.S.

FINAL DATE FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE ... 17th August

BIBLE VERSESCALLEDPart of Acts 11 v. 26

And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Ephesians 4 vv. 1/3

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meakness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 Peter 5 vv. 10/11

The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen.

PRAYERS

Contributed by members of the Junior
Department of Junior
Church

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank you for the Church that we come to and pray together in. Thank you, God, for peace in our country. Bless our fathers and mothers who have looked after us for so long. Thank you for a nice home and a comfortable bed. Thank you for the food you give us to eat. Some people have hardly anything to eat. Thank you for our strength and ability to run and walk ... for sight

hearing and for our arms and legs, and for our warm clothes when it is cold. Thank you also for your Son Jesus and the Christian race of man.

Dear Father God,

Please forgive us for all the things we have done wrong. We are sorry if we lose our temper and do something we should not do, and if we are unkind. Please help us to do as we are told.

Dear Lord,

Please help those poor orphans left in South Vietnam and help the cripples and handicapped to cope, and bless the doctors and nurses who help them to get better. Help them to get more food and clothes so that they won't cast children and babies out of their families. We thank you for people who understand about things like the Vietnam war. Please give help to the people who had husbands and wives in the underground crash at Moorgate. Please help all the poor and lonely who have nothing to cheer them up - especially remembering those close by in Westholme. Please listen to our prayers as there are so many people in need.

Our Father God,

There are many things that we would like to ask for ourselves. Some of us would like bikes and go-carts, some of us other special material things which we need to save for. Let us spend a minute or two in silence to ask God for all those needs special to ourselves, young and old together. Amen.

These Prayers were used by the Children at their Family Festival Service last May

WITH THANKS

Hettie and Harold Ellis thank the many friends from the Church who so kindly remembered their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We especially appreciated the card and flowers sent by the members.

It is on such occasions that one is reminded of the true family spirit of the Church and the love which prevails.

We would like to thank all our friends at the Church for all their love and good wishes expressed to us on the occasion of our Golden Wedding, also for the beautiful flowers.

N. GREGORY
E. W. GREGORY

Please give us a chance -

If after Church you wait a while
You're sure to get a friendly smile,
But if you quickly rise and flee,
We'll all seem stiff and cold, may be.
The one beside you in the pew
May be a shy newcomer, too.
All here like you have fears and cares,
We're all helped by each others' prayers.
We're each in God's Accounts a debtor,
So give us a chance to know you better.

Tailpiece -

Teacher: And what do you remember about Elijah,
Johnnie?

Johnnie: He went on a cruise with a widow.

BRITISH RHEUMATISM & ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION

Proposed Branch in Worthing

Some of you may know a great deal about this Association which does so much to help those with any of the rheumatic or arthritic diseases. For those who do not our Aims are:-

To help rheumatic and arthritic sufferers with information, advice and practical assistance.

To strive for more and better facilities for early diagnosis and treatment.

To promote the rehabilitation within the community of those afflicted by rheumatic diseases.

To stimulate professional and public awareness of the problems associated with rheumatism and arthritis.

To serve the needs of rheumatic sufferers and their families everywhere.

We have had a visit from a members of Headquarters staff in London, Mr. R.V. Dudley-Clarke on Thurs. 3rd July, at St. Paul's Church Hall, and hope this will have aroused sufficient interest to form a local Branch, the need for which in this town is so great, bearing in mind the very many who are sufferers to a lesser or greater degree.

I hope that in the next issue of the Chronicle I shall be able to state when our inaugural meeting will be held and also where. The prime mover in this venture is a friend of mine, also an arthritic, Mrs. Margaret Smith of Ardingly Drive, Goring, who works unceasingly for so many and has belonged along with myself and others to the

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Brighton and Hove Branch. How much better it will be though if we can have a Branch here in our own home town!

You will be pleased to know that our Minister has willingly agreed to be our Chaplain and for this we are deeply grateful for we all know how helpful he will be to us in this new venture. At a later date I will report the names of all the officers and committee members.

Finally, although there are already 122 branches in the United Kingdom, we feel duty bound to put Worthing "on the map" and help our fellow arthritics in all stages of their illness. Perhaps it is not fully realised to what extent these conditions can and do completely alter the course of one's life. The illness strikes at any age - from 17 to 70 - prevents sufferers from earning their living and forces them to completely readjust their way of life, and this in turn directly affects their families. But B.R.A. exists to ease all these problems in a very real and practical way. Please remember us in your prayers during these initial and crucial days, and anyone who feels he or she can spare some time to help in any way will warmly be welcomed and their assistance highly valued by the members.

JOAN CATT

CHURCH FLOWERS

JULY

6th Misses L.A. & M.M. Redman
13th Misses D. & J. Ragan
20th Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Mooney
27th Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Howe

AUGUST

3rd Mrs. E.M. Townsend
10th Mrs. I. Kitto
17th Mr. & Mrs. A. Birch
24th Mr. & Mrs. G. Wraight
31st Mrs. D. Langridge

KAY WINSTANLEY

SERVICE ON THE GREEN - Sunday 17th August, at 3.00p.m.

Under the auspices of the Worthing Council of Churches - Mission 1976 - an open air service will be held on the Green at the foot of Alinora Avenue which it is hoped will be fully supported by members of all the Goring Churches. Clergy and Choirs (robed) will assemble at St. Mary's Church at 2.30 p.m. and, led by the Worthing Salvation Army Band, will proceed to the Green in procession via Goring Road and Alinora Avenue. Please come if you can.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH MEETING HELD ON
29th May, 1975

The Meeting opened with prayers in accordance with requests shown on the list in the Church. Miss D. Hunter was welcomed to her first Church Meeting.

Pastoral news was given of the Church family.

Correspondence was read on the Community Land Bill. Thanks were received from Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gregory for the Church's congratulations on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

Plans were announced of the Worthing Council of Churches' year of Mission together with dates of Meetings.

QUESTION TIME - Items considered were:- Operation Outreach of 2 or 3 years ago, Communion Service arrangements, Orders of Service, Hymn Tunes and name of Church.

Two Church members had recently visited Heath U.R. Church, Halifax, and had brought back greetings and good wishes from that fellowship.

ASSEMBLY - Mr. Stephens gave a very interesting and detailed report giving full information on the very important matters discussed at the recent Assembly. Mr. Stephens was warmly thanked by the Meeting. Once again a good Church Meeting.

H. SPENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP - For our last meeting before our Summer break, we shall meet at the Church on 14th July, at 8.00 p.m. and go by car to Washington, where we shall enjoy an evening ramble and refreshments.

We recommence our meetings in the Autumn on September 8th at 8.00 p.m., when Mr. Green will be showing us exhibits and talking on "Ivory Carving" - we look forward to seeing all our members and new friends in the Cornwall Room then.

A happy holiday to you all! IRENE TULEY

LEPROSY MISSION - The amount collected for the last half-year was £32.06p. Thank you all very much for your continued support. MAY ROWBOTTOM

CHRISTIAN AID - Amount collected in June - £25.10p. With thanks.

HILDA HELE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - At the A.G.M. on 22nd April, 1975 the Rev. William Connelly was re-elected president and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Robin Parker on his resignation as Hon. Secretary. His work for the Group during the past two years had been greatly appreciated. Doug Mooney was re-elected Treasurer and Registrar, and Reg. Goodchild elected Hon. Secretary. The existing Committee was re-elected. The Autumn session will commence on Tuesday, 30th September with "Any Questions?" when it is hoped that our President will be able to serve on the panel. New members are always welcome and the Telephone No. of the Hon Sec. is 49855.

REG. GOODCHILD

FINAL DATE FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE ... 17th August.

BOYS' BRIGADE, 5th WORTHING COMPANY

Junior Section Holiday - Friday, 1st - 8th Aug.
at St. Mary's Bay, Romney Marsh

Company Section Camp - Sat. 9th - 16th August,
at Watcombe Bay, Torquay

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 19th July, at 2.30 p.m.

Company & Junior Week-End Camp - Friday 12th Sept.
- Sunday 14th September at Hampers Green, Petworth

BB Juniors	Last Meeting,	14th July
"	First Meeting	8th September
BB Company	Last	" 25th July
"	First	" 19th September

REPAIRS TO CHURCH PREMISES

During the past twelve months the cost of carrying out repairs and minor improvements to the Church and halls etc. has increased very considerably. It has been the practice of the House Committee to instruct a local builder when any work required attention although there have been occasions when Church Members gave their services.

In view of the alarming rate of inflation in the price of materials and labour the Elders would appreciate any offers from members of the Church and Congregation who are skilled at carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating, locks and plumbing. (Electrical repairs and any repairs involving the use of ladders and scaffolding are excluded from this request.) Will anyone who would like to help please contact one of the Elders
COLIN NODES (House Committee)

A MESSAGE FROM THE MUIRS

"This is a long leave" - "Haven't you gone back yet!" Yes, we realise this is what people are saying and rightly so. We came home for two months and we will have been here for four by the time we go. But at least we can say that we leave on 23rd July, for Zambia, back to Kitwe.

As many of you know John was appointed as a Literature Secretary for the United Church of Zambia, and this meant us going to Lusaka to live. When we left we knew that there was some doubt about the Financial Backing for this job. Not long after we returned we realized that this appointment had fallen through. So came several weeks of worry, indecision, not knowing what to do for the best. All the time feeling this strong pull back to Zambia. We gave ourselves a time limit, and in the meantime considered the possibility of remaining in the U.K. Finally everything fell into place and John is appointed Lecturer in "Communication Skills" - a rather grand way of saying an English Lecturer! We shall return as Associate Missionaries and have C.W.M.'s blessing and interest. They have been most helpful all the time. John intends to become an Associate Minister of the United Church of Zambia. The College is in Kitwe and some of the students are our own Church Members, and some of the Staff Elders and Stewards and Members. We are returning to friends. This will be our last tour in Zambia because after this we face real problems with schooling, and in any case we feel that the Home Church need is there as well.

Our prolonged stay in Ferring has been enjoyable - if worrying for a time. The many friends we have made at Goring Church have gone a long way to helping us through some difficult times - even though they may not have known this. It has been good to be near our parents

as well, who have helped us all along. Yours is a friendly Church with many people who can give in many ways. We've experienced some of this care and friendship from you all, and from your Minister.

Thank you for receiving us and all our boys. God Bless you all. We shall write to you if we may from Zambia.

NOTES FROM THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

1. At the recent Singapore Conference a radical change in the structure of the Council for World Mission was proposed. In brief, this will put the control of the Council's affairs into the hands of all the churches connected with its work, whether they give or receive missionary aid (at present the 'giving' countries, principally Britain, have the major say in policy). The Rev. John Muir will outline the proposal at the Church Meeting on 3rd July. We wish John and Dorothy and their family every blessing as they leave for Zambia on 23rd July. (see p.16).
2. Our thanks to Miss M. Rowbottom, who has for some years been looking after the affairs of the Leprosy Mission. This work will now be taken under the wing of the Missionary Committee, Watch this space!
3. Both the Austerity Lunch on 20th April, and the Zambian Evening on 21st were voted 'hits'. As a result of the former £51 was sent to Christian Aid.
4. Our best wishes also to Dr. & Mrs. Haines-Nutt upon their removal to Torquay in August. The Committee will miss Frank's thoughtful contributions.

ROBIN BRUFORD

U.R.C. SWANWICK CONFERENCE

With the accent strong on "uniting for Mission" the U.R.C. Forum (23rd to 29th August) at the Hayes, Swarwick, Derbyshire, is a conference in which you can take part and have a holiday, in a very beautiful part of English countryside. This year's Forum promises to be just as enjoyable as last year's: the lecturer is Rev. John Newport, professor at Cheshunt/Westminster College, Cambridge; the topic under discussion "CONFESSING CHRIST TODAY" - What does it mean in today's world? What does it mean for churches throughout the world - divided? united? How do we "confess"? How do we translate "Christ" into today's language - for today's men? WHY NOT COME? There are still some single rooms left. Cost for the week is £17 and more details can be obtained from the Forum Secretary, Mrs. B.M. Wilson, the United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RT (phone: 01-837 7661) or from Jean Boughton (W. 40813).

JEAN BOUGHTON

INFLATION HITS US TOO!

You may think that inflation is just a matter of prices going up and things costing more and bills being bigger and so on, but there is a brighter side of this subject too. You did not know- because it is never obvious - that our circulation is on the increase. Since the beginning of 1974 the number of "Chronicles" printed per month has risen from 280 to almost 500 per month. The size also has increased: from a steady twelve page magazine you now get a regular 16-20 pages. The interesting thing is that the income has not gone up. In fact it is falling.

We know that we do not advertize a fixed charge, and we do not want anyone to feel that they can't afford it, but if you feel you can help, please do. It costs about 3p a copy for materials: labour is not a charge on the production, and neither is

electricity which operates the presses. If everyone puts this amount in the box each month, or better still, makes an annual contribution to the magazine fund - we can sleep easily again. The alternative may be to reduce the size again, or cut down on the circulation, we send out about 50 copies by post each month!

Requests for postal copies to Miss E. Gilby.
Cash to Miss E. Fisher, and thanks to you all for
past support,

from The PRODUCTION TEAM

YOUTH CORNER

"I am the light of the World, he that believeth in me, shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life".

Rain! Everyone knows what a rainy day means; to be kept indoors, with the rain pelting down outside, making everything so dull and dismal and dejected. How gloomy it all is. We get so cross, and think that the clouds will never clear away and let us play outdoors. But let the sun just peep through the clouds, and you see a wonderful change come over things! The leaves and grass sparkle with rain drop diamonds and the flowers raise their heads and look twice as fresh and beautiful, the insects start to dance in the warm sunshine, the sea turns blue again, and everything looks happy and cheerful once more.

Just suppose there were no sun at all, and the only light we had came from the stars. There would be no moonlight, for the light the moon gives comes from the sun, which she reflects. If there were no sun there would be no day, no spring, summer, autumn or winter. It would be night all the time, a long, dark, cold night. We should soon die of cold and starvation. Plants would not grow, animals would pine and die and life would soon cease to exist on the earth.

Have you ever seen a plant that has been put in a dark cupboard? even though it is kept well watered, if it has no sunlight the leaves will soon lose their colour and drop off, and in a short time the plant will be dead, starved to death for want of sunlight. We are dependent upon the sun for life; without it we cannot live. The first thing that God made was light, and then later, Jesus said, "I am the light of the World". Jesus is our sun, we cannot really live without Him. The sun gives power; the sun gives the light and warmth which makes the plants and animals grow and keeps them healthy. The coal and oil we burn is formed from giant ferns and plants which long ago stored up the rays of sunlight for our use today.

But there is another wonderful thing about sunlight. Have you ever noticed, as the sun streams into a room that a band of different colours appears suddenly on the wall? There are seven colours in that band, violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red, all shading beautifully into one another. The sun-beam has been split up, as it passed through the glass window, into the seven colours, just as you might split up a rope, and find that it is made of several strands, all twisted into one. These light rays are either absorbed or reflected by the object on which they fall. The waves which are not absorbed are reflected and meet our eyes. That is why a bluebell is blue and a rose red and a buttercup yellow. We see the blue and red and yellow on their way back again. So you see that the colour of the flower depends on what it gives. A flower which kept all the colours would be black! It's beauty depends on what it gives out.

The Beauty of our lives depends on what we give back to God. Just as the sun's light shining on the earth makes everything grow and thrive, bringing out beauty and power, which otherwise would never have existed, in the same way when we turn to Jesus, who is the Light of the World, and open our hearts to His life-giving beams, all that

FROM THE VESTRY

When in years to come we look back on 1975 we shall always remember the Summer, and as our memory fades we shall think of it through the distant haze of years with the forgetfulness of children to whom summer was always golden bread crusty to the teeth, and rich yellow butter and honey, no more than our right as children of the day and of the sun.

A few days ago I was watching bees, coming and going to their hive in a friend's garden. The life history of the bee is very short and full of work and sun. They never seem to rest, and even at night you can hear them at work in the hive. I was also told that bees fly many miles from their hive away to meadow and uplands in quest of their honey, and that weeds, for example the Rose bay Willow Herb, are more often their choice than choice roses in the garden.

The Bible, especially Proverbs, is full of stories about the humbler creation and their industry and insights given as examples to lazy and blind human beings who think summer goes on forever! Jeremiah (8.20) tells us "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved". Jesus himself illustrates the theme of the "Crisis" of the Kingdom by reference to events in nature. May we then view the coming harvest of the fields as Jesus himself, who saw the fields "white unto Harvest".

Pray for God's richest blessing upon John Titlow as he goes to Theological College. It will be our trust that his call to the Ministry will be renewed from season to season, and that his service in the "Harvest Fields" will be full

of joy. Barbara will be joining John in Cambridge and now we have another member of the family to complete their joy!

Blessings and love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

BAPTISM

Charmaine Louise Redman

6th July, 1975

BIRTH

Isabel Joy Titlow

4th August, 1975

"Suffer the little children to come unto me...
for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

IN MEMORIAM

M. North

17th June, 1975

L.E. Manington

30th June, 1975

D. Nobbin

28th July, 1975

A. Martin-Smith

4th August, 1975

R. Whitney

18th August, 1975

W.R. Williams

21st August, 1975

We give thanks to God for these gentle and loving souls who are now at peace with Him. Many of us in the fellowship will echo the words of St. Paul: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you".

They have gone into the World of Light

Congratulations to Gordon and Doris Wraight on the celebration of their Emerald Wedding Anniversary (55 years) on 23rd August, 1975.

I should like to express my deep gratitude for all the many kindnesses shewn to the late Mrs. Manington and myself during her long illness. The visits of Mr. Connelly and the prayers of her many friends at the Church were a great comfort to her while the transport so graciously provided over a long period of time enabled us both to attend our Church Services as long as was possible.

Until failing health intervened, Jane, as we knew her, contributed much to the musical life of the Women's fellowship.

ETHEL FROST

Handbook Additions and Corrections

CLARK Mr. V. 52 Bruce Avenue.

* CLARKE Dr. & Mrs. A., 123 St. Andrew's Road,
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* EVANS Mr. & Mrs. G. 20 Palatine Road (Printer's
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* LEWIS Mrs. B., 30 Palatine Road, Tel: 48666

Change of Address

Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Richards to 49 Orchard Avenue.

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR HANDBOOK AND KEEP YOUR COPY UP TO DATE. Any further changes should kindly be notified to me.

JANE BOND

BIBLE VERSESDESIRE
DESIRED

Psalms 27 v. 4 - One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalms 107 vv. 29/30 - He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet: so be bringeth them to their desired haven.

Colossians 1 vv. 9/10 - We do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

AN INVALUABLE BONUS

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, at no additional cost to yourself, the amount you give to the Church each week could be increased so that every £1 given becomes £1-54 in the hands of the Treasurer? Yet this is possible if you promise, under a Deed of Covenant, to give a fixed sum within each of 7 years, as the Church can recover Income Tax already paid on the income from which the donation is made. The annual sum may be paid weekly through the Free Will Offering envelopes.

Are you prepared to let the Church maximise your giving in this way? Then please ask the Covenant Secretary, Richard Tuley (Phone: W. 65319) for further details of the scheme. R.T.

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

Slow me down Lord,
Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quietening of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace with
a vision of the eternal reach
of time.

Give me, amid the confusion
of the day, the calmness
of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
and muscles with the soothing
music of the singing streams
that live in my memory,
Help me to know the magical
restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking
minute vacations, of slowing
down to look at a flower,
to chat to a friend, to pat
a dog, to read a few lines
from a good book.

Slow me down Lord, and inspire
me to send my roots deep into
the soil of life's enduring
values, that I may grow
toward the stars of my
greater destiny.

J. ROBSON TURTON

FROM THE TREASURER

First of all a sincere word of thanks to all who contributed in anyway to the Gift Day in July, which has resulted in the sum of some £770 being added to our revenue for the current year. This will go a long way toward meeting our Quota of £1426 for the Unified Appeal, and also in helping to meet the heavy costs involved in keeping the Church and all its buildings and activity in a healthy state.

Our collections continue to reflect a generous giving week by week and the weekly averages are as follows:-

Envelopes £61 Loose cash £24

Collections through the Blue Envelopes are on an average around £6 per week, and this sum is part of the total required for the Unified Appeal. However, you can be assured that the monies collected by way of these envelopes does in fact go for missions work overseas. I would however like to ask that you consider the wider use of these envelopes and find it convenient to use them more frequently.

The Chapel is now complete, and I am very grateful to those who made specific donations for this purpose, I am sure that you would agree that we have a sacred and beautiful addition to the Church.

NORMAN REDMAN

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

During these past five weeks part of my holiday job has been to teach English to foreign children - children from all countries including Iceland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain and a lady from Sweden. One of the three children from Spain is called Philip Graves. I noticed that he came from a small village in Spain where Robert Graves, the poet, has lived for many years. I found (through devious questioning, and without showing an untoward interest) that he is the grandson of Robert Graves. He is a quiet boy, on the whole, but he has become much less reserved since he has been here. He doesn't want to be a poet, he'd like to be an airliner pilot!

In the School library, I found a book of Graves' poems. In this book I found a poem which to a large extent describes the attitude of many of the boys and girls here, who have formed groups and, in some instances, gangs. These gangs or groups follow the strangest personality. The 24 french children have their own groups. The other children tend to be mixed, but their behaviour follows the "gang pattern", or popularity trend. I am sure some of them would never behave in the way they do were they at home or alone. Separated, busy, occupied, interested - they are charming and good children.

One of Robert Graves poems gives to us, old or young, food for thought. Are we superstitious? Do we feel we must always follow the crowd, the sign, the happening too pointed to be a co-incidence? Where do our feet walk? in wh ch direction? My gangs have sometimes been harmless, some have been practically mafia-like. Who will lead them later on in their lives?

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IN NO DIRECTION by Robert Graves

To go in no direction
Surely as carelessly,
Walking on the hills alone,
I never found easy.

Either I sent leaf or stick
Twirling in the air,
Whose fall might be prophetic,
Pointing 'There',

Or in superstition
Edged somewhat away
From a sure direction
Yet could not stray,

Or undertook the climb
That I had avoided
Directionless some other time,
Or had not avoided,

Or called as companion
Some eyeless ghost
And held his no direction
till my feet were lost.

MARY CONNELLY

An Excerpt from "Word in Action" sent by Mr. Wraight

This year lent came to Chad with a bitter relevance. A season of terror and despair for the Christians in that republic in the heart of Africa. Harried by the Government, their Church driven underground, their friends scattered, they waited for a word from the Lord. A word of compassion, of hope and of release.

On Saturday, 8th March that word came to them out of the clear blue African sky. It came in a freight plane touching down at N'djamena with the first thousand copies of the new Short Bible in the Mbai language. These things just don't happen by themselves. Behind that liberating flight lies a story of devotion and painstaking work which reaches out of Africa to New Zealand and Britain.

In happier days before the persecution, the Christian Assemblies of Chad had their own New Testament. Some seven and a half thousand Mbai-speaking Christians - about ten per cent of the population - were able to hear God's words in their own language. But it was felt that the translation needed revising, and that some books of the Old Testament ought to be added. So at the beginning of this decade work began to translate and print a new Short Bible in Mbai.

Neville Taylor, a missionary from the New Zealand Church of Open Brethren, headed a team of translators, collating and revising each book as it was completed. The work went ahead steadily. Plans were made by the U.B.S. to print the Bible in England under the auspices of the B.F.B.S. The projected publication date was January of this year, 5,000 copies.

Let us all remember to pray for the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their continued work for countries such as Chad.

EDITOR

CALLING ALL WOMEN

When the Women 's Fellowship begins its new session on 16th September it will re-open as the "WOMEN'S GUILD" with a 'new look'.

It became clear during last winter and spring that the Social Afternoon, which had been the successor of the Working Party, did not have a wide enough appeal to justify its continuation, though for the few who attended, it had proved a pleasure and a blessing. It was decided therefore, for an experimental period to combine the two Tuesday meetings and to introduce into a reorganised Women's Fellowship the informal social atmosphere of the Social Afternoon.

Meetings will be held fortnightly on Tuesdays, a formal meeting to commence at 2.45 p.m. and to end at 3.40 p.m., this to be followed by a period of social "chatter" during which tea and biscuits will be served. The hall will be opened by 2.15 p.m. so that any who so wish may meet each other before the afternoon programme begins.

Whichever meeting you have previously attended PLEASE COME and support this experiment in fellowship and friendship. All women of any age, whether members of the Church congregation or not, will be warmly welcomed, and it is especially hoped that new members will come and that we shall all find new friends.

Programmes for the session will be available on the Sunday before the first meeting, which is on Tuesday, 16th September. On that day our good friend Mr. L.F. Knight will give us an opening message entitled "Being Prepared". We shall have with us as soloist Miss Netta Passingham. We hope to see You at that meeting.

E. GILBY

BIBLE QUIZ
contributed by our
Junior Church

1. How many books in the New Testament?
2. How many books in the Old Testament?
3. What is the name of the 4th O.T. Book?
4. Name three of the letters St. Paul wrote.
5. Name four people who wrote the Gospels.
6. What does Genesis mean?
7. What does Exodus mean?
8. What does Revelation mean?
9. Which book tells us about Noah?
10. Which book tells us about the Conversion of
Saul?
11. How many books or letters did Paul write?
12. who else wrote letters in the N.T. besides Paul?
13. Write down 3 parables of Jesus
14. Find a reference to Moses
15. Find a reference to Daniel in the Lions Den
16. Where do we find the Shepherds Psalm?
17. Where do we find the 10 commandments?
18. Find the Lord's Prayer
19. Find two books with the story of Jesus' Birth
20. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?

(Answers on back page)

CHURCH MEETING 3rd JULY, 1975

PASTORAL NEWS Miss Thomas would be 97 on 4th July. Details of sick members were announced. Four Church members had passed away recently and the meeting stood in their memory.

APOLOGIES were received and accepted for non-attenders

TREASURER Mr. Redman reported on the Gift Day and anticipated a good response. The quota to be raised for the U.R.C. had been raised by 10% to £1426. The fees to be paid to visiting ministers conducting services would be raised at once. It was agreed that a donation be made to help finance the Worthing Scheme of Mission.

BOILER The Elders were considering the operation of the boiler and the costs as oil was now so expensive. It was suggested that the boiler be converted to use gas at a cost of £800 plus. Approval was requested for the expenditure of approximately £850. There was quite a lot of discussion and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to a later Church Meeting. The radiators badly need overhauling, and it was agreed that estimates be obtained.

QUESTION TIME The G.L.B. reported increased expenses and appealed for any help which could be given. Greetings were received from the Rev. Cyril Franks and his Church at Purley after a visit by some of our members. It was suggested that the visitation list be reviewed. Reports were given by two of the Young People who had been at the Conference on the Isle of Wight.

MEMBERSHIP The names of six new members were announced. Mrs. J. Bond had agreed to act as Membership Roll Book and Handbook Secretary.

REPORTS Appreciation was expressed to Mr. & Mrs. Goodchild and to Mr. E. Popplestone for the compilation of the Reports of Societies, and the printing. The Minister commented briefly on each society's report.

Mr. John Titlow had now been accepted as a candidate for the ministry. A new secretary was now required for the Housing Association. Help was required towards payment for repairs for Hayward House.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE Rev. John Muir gave details of the work at Singapore. Mr. Muir would be leaving the Country on 20th July, and the good wishes of the Church were conveyed to him.

PRAYER CHAPEL It was reported that Mr. R. Parker had made a table for the Chapel and thanks were expressed to Mr. Parker and to all who had helped in any way. The Minister would be on holiday in August and during the first two weeks in August Mr. E. Popplestone would be available and during the second two weeks Mr. Stephens would be back from holiday.

H. SPENCE

CHURCH MEETING on 31st JULY, 1975

In absence of the Minister it was agreed that Mr. J.R. Beale be asked to take the chair. Apologies for absence were received from various members.

COMMUNITY LAND BILL It was reported that certain concessions had been obtained for Churches and Charities but still not yet completely satisfactory.

CHURCH HALL Some damage had been done to the East Hall. Representations had been made to the Worthing Council as it appeared that a dust cart had been responsible.

QUESTION TIME Various matters were brought up and discussed.

1975 ASSEMBLY Mr. Charles Stephens reported on the most important items on the Agenda viz. Church Life Committee report, Christian stewardship, World Food Crisis, National day of Prayer and Fasting, Use of Local Radio. Reorganisation of responsibility for Youth, National Committee for Youth Project, The Healing Ministry of the Church. All these matters were to be considered by the elders and brought back to Church Meeting.

The next meeting would be after evening service on Sunday, 21st September.

H. SPENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTSB.R.F., I.B.R.A. & FOCUS - Membership for 1976

Will members of the above Fellowship requiring any alteration to their order, or any non-members who wish to join, kindly let me know by 30th September latest, thank you. Owing to the high cost of printing and the crippling postal charges the cost of the B.R.F. booklets will be 45p yearly and the I.B.R.A. 60p yearly.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP The programme for the Autumn session is now nearly complete and we open with "Any Questions" on Tuesday, 30th September. The Panel will consist of our Minister, Charles Stephens and John Blackwood. Member are invited to submit questions in writing to me nearer the date, on any topical or interesting subject, and I hope some will be light-hearted. Please bring along a friend to swell the ranks.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP We commence on 8th Sept., in the Cornwall Room at 8.00 p.m. and we warmly welcome all ladies and gentlemen to join us then to hear Mr. F. Green and see his exhibits of "Ivory Carving". On 22nd Sept. we shall be discussing "What makes my blood boil". Will all members please note that there will be no meeting on 6th October, instead we shall meet on Wed. 8th October and visit the Institute of Choreology at Highdown Towers at 8.00p.m.

IRENE TULEY

FAMILY CIRCLE We are pleased to advise that the Family Circle under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Gill, has prepared a full and interesting programme for 1975/76. The first evening will be the Harvest Supper and Barn Dance on Monday, 29th September. Tickets are now on sale from the Committee and all friends are cordially invited. We hope that this organisation will receive your continued support as it starts the new Session. Look out for further announcements!

JIM CURRIE

FROM THE VESTRY

We seek him here, we seek him there!

So writes Baroness Orczy of the Scarlet Pimpernel, and leaving aside her theological suggestions of where he might or might not be, we'll say a word about communication with the Minister and the Church to society.

Now this Minister tends to believe in what some Americans call "maximum exposure!" You needn't take that too literally unless we meet on the beach. What it really means is that we are anxious to make possible a way to each others hearts, minds, joys and sorrows. A few tips or reminders may help.

- (1) The Minister is usually in the Vestry from Tuesday to Saturday mornings 8.30 a.m. - 12.0 noon. The Church door is open - you are welcome - or else telephone 48259 and make an appointment. Requests for visits are best made at this time.
- (2) Since lunchtime at the Manse is a very short and light occasion and the Minister is usually on his rounds by 1.30 p.m., it is not so easy to find him at this time.
- (3) The Manse family, guests and cat usually dine from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. This accounts for all those gurgling noises you have heard when telephoning at this time. From 6.30 until late evening the Minister is usually out on visits and meetings. Bedtime is fairly early unless there is a good latenight film - but Fridays only!
- (4) You will see from this that the reason you did not catch the Minister was that he was out. It also follows that since the

Marriages

August 30th David Simpson
 Christine Jane Richards

September 6th David John Amos
 Mary Elizabeth Dobson

September 6th Christopher Paul Stephen
 Rosemary Anne Bailey

"And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow that
dawns upon eternal love and life"

In Memoriam

Miss W. Pollott died 9th August, 1975

Miss A.M. Chambers died 24th August, 1975

"And they shall see his face"

Several of our members and friends are unwell,
among whom are Miss A.M. Thomas, Miss K.M. Walden
and Mr. H. Milborrow. We remember these and all our
sick friends in loving prayers.

Please use the Book in the Little Chapel which
invites prayer requests. The Minister counts it a
joy to minister to the sick and the old, and all in
distress. Please inform him in the Vestry, Tel:48259

SITUATION VACANT

The Junior Section of the Boys Brigade, who
meet on Monday Evenings, urgently need a pianist.
If you do not yourself play, please think "is there
anyone I know who could help in this way".

Please contact Mr. Alan Flashman, Tel: 203415

BIBLE VERSES

God loves
God cares

John 3 v. 16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 8 vv 38/39 - For 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.

1 Peter 5 v. 7 - Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,
 If he came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
 Oh, I know you would give your nicest room to such an
 honoured guest,

And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the
 very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you are glad to have
 Him there,

That serving Him in your own home gives joy beyond
 compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at
 the door -

With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly
 visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you
 let Him in,

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where
 they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard,
 and wish you hadn't uttered that last loud hasty word?

THE SERVICE ON THE GREEN

August provided just one very wet day and this arrived on Sunday 17th, the day set for the Service on the Green at Goring, arranged by the Churches of Goring in conjunction with the Worthing Council of Churches Campaign 1976.

A goodly number, suitably enveloped in storm weather wear duly assembled at St. Mary's, but in spite of the urgent pleas of the numerous young it was decided, perhaps unwisely, to abandon the Procession, although the Salvation Army was there in strength and fully ready to lead. The congregation therefore proceeded by car to the Green where a splendid, though somewhat shortened, service took place. Mackintoshes, umbrellas and sopping service papers failed to dampen the enthusiasm of some one hundred worshippers from all the Churches of the District. The Band provided a splendid lead and each of the Clergy, Ministers or representatives played their allotted part. The rain ceased not.

The Green was, of course, devoid of either holidaymakers or even of local walkers. As a "mission" to the stranger therefore one must suppose that the occasion might be rated a failure - but how we all rejoiced in worshipping God with our fellow Christians from other faiths or creeds. In fact, what a triumph over the elements in the power of ecumenicism!

C.S. STEPHENS

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

5th	Mr. & Mrs. N. F. Redman
12th	Miss M. Curtis
19th	Mrs. J. Tilbury
26th	XXXXXXXXXX Mrs. G. L. Nodes & Family

NEWSLETTER FROM SOMPTING

The Church Tomorrow - What will it be like?
 What should it be like?
 What can we do now to
 prepare ourselves and the Church for the next
 decade?

Come and have your say!

We are planning a Day Consultation at St.
 Columba's U.R.C. in Worthing on 11th October
 beginning at 11.30. The Rev. Duncan Forster
 will lead us and his theme is

The Church of the Future

There will be plenty of opportunity for the members
 of the Church of the present to say what they think.

Please come along and encourage others to come as
 well, and do all you can to bring along the younger
 element in your Church - they ought to be concerned
 about the future shape of the Church.

The consultation is planned by the Adult Lay
 Training Committee of the Sussex West District
 Council of the U.R.C. Lunch and tea will be
 provided and a collection taken to cover the cost.
 It is important that we know numbers so that we can
 cater sensibly. Please let me have numbers from
 your church not later than 5th October.

Bookstall
 Creche

Clifford Charlton,
 3 Cokeham Lane,
 Sompting, Lancing
 BN15 9UW Tel.L. 4263

 Christian Aid result for September - £16.60p

H.HELE

MISSIONARY NEWSExcerpts from a letter from Zambia

The first part of our journey out was very straightforward and it was good to see Amsterdam again, and to go on to the Madurodam model village. The boys were very thrilled to see it again, though this time it was very crowded. The K.L.M. flight to Nairobi was fine except for delays due to heavy air traffic in south Germany. We again had splendid views of the alps and of Italy, and then of North Africa and the desert. This time we came down at Cairo (rather bumpy), but saw nothing of any pyramids! This meant we were rather late and tired at Nairobi, but were quite comfortable at the Intercontinental Hotel. We had to return to the airport earlier than expected, so did not have time to do anything much the following morning.

We eventually got to Lusaka at 5.30 p.m. and were met by friends. Just as well we made private arrangements, for no one from the Ministry of Education came to meet us! We had a good weekend with our friends and on Monday John got "signed up" with the Department of Technical Education, and it was arranged we would travel to Kitwe by "luxury" coach the next day. The luxury fittings are there all right, but no water in wash basins etc.

We couldn't move into our house straight away, since another college in Luanshya were trying to get hold of the few remaining ZIT houses there, and ZIT was scared they'd just take it if it became empty. but eventually on 22nd (just a month after leaving) we got the word that new staff were arriving and would move into the Luanshya house, and so we moved in.

The garden is in good order, with quite a nice lawn in the front with borders and some grass and a nice vegetable garden (which was denuded as soon as

our predecessors moved out, but the layout is still there). For the kids there is a massive ant-hill, taller than the house, which makes a castle etc. for games. We are now getting down to planting seeds and seedlings to get some things growing. Food is as expensive as ever, but we have managed to get a medium-sized deep freezer as well as a fridge, so can to some extent get things when they are available and keep them. We bought a Christmas pudding the other day!

John's work looks like being very interesting. The course is "Communication Skills", which is basically English, plus other skills such as interpreting graphs and diagrams. At present the classes range from surveyors and industrial chemists to construction technicians and mining ventilation engineers. Next term will involve electronics and telecommunications students. The government has just ordered that all students shall work in production units to produce food as part of the "agrarian revolution", and to teach them not to despise manual work. So maybe our experience of poultry-rearing is going to come in useful.

Church-wise we have been "doing the rounds" - since of course it would not be right to go to St. Margaret's. Last Sunday we went to the Anglican Church. John has preached twice at the Presbyterian Church, and since there is now an agreement between the Presbyterians and the United Church of Zambia to work closely together with the hope of eventual union, this seems to be a useful thing to do.

"REFORM" 1976

It does not seem a year ago that I inserted a notice in the "Chronicle", asking for new subscribers and hoping there would be no cancellations for the ensuing year.

I have just received notification from the United Reformed Church that the price of "Reform" for 1976 will be £1.20, an increase of 20p., due to increased costs of production and postage.

This approximates to the cost of a meal out, and for this sum the subscriber obtains 11 issues of a most interesting and worthwhile magazine. Throughout the year I have received several letters from Headquarters urging me to obtain new subscribers, but I have refrained from mentioning these until now, when I shall soon be sending in the order for 1976.

I am disappointed at having already received three cancellations though I have gained one new subscriber. I am only too aware of the increasing cost of everything, and as one friend said to me recently "everyone is cutting down on magazines", but it would be such an encouragement to me and to those responsible for "Reform" to obtain some new readers.

The same remarks apply to the Prayer Fellowship, but I have not yet heard about the price of the 1976 handbook.

M.L.HAWKE

WOMEN'S GUILD

The second meeting of our autumn session on September 30th will be addressed by Mr. F.A. Sanders on the subject of "Home Safety", a subject important to all of us.

Mrs. Dorothy Turner will be our speaker on October 14th, and her subject "The Japanese Tea Ceremony", will be illustrated by colour slides. Mrs. Turner is sure to delight us with her talk on this unusual subject.

October 28th is the date of our Anniversary Service, when we hope to be joined by members of the Women's organisations of our neighbour churches. This service, to be held in the Church, will be addressed by Mrs. M.R. Forrester and our good friend Miss Netta Passingham will again be our soloist. The service will be followed by a social in the Church Hall. We hope for a record attendance of our own members and warmly invite all other women of our congregation to join us.

We are glad to welcome new members at any of our meetings.

E. GILBY

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We shall be visiting the Institute of Choreology on Wednesday, 8th October - this will be in place of the meeting on Monday 6th October.

On 20th October we shall "Meet the Butcher", when Mr. Knight is coming to speak to us - all ladies are very welcome to join us at 8.00 p.m. in the Cornwall Room.

FAMILY CIRCLE

The Family Circle are holding a meeting on Monday, 27th October. This will consist of a slide show entitled "Malta and its Islands" presented by Chester Frome, followed by a one act play presented by the Town Women's Guild. We strongly recommend this evening to you. Take note of the date now.

J.M. CURRIE

SCRIPTURE SHIELDS AND PRIZES

The two Scripture Shields and associated prizes were presented this year on 7th September to two members of the same family.

Ruth Chatfield won the Senior Shield and Michael Chatfield won the Junior Shield. For those who have not seen these Shields before, and there are a few members of the congregation who have not, they normally hang on each side of the stage in the Church Hall. They were presented to the Junior Church together with an annual cash prize in memory of Vic Wright, a member of the Goring Toc H, in 1962. Since then they have been awarded annually to the two members, one senior and one junior, of the Junior Church who have been considered to be the most deserving. In the last five years this has been decided by the results of the N.C.E.C. Scripture Examination.

Ruth and Michael both had top marks in their respective sections, whilst their older brother, Christopher, was this year awarded a certificate for passing all six divisions of the examinations.

HAYWARD HOUSE COFFEE MORNING

Please come to a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday 25th October from 10.30 - 12.00 noon. There will be a gifts and nearly new stall.

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

I've been hearing a lot of moaning and groaning from lots of people, grown-ups and children alike:

"Back to the old grind"

"Noses to the grindstone again!"

"Back to the old slog!"

"Roll on Christmas"

The holidays are over, those days of freedom in the sunshine and fresh air; and the days when you could lie in bed late have gone. It has been a time of getting things ready for going back to school - pencils, pens, rulers, books, uniforms and preparing your minds for work and discipline.

It's quite difficult to settle down again, to concentrate on listening, hearing, understanding, absorbing information, learning and remembering.

It's quite difficult to settle down to preparation of work, planning and writing, making and doing, difficult not to fritter your time away. It's not easy, either, to complete a good piece of work, either theoretical or practical. Good work takes plenty of preparation, quite a lot of time, and a great deal of care. Things that are worthwhile are seldom easily come by.

A little while ago, I thought I would have a do-it-yourself Chinese meal. I took about half a pound of string beans and put them to germinate in dampness and warmth. In a few days I had a fine crop of bean sprouts which grew at a fantastic rate. But no sooner were they removed from their growing place than they began to shrivel. They had to be used quickly, so they were soon cooked and eaten.

Soon after this, in a forest, I saw an oak tree which had been felled, a tree of huge girth, weighing tons, hundreds of years old. Even when cut down it will be long lasting, as the wood will be seasoned and used for building and making good, solid furniture, which will also last for a very long time. "great oaks from little acorns grow" - but slowly! They take a very long time.

I remember I used not to like the hymn:

"Father lead me day by day,
ever in thine own sweet way.
Help me to be pure and true,
Show me what I ought to do."

In the Methodist hymn book is included a verse which always made me feel guilty:

"When my work seems hard and dry,
May I press on cheerily;
Help me patiently to bear
Pain and hardship, toil and care".

Make it a prayer for this term, for this new year of work.

MARY CONNELLY

CLOSING DATE FOR MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR NOVEMBER
MAGAZINE WILL BE 15th OCTOBER

NOVEMBER, 1975No. 272FROM THE VESTRYJOY IN THE CHURCH

It began as an ordinary morning with letters, sermons, callers - the telephone. And then it rang again! The telephone, so loved of blackmailers, timewasters, and grumblers, rang again. "I just wanted you to know how much joy I find in our Church" That was the message, and the morning scene had changed. I was sitting on the roadside in Asia Minor with a little group of Christians in A.D. 50 and someone happily and excitedly brought me a piece of parchment, a letter from S. Paul I read "all joy in the Lord". Again the scene changed, and I was among a little group of Christians in Central Europe A.D. 1975 - a messenger had come to us and he began by saying "I wish you joy in the Lord". "Surprised by joy impatient as the wind" is how the poet describes his experience - do you have joy in your life in Christ and in His Church? and are you as impatient as the wind to share it with others?

Some of our young people, new converts to the faith invite your prayers "that He who has begun a good work in them will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ".

The Elders are trying to interpret and meet the need for silence before worship look out for changes here, but when the duty Elder brings in the Open Bible worship has begun, and we are together invited into the silence of worship where God is found.

Love and Blessings,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FAMILYBAPTISMS

ADRIANNE CLAIRE daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Saunders
 "and he took them up in His arms and blessed them"

MARRIAGES

FREDERICK JOHN ALMOND
 FREDA ROSE TIZZARD

We wish you all joy in the Lord

IN MEMORIAM

Edith Emma ADAMSON	17.9.75
Victor CLARKE	22.9.75
Cyril WOOD	27.9.75
Mary BELL	4.10.75
Alfred GOSS	7.10.75

"The Eternal God is thy dwelling palce and underneath
 are the everlasting arms"

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

MISS ELLEN MANIX
 MISS ELSIE M. EVANS
 MR. & MRS. JOHN BECKERTON

"Let us for each other care - each the others burdens
 bear. To Thy Church the pattern give - show how
 true believers live"

CONGRATULATIONS

To all who shared in the Evening Parade on 5th October, and, as we have been reminded so as to remind others - the singers from St. Andrews, Balham are all members of B.B. and G.B. companies. Well done the Brigades.

LOOK OUT

There's a Bookstall about - only this time NEW BOOKS for SALE. We are now a Book Agency and all Christian Books, Bibles ... Books for Christmas may be ordered via Richard Tuley, Jean Boughton or the Minister. OPFNING OCTOBER.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS New Members, friends or addresses

- * ALMOND, Mr. & Mrs. J. 42 Pentland Road
- * BECKFERTON, Mr. & Mrs. J.
- A. BRAND Mrs. T., "Pangbourne", Greenacres Ring,
Angmering Village Tel. 70993
- COURTNADGE, Mr. & Mrs. R.D., 98 the Strand.
Tel. 49125
- * EVANS, Miss E. 135a Goring Road, Tel. 46543
- * MANIX, Miss E. 137 Goring Road, Tel. 45318

The BREWER Family have removed to 14 Ashurst Drive
(same telephone No.)

HOUSING ASSOCIATION

A flatlet will become available early in the new year. Anyone interested should make application to the Hon. Secretary: Mr. F.J. Lock, 3 Ferring Lane, Ferring, Tel: W. 40650, or any member of the Committee, not later than 15th November, 1975.

J.R. BEALE

BIBLE VERSESThanks

Psalm 92 vv. 1-2 It is good to say "Thank you" to the Lord, to sing praises to the God who is above all gods. Every morning tell him "Thank you for your kindness" and every evening rejoice in all his faithfulness.

THE LIVING BIBLE

1 Corinthians 15 vv. 57-58 Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 9 vv. 15 Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

THE "KITCHEN PRAYER"

Do you know the "Kitchen Prayer?" It is banging, beautifully hand-written by Miss D.L. Pegance, a retired headmistress and a member of Pulborough Parish Church, in the new kitchen at the Parish Rooms at Pulborough. Composed by Clara Burke, the prayer runs:

"Lord of the pots and pans and things
 Since I've no time to be
 A saint by doing lively things
 Or watching late with Thee,
 Or dreaming in the dawn light
 Or storming Heaven's gates;
 Make me a saint by getting meals
 And washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands
 I have a Mary mind
 And when I black the boots and shoes
 Thy sandals, Lord, I find.
 I think of how they trod the earth
 What time I scrub the floor,
 Accept this meditation Lord:
 I haven't time for more."

Miss Fagence told the W.S.G. she knew nothing of the poet, neither did the Rector of Pulborough, the Rev. Basil Maltin. Chichester's reference librarians had no information about Klara Munke.

NEWS OF LOCAL U.R. CHURCHES

In the October issue of "The Outlook" the monthly newsletter of Shelley Road Church, we read of the generous gift to the Church of an illuminated cross, and of its dedication last August, by the Minister.

Also we learn that "New Church Praise" is in use in this Church on two Sundays each month; and of course, another "Sing-in" for choirs and members of U.R. Churches in the District was arranged for 20th October.

The 19th October was the day upon which Shelley Road was celebrating its 171st Anniversary.

P.J. BIGGS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Connelly and to the many friends at the Church for their love and kind thoughts while I was in Southlands Hospital and convalescence, also for the lovely flowers.

I especially appreciated Mr. Connelly's visits to me in hospital soon after the operation when I was feeling rather low, and his kindly words were very comforting to me at that particular time.

KIT WALDEN

Ethel and Maurice Jones wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the Minister's prayers and visit on the occasion of their Golden Wedding recently, and for the beautiful flowers brought by Mrs. Winstanley.

During the past 16 years or more Members of this Fellowship have enjoyed four Coach Outings per year, firstly by the late Mr. Grew and the last 10 years by Miss Winifred Smith who has had to give up as Organiser.

Thank you Winnie for the way you have helped so many of us to enjoy the beauty of the Sussex countryside and other places of interest in the South of England which otherwise we would never have seen.

LOST

E.M.

Mr. Rushby has lost his tune-hymn book. If anyone knows where it is will they please let him know.

EDITOR

AMBERLEY

Sorrowfully, we report the death of Mr. A. Ruff on the 23rd September, after a long illness. He had been the Treasurer and a devoted member of our church for over 40 years - and was largely responsible for keeping it going in the face of ever decreasing numbers in the membership.

'Archie' as he was known to his friends was a quiet, dependable, friendly man, whose figure has already been missed about the village.

We extend our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Ruff and the family. Mrs. Ruff particularly wishes to thank the Goring friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

D.W.

JOTTINGS FROM THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Advance notice was given of the next big occasion - a combined Monday Evening Fellowship/ Missionary evening on 26th January - when we shall learn something of the needs of the church behind the Iron Curtain and of one group which is doing something about it. Further details later.

There was a lively discussion on the system - or lack of it - for providing C.W.M. Deputations. We may have a share in one in February but more probably we won't. If not, we'd like to arrange our own Missionary weekend at some better time. Mr. Cleverton or the Minister would be glad to receive any suggestions, particularly from friends with missionary contacts.

Mr. Gordon Wraight, who has been a stalwart of the Committee for many years has found it necessary to give up his membership of the Committee, though not of course his keen interest in missionary matters. The Committee expressed their warm thanks to him for his long and devoted work.

There are now one or two vacancies on the Committee. We should like to see these filled with only a modicum of gentle arm-twisting!

R.F. BRUFORD

A STORY TOLD AT THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BY THE LATE
MR. A.E. PEARN

"A certain Congregational minister was asked to be one of the speakers at a united service, but when he arrived at the church he was told that owing to the number of the clergy and ministers involved, the arrangements had, of necessity, been altered. He was, therefore, asked to take one of the prayers instead of giving an address. He was not too pleased about this alteration, and he decided that it was a pity that his address should be wasted. He thought he might incorporate some of his address into his prayer. This was all right until he came to the point when he said "O Lord, in case this is not quite clear, I will now illustrate it with an anecdote".

CHURCH MEETING 21st SEPTEMBER

This meeting was held in the Church after evening services.

News was given regarding the church family with a special welcome to Miss Brenda Ford who was

now back after several months absence. Prayers were asked on behalf of Miss Thomas who is now only a year or two away from her hundredth birthday. Tributes were paid to those members who had died since last church meeting. Several new members were accepted by transfer from other churches.

The Minister stated that steps were being taken to take stock of the spiritual life of the Church.

Mr. John Titlow, who is now training at Cambridge, spoke of his call to the ministry. He quoted Romans 10 vv 14 and asked for our prayers as training in college alone will not make him a minister.

On behalf of the Church the Minister gave him the right hand of fellowship and promised our support.

Then followed four short statements by two young men and the two church officers in their calls to Christian discipleship.

Finally a report was given by Miss Jean Boughton on the conference she attended at Swanwick this year.

H. SPENCE

Christian Aid result for October - £24.10

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

DAY CONFERENCE AT ST. COLUMBA'S

Some 84 people came, - from the West of Sussex at Pagham to the East of Sussex at Lewes - gathered together at St. Columba's Church for the purpose of "Looking to the Future of our Churches in the United Reform".

The Rev. W. Irving from Pagham was the Chairman, the speaker was the Rev. Duncan Forrester, Sussex University Chaplain, whose wife is the Minister of T. Lescombe Cliff U.R.C. She lead the meeting with a reading and a prayer. They are a very busy couple indeed for they also have three children.

The theme was the future of our churches in the United Reformed Church in these days of empty declining churches all over the county. We were told that if from now no new members were added in our churches in 16 short years there would be no United Reformed Church at all.

Do people come to church out of habit, those who have stick ability. This may surprise some - come out of 'stubbornness'. But we do have some who come to meet their Lord and feel refreshed on going away.

The church is getting smaller, poorer and incapable of financing their Ministers, or buildings, remember the Lord said 1/10th of our income should be given (not man). The visible church will witness more and widely if it is in the Hands of our Lord.

The younger generation is impressed with the fact that there are people who still belong to a church and still do not have any of this world's goods. Our young people want to belong but they

have their fears of being accepted for themselves, their dress is criticized, the way they speak, some have doubt in what they see and hear what the elderly people can do and say and get away with it - Remember they are seekers too, and without them to fill our seats that is when the Church will become empty.

We are no longer a voice in the Government or have any say in the running of this country. Our cities have no churches planned to be built. This is when families find no need of worship - because of house-work, washing the car etc take priority, and because both go out to work. The Christian is becoming an 'odd' person in today's society.

The Church now has to have a conscience to the social side of the community - we must welcome in the outsider and with a 'smile' - the mentally sick, the lonely and this may shock some, even to welcoming the Homosexual who needs love.

Our music will have to change, become livelier, this is not just the young's request, quite a number of the middle aged would love to hear some rousing tunes.

Were the vestments of some of our Ministers and churches making a barrier between them and the congregation. But a cheering thought in these times of inflation, the bulk of the money from this small island of ours when disaster strikes anywhere in the world is from Christian Aid. The Church began with eleven disciples but widened to what it is today, but the shepherd with his little flock still continues today. God is sufficient ONLY if we realise the one lesson the Church has to learn all over again to survive and thrive once more, we must turn back to God seeking what He wants us to do, with Unity, Strength by Prayer and a Reverence for our Lord only then will the churches begin to grow again.

CONSTANCE J. GILL

GIRLS' BRIGADE

We hope that by now you have made a note in your diaries for 22nd November, and that you will come along to our "TALK OF THE TOWN" BAZAAR to be opened by Mr. Sydney Knight at 2.30 p.m.

We have been working very hard for this special fund-raising event, and we have some lovely things ready for you to buy at reasonable prices.

Christmas cards, paper, decorations etc., gifts, cakes, sweets, toys, pot plants and cut flowers are just some of the things that will be there for you to buy on that day, and of course you will be able to relax with a cup of tea after your exhausting round of the stalls!

We are very grateful to those who have already made and given us gifts to sell and we look forward to seeing you with full purses and smiling faces on 22nd.

J. WEBB
CAPTAIN

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

2nd	Mr. & Mrs. R. Pepperdine
9th	Mrs. V. Catledge Mrs. D.M. Turner
16th	Mrs. S. Stredwick Mrs. D. Sawtell
23rd	Mr. R. Parker
30th	Mrs. F. Calsteren Mrs F. Ross

ANNOUNCEMENTSWOMEN'S GUILD

The meetings of the Women's Guild have so far this autumn been much enjoyed and our membership is growing.

There will be two meetings in November, the first on 11th when Mrs. K. A. Lovelock will speak about the Worthing Club for the Hard of Hearing. Members will be given an opportunity to contribute to the work of the Club if they so wish.

On 25th November our speaker will be Miss F. Sackse and her subject "A Matron's Memories" A collection will be taken for St. Barnabas' Home.

New members or visitors will be welcome at either meeting.

E. GILBY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

'Any Questions' went down very well at our opening meeting which was well attended and a wide variety of interesting questions was expertly dealt with by the panel.

On 11th November we have a visit to the Worthing Hygiene Unit. We meet at the church at 2.0 p.m. and if you are unable to arrange a lift please let me know in good time and I will try to fit you in.

We have a Member's Afternoon on 25th November and I invite members to let me know if they can present six interesting slides and talk about them briefly. I would like to know a week in advance of the meeting and may need the slides to arrange the programme beforehand.

REG GOODCHILD

FRIENDS OF WESTHOLME

We are having our A.G.M. on Monday, 10th November, at 3.00 p.m. and would be most grateful if you could spare the time to come along.

J. RAGAN

I.B.R.A. MISSION'RY APPEAL

May I, on behalf of the Secretary of the I.B.R.A., express his grateful thanks to those members whose generous response to the appeal amounted to £6.60 for 1975. The important work which the I.B.R.A. undertakes overseas depends so much upon the assistance they receive from friends here at home. Thank you.

E.F. SHEARMUR
Local Sec.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

All ladies and gentlemen are invited to join us in the Cornwall Room at 8.0 p.m. on 3rd November, when Mr. & Mrs. Reg Goodchild will be showing slides and speaking on "Our Twin Church in Germany".

Any animal lovers are welcome to attend our meeting on 17th November, when a Police Dog Handler (with his do Thunder) will be talking about his work.

On 1st December the members will be "Looking Forward to Christmas".

IRENE TULEY

FAMILY CIRCLE

We are continuing our popular monthly evenings with a musical night on 24th November. The first part of the evening will be popular extracts from Gilbert and Sullivan sung by singers from the Municipal Choir. After coffee the St. Andrews Reel Society will demonstrate several highland dances and then invite the audience to join them in some popular scottish dances.

Family Circle Continued

We are sure this evening will have considerable appeal to all ages, so please secure your tickets now.

J.M. CURRIE

A DAY IN CANTERBURY

We set off at the "Crack of Dawn" on a trip across Sussex and into Kent, on 18th October, 1975 to attend the Southern Province Synod. The weather proved fine and this made the journey all the more enjoyable, and as we had started early we were not bothered with heavy traffic.

On arrival at Canterbury, having parked the car we found the Baptist Church just around the corner, and were greeted with a welcome cup of coffee which the ladies of the host church had put on for us. Another nice surprise was to find Rev. Cyril Franks in the Chair as acting Moderator, in the absence, due to sickness, of the Rev. Vernon Lewis.

The main address was given by the Rev. Robert Latham, and I cannot attempt to say all that he included in one hour's talk. He pointed out that the shape of the ministry was changing and nobody could predict how this was going to develop. He asked what sort of society were we looking for for the future and what sort of people did we expect to do the work of the church in the future. Did we know what was expected of the church in the present

situation, and how do we minister to the modern generation, the newly married in our area or the people returning from the Billy Graham Campaign. Did we know how to cope with those around us seeking for faith.

New methods and approaches would have to be learned by ministers. There are questions being asked in the minds of people, and how do we plan to answer these questions. The answer came partly in his suggestion that groups of Elders and lay folk should get together for discussion, and training. There is a real need for lay folk to be trained in ministerial activities. He spoke at some length about the training of elders and lay workers.

Team ministry was another suggestion. The operation of teams instead of single pastorates, which would cover several churches. Men who had left the ministry might even be encouraged to return, especially if stipends were adequate, as the move towards teaching and other jobs had often been made reluctantly.

The basic training at present should remain but there were possibilities of adding numerous subjects to the basic. Refresher courses were another consideration. The main colleges would still be Manchester and Cambridge although several of the smaller colleges were still operating satisfactorily.

Lunch was served with soup for the sandwich-eaters, and then in the afternoon we had discussion groups in rather large numbers. All in all, a very interesting day, especially for me as I have never attended such a gathering before.

M.B. POPPLESTONE

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some people think that I sowed magic beans this year, handed down from Jack and the Beanstalk. The beans have grown so tall and strong, and have had so many flowers, then beans, and beans, and beans and more beans! I have picked pounds and pounds - or should I say Kilogrammes and kilogrammes?

Someone has already asked for some seed to put in his garden next year, in the hope that he will get the same amount of beans! However, there's no guarantee of that! What made my beans grow so well?

It didn't start when the beans were sown, it started long before that. I started preparing the ground for the beans last year, - from autumn onwards, even before I thought of buying any bean seeds.

I dug a trench, and into that trench I threw all my kitchen refuse, anything that would rot down and make good compost. Plenty of that went into the ground. When the double trench had been filled and covered over with earth I put sticks - tall strong canes, at regular intervals at each side of the trench, and bound them together to make strong supports. Then the seeds went in, near to the canes, so that they could easily reach their supports.

The seeds in the ground were well watered, by rain and by hose pipe, the sun warmed the damp earth, and soon the plants were above the ground and starting to climb the sticks. And like Jack's beanstalk, they grew and grew. They helped to look after themselves too, by climbing up to the sun, spreading their leaves so as not to over-shadow others too much, and get as much sunshine as possible. Their leaves hung in such a way

as to direct the rain to drip straight down to their roots.

Their flowers set out their bright colours to attract the bees, who helped to pollinate the flowers, and so to fertilize each one, and form the seeds. The bean pods grew, long and green and juicy, protecting the growing seeds inside.

For next year, I am saving many of the biggest and best seeds, and soon I must start the whole process over again. Have you noticed, though, that good preparation of the soil was needed, strong support, and loving care. The plant had to climb to the sunshine and use it for its growth.

Just think how much like beans we are!

CH 698 Lord, Thy call we answer,
 Take us in Thy care,
 Train us in Thy garden
 In Thy work to share.

P.S.

It's MUNG beans (buy them at the Health Food Stores) which you use for bean sprouts for Chinese meals, not 'string' or 'stick' beans!!

MARY CONNELLY

COPY FOR DECEMBER CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY SUNDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, at latest.

FROM THE VESTRY

"Star high
Baby low
'Twixt the two
Wise men go"

So sings the poet, and so sing the songs of the hearts that love Christ, the minds of the wise who know Him, and the wills of the lives that thro' faith aspire to serve Him.

How wrong we are if we suppose Advent and Christmas to be a break from reality, a pause in the history of making and getting, of fighting and hating. Christmas is no break from reality it is Reality beyond all our knowing. Hear the word again. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son'. Here is God's initiative, His word when the worlds are dumb for shame, His move when the worlds are petrified by sin. And His world comes to our little world and offers love and light and life; and Bethlehem, Calvary, and the Garden of the Risen Lord are all of Him. Best of all, He is all for you.

Good things to note 1. When as on the last Communion Sunday we ran out of wine we experienced the miracle of Cana in Galilee and were filled with praise and joy. Was this the highest number of communicants ever? 2. Praise the Archbishop for his call to the nation ... we have written on your behalf - and respond yourself. 3. The Ministry of Healing is becoming more a part of the Church's life. Do remember the Evening Communion service as part of this Ministry. 4. The Little Chapel is beautiful and bears the mark of so much generosity in giving and making and serving. Do remember our Prayer Request Book ... and the book of Remembrance. 5. This time last year the Church Membership including five associate members was 293. The present figure is 304. Junior Church last year at

this time was 71, today it is 117. This little advance, especially during a year marked by many of our older friends having died, is a source of quiet thanksgiving. What labour, prayer and sacrifice have been made over the past year.... and God has blessed us beyond all that we asked or thought.

A Happy Christmas from all at the Manse,

Blessings and Love,

Bill & Mary Connelly

PS. Please invite me to your house especially if you think we do not yet know each other as well as we should; I look forward to this.

MARRIAGES

Ronald French

Stephanie Taylor

25th October

Robert Benson

Catherine Palm

25th October

"that their love may grow more and more"

IN MEMORIAM

Florence Ellen Gilbert 17th October

"Her leaf also shall not wither"

Adelaide Mary Thomas 13th November

"and let her works praise her in the gates"

The Ministry of Comfort and Healing

Mr. H. Milborrow is home and at Church again.

Mr. 'Pip' Biggs makes steady progress.

Miss K.M. Walden is home and with us again.

Miss I.G. Dymott is back in hospital.

Mrs. Peggy Martin is still poorly in Worthing Hospital
(Ward 32)

Mrs. Doris Wraight makes good progress after her recent operation.

"Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him". Let the Spirit of Care be our Spirit Today.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

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* Mr. & Mrs. B. Read, 14 Lenhurst Way, Tarring

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* Mrs. Millie Dixon, 38 Trent Road, 40376

* Mr. & Mrs. F. Edis, 48 Cumberland Avenue, 40186

TWO LITTLE RHYMES

If nobody sang and nobody laughed and nobody cared
about you,
If nobody spoke a word of cheer to help your long
day through,
If all the wealth went to the great and nothing was
was left for the small,
Then surely the world would be upside down and life
hardly worthwhile at all.

Build for yourself a strong box,
 fashion each part with care,
 Fit it with chain and padlock and
 pack all your worries there;
 Hide therein all your troubles,
 as each bitter cup you quaff,
 Pack all your failures within it -
 Then sit on the lid and laugh.

The Weekly Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme

May I please ask all present contributors to the above scheme to complete this year's gifts by the last Sunday in December if possible. May I also appeal to all members of the Church who have not adopted the envelope method of giving to the Church, to think and pray earnestly about it; this is the only way our Treasurer can assess the Church's income accurately.

I shall be happy to provide envelopes to any members of the church or congregation who wish to join the scheme, if you will contact me at the Church or write to me,

Miss L. Harris,
 2 Southsea Avenue,
 Goring-by-Sea, Worthing.

Tel: W. 40779

May I thank all those members who have given so regularly throughout the year.

LILAH HARRIS.
 Weekly Freewill Offering
 envelope treasurer

MISSIONARY NOTESMissionary Myths

The cartoonist's missionary, clad in pith helmet, bush jacket and shorts and peering from the rim of the natives' cooking pot, is (I hope) not representative of our ideas of what a missionary is. Even so, our better based ideas also sometimes take a knock. One of the few things we may envy our missionary friends, especially in these wintry days, is the sun and warmth they enjoy in places like Zambia or Brazil. Or do they? A recent letter from missionaries in Brazil includes "July was a washout this year, with frost, snow and rain. September was worse". Still with Brazil, the TV play "Savages" the other week was one full of trenchant comments on and criticisms of the human condition which most Christians could accept. What a pity that the message was weakened by the portrayal of a missionary which was an utter caricature - a type who has certainly not existed at all, who thought he was helping the Indians by giving them trousers and teaching them to sing choruses.

But it is not only authors of plays and people outside the churches who have odd and out-of-date ideas about missionaries. Many Christians are apparently content to be in the same boat even though they have ample opportunity to get their knowledge up to-date. A little hard? well, judge for yourselves. Twenty copies of the C.W.M. Report, a well-written and colourfully illustrated booklet describing the work around the world were put on sale in the Church Vestibule two months ago at the nominal price of 10p. These booklets are in short supply - obviously sales are better elsewhere - but in these two months we have sold only one. So please buy one - and read it.

Reminder January 26th. A MEF/Missionary evening on work in aid of Christians behind the Iron Curtain.

BIBLE VERSESHEAL

Verses as one would expect from Luke the Physician.

Luke 4 vv. 16-19. When he came to the village of Nazareth his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on Saturday, and stood up to read the Scriptures. The book of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him and he opened it to the place where it says:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be free from their oppressors and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him."

The Living Bible

Luke 14 vv. 3-4.

Jesus said to the Pharisees and legal experts standing round "Well, is it within the Law to heal a man on the Sabbath day or not?" and when they refused to answer Jesus took the sick man by the hand and healed him and sent him away.

The Living Bible

PRAYER

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy
that day, and wondered "how"?
A ploughman, singing at his work, had prayed
"Lord, help them now".

Away in foreign lands they wondered "how"
Their simple word had power?
At home, the Christians, two or three, had met
To pray an hour!

Yes, we are always wondering, wondering "how"
Because we do not see
Someone, unknown perhaps, and far away
on bended knee!

F.M.N.

The Word Made Flesh

Long have we waited, with shadows around us,
 Seeking some sign of God's coming on earth.
 Now, in the darkness, our Saviour has found us.
 Angels are telling the news of His birth.

Christ leaves His kingdom of brightness and glory,
 Stoops to redeem us, and raise us above.
 Never was heard so amazing a story.
 Never was known such incredible love!

Join with the herdsmen, the simple and lowly,
 Follow the wise men and bring Him your all.
 Kneel, and adore our creator most holy,
 Lord of high heaven - but babe in a stall.

E.G.Harding

Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand
 My faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears to-day
 Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
 My eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who look away
 When coffee was spilt on the table to-day.

Blessed are they with cheery smile
 who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say
 "You've told that story twice today"

Blessed are they who know the ways
 To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known
 I'm loved, respected, and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days
 On my journey home in loving ways.

ADELAIDE MARY THOMAS

Many of our newer friends will probably not remember the familiar figure of Miss Thomas coming into Church with other elders for evening worship. Miss Thomas came to Worthing just before the outbreak of the Second World War, to retire after a distinguished career as a teacher in London schools. She brought many talents to the young, as then undedicated, Church in its Elm Grove days and with other friends saw the fellowship through numerous difficult times, later becoming a Founder Member when the Goring Congregational Church was founded in June 1947. The first Diaconate was formed in 1949 and Miss Thomas was one of the members. She became Deacon's Secretary and continued to serve in many spheres of the Church's life and work. We shall probably never know of services rendered in other places, but here we shall remember years spent as a member of the Choir, for her work in connection with the Home Churches Fund and the arrangements of Holy Communion which she continued until entering her ninetieth year.

In 1957 the Church bestowed on her the highest honour of Congregationalism by electing her to be a Life Deacon, a distinction she shared with the late Mr. C.H. Cornwall, and the late Mr. G.L. Nodes. Amongst her treasured possessions was the certificate given to her on that occasion and which hung in her room at Caer Gwent.

It was to her great sorrow that in 1974 she could no longer come to the Church which meant so much to her, even with the aid of many good friends and her familiar walking frame. She still felt part of the community of the Church even though prevented from coming, and busily knitted for bazaars and kept very much up to date with news from the Chronicle and those who could visit her.

On Thursday, 13th November Miss Thomas departed this life and entered the kingdom of her Lord. For so many years of tireless and faithful service to her Lord and this Church, we give thanks now and rejoice that the fuller glory must be hers.

F.C. BOND

Church Meeting, 30th October

The Meeting was opened by the Minister, who requested that prayers be said for: The World Council of Churches, and the Archbishop's call to the Nation. It was also announced that the Bockstall was now open in the East Transept.

Pastoral News Tribute was paid to two members who had died since last Church Meeting. News of sick friends was reported including two over ninety years of age. Special mention was made of Miss Thomas who was then in Swandean Hospital.

Elders Sub-Committees had been set up for:- Stewardship, (report given), Healing Ministry, and Youth Work. Various points were considered and replies given. Subjects considered especially were regarding resources and buildings, and ecumenical activity. An Every Person Canvass might be considered later. Questions were raised as to duplication of work between churches, the District, and Synod. A discussion took place on the youth work.

Membership The transfer of Mrs. Winterton to Bury Drive Methodist Church was agreed. Eight new friends were recommended for membership, one by transfer and the others by Confession of Faith. All were agreed.

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Question Time Study groups, and whether the numbers of groups could be increased. Whether the Church Meeting should be announced in the Church Service, the consideration of appointment of a new "Correspondent" at the end of the year. A Scheme for Christmas cards exchange in December, and Silence before service and after the Bible is placed on the Table.

It was reported that donations for the Leprosy Mission were now the responsibility of the Missionary Committee, and that Miss Janet Luckin was the collector.

The Meeting was reminded that Mrs. Nodes was unable to get to services at present. The collection of second hand spectacles was now in the hands of our Local R.C. Church in Goring Way.

Reports The British and Foreign Bible Society report was read on behalf of Mr. L. Knight, Mrs. Stephens reported on Women's work, and very interesting reports were given by Messrs. F. Bond and E. Popplestone on a meeting of the Synod at Canterbury. Excellent reports in every way.

Church of Christ It was agreed that conversations be continued. Points at issue were Baptism, the Ministry and Elders, Federation or Organic Union?

A very full and important Church Meeting worthy of a better attendance.

H. SPENCE

Christian Aid results for November - £22.00

received with thanks.

H. HELE

EDITOR'S POST BAG

From Mrs. M. Spaul, late of Shelley Road Church.

I was interested in the poem quoted in the November Chronicle and attributed wrongly to Klara Munke. I have known the poem for years. It has seven verses and the title is "The Divine Office of the Kitchen". It starts:

Lord of the pots and pipkins since I have
no time to be a saint by doing lovely things and
vigilling with Thee

The composer was Cecily Hallack who, although a Roman Catholic was the daughter of Rev. Arthur Hallack, a Congregational Minister whom my husband knew quite well.

I thought I would like to get the record straight.

All good wishes.

CAMBRIDGE

9th November

Dear Friends,

Barbara, Isabel and I have our Church in Goring very much in our thoughts, particularly on a Sunday evening when we think of the service we are missing.

Our life here in Cambridge has settled down into a regular pattern of work and feeds - for us all - with occasional bouts of sleep to ring the changes. I am, particularly, reliant on the prayers of those back at base camp, for the "going" is as sticky as I had feared it would be.

More and more I am made to realise the danger of assumptions. Any good O & M man should have

thrown them out years ago - but they still figure very largely in my Christian experience. We all make them - based on teachings from our favourite minister or lecturer. Perhaps we have been given such a picture of God's love that we imagine the whole family of man merrily trooping into heaven. We may be right - but suppose that we are wrong. Just suppose that we are lulled by this picture into a state of apathy - where we allow that old missionary zeal to die. And if we are wrong - suppose that comfortable teaching stops us proclaiming the Gospel to those around us - or at least makes it less urgent.

"and how shall they believe in
Him of whom they have not heard?
and how shall they hear without
a preacher?"

We may honestly believe that all men will be saved - but we cannot know - and reliance on our assumption could stop someone hearing about Jesus. If our assumption is wrong - that someone could be missing his chance of forgiveness.

Please pray for us all at this college, that we may keep hearts and minds open to what God is saying and not to what other people tell us He is saying. Unlike British Railways, God cannot offer a party ticket to his presence. We must keep an open Bible as well as an open mind. Very often what the Bible says is not what our assumptions would have us believe.

Pray for us, please, that, if we must make assumptions, we keep them under control and stop them damaging the faith of anyone else. We dare not act on an assumption if it stands any chance of imperilling some other person's salvation.

As you can imagine, our training here is designed to make us question what we, and others, believe. Please pray that this questioning leads us closer to our Lord Jesus, and us includes staff and families, as well as students.

Finally, we are looking forward to a return to warmer climes at Christmas, when we hope to renew our many friendships.

God Bless you All,

JOHN TITLOW

A Message from Otford

Sadly, like many others we feel unable this year to remember all our friends by sending Christmas Cards. With the Editor's kind consent we would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas, and a New Year of peace and well-being.

We cannot foresee whether in 1976 affairs in our country will get better or worse, but in Christ we all share in hope, joy and peace.

With love,

WALLIS & MARJORIE HAYWARD

NOTICES

Knives and Forks

On some occasions knives and forks are better than fingers! If you have any to spare the Church catering department would be glad to receive them.

Thank you in advance!

L.B. REYNOLDS

NOTICES Continued

Girls' Brigade By the time you read this our Bazaar will be over and we shall be preparing for our Awards evening. This is to be held in the Church on Saturday, December 13th at 6.30 p.m. Tea and mince pies will be served in the hall afterwards and we extend to all a warm invitation to join us. Come and hear us sing and see for yourselves how hard we have all worked during the year. You will not have a late night; all will be over by about 8.0 p.m.

We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

JEAN WEBB
CAPTAIN

Men's Fellowship Our October Meetings were well attended and the seventeen members who visited the Hygiene Unit on 11th November found the Refuse Disposal & Salvage side most interesting, but were disappointed at not being able to go round the Sewage Disposal plant. On 9th December we look forward to an exciting journey from Sussex to the Arctic Circle by slides and commentary from Norman Snow, a local expert in projection. This must be seen! We join with the ladies on 16th December (not our regular meeting day) for Christmas Music given by the New Orpheus Singers and our President, Bill Connelly, will be our Chairman on this occasion.

REG. GOODCHILD

Family Circle There will be a Christmas Party for all friends on Saturday, 20th December, at 7.30 p.m. The catering will once again be provided by the Monday Evening Fellowship. This evening was a tremendous success last year and we advise all readers to get a ticket at the earliest opportunity.

Come along and enjoy the festive fun. Remember the evening is a Saturday. The Family Circle Committee extend to all readers our compliments for the festive season.

Monday Evening Fellowship At our last meeting this session, at 8.0 p.m. on 1st December, we shall be "Looking Forward to Christmas". On Saturday 20th December we shall once again join with Family Circle and cater for the Christmas Party. For details please see the previous report.

We recommence our meetings in the New Year on 12th January, when our speaker will be the Minister. All are very welcome! An advance notice is given for our meeting on 26th January when we shall once again combine with the Missionary Committee and will hear current news of Christians in Communist countries, assisted by "Aid to the Church in Need". A collection will be made on their behalf so please keep 26th Jan. free, 8.00 in Church Hall.

May you be filled with joy, as we celebrate God with us - Immanuel - this Christmas.

IRENE TULEY

Women's Guild Our very successful Anniversary on 28th October with the Rev. Mrs. Margaret Forrester as speaker, will long remain in our memories. A happy tea party followed the service, tea being organised by Mrs. Jenkins, and the lovely flowers arranged by Mrs. Reynolds were afterwards sent to sick and absent members. As the result of a good collection just over £6 was sent to the Church Housing Association.

9th December is the last of our ordinary meetings this session, when we shall be "Looking Forward to Christmas" with music and readings arranged by Mrs. Cozens-Walker and Mrs. C. West. Our friends of the Men's Fellowship are holding a special Christmas afternoon on 16th December with a programme of Christmas music and have kindly extended an invitation to us to join them. Please book this extra date.

ETHEL GILBY

FAMILY LIFE

We are often told that many of the ills of society are the result of the breakdown of family life. This has prompted me to write down a few thoughts on the subject in the hope that a critical response may be forthcoming from readers of The Chronicle.

I believe that the family has always, and will always be at the centre of human society. It is not a Christian idea, but is found from darkest Africa to the most modern of civilizations, it is in fact the nature of the human race. Through the ages the pattern has changed and it differs from nation to nation but fundamentally it remains the same, the parents providing the home, protecting and maintaining the family and training the children who are subject to them. There is no doubt however that the pattern of family life as envisaged by Christ put, before responsibility and obedience, the supreme gift of love. The Christians modelled their family on the Jewish pattern but adapted it to Christ's teaching and gave it a sanctity, for was not Christ born into a family and God described as Father. The loyalty of the Jewish family remained, but the concept of a wider family was born. No longer was it expected that one family must always be at war with another, for the brotherhood of all men was the new ideal. Alas progress to this ideal, although definite, has been slow, but in the words of the Psalmist "a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday". It is the sum total of its happy and efficient families that determines a great nation, and the sum total of such homes throughout the world is the recipe for peace. The family built on the rock of love, not on the shifting sands of selfish power seeking, rejects war.

It has been said that "An Englishman's home is his Castle" and this has been wrongly interpreted to mean that the family pull up the drawbridge and keep themselves to themselves, but a castle is a place for banquets, for entertaining, for hospitality, for sharing. If each family lived only to itself the

Christian ideal of the family and the brotherhood of man would never be a reality. As the family unit itself, so the individual members of each family must learn to live together in love, each respecting the personality of the other.

to be continued next month H.E. ELLIS

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 7th	Miss E. Gilby Miss M.A. West
14th	Mrs. D. Cozens-Walker
21st	Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday Mr. & Mrs. H. Spence
28th	Mr. & Mrs. R. Goodchild

KAY WINSTANLEY
(Flower Secretary)

YOUTH CORNER

"Showers of Blessing"?

Very, very early in the morning, before it was light, a gentle gurgling noise gradually made itself heard. (Rain running in the gutters? Could be. May as well go back to sleep). Then, together with the gurgling, came another noise - split! splat! split! splat! (switch on the light) Disaster! Water dripping through the bedroom ceiling and on to the floor!!

I've heard of mopping up and I've mopped up plenty of water but never in the Roof before! The water tank was full to the brim and overflowing in pools on to the ceiling below! These streams were eventually stopped at their source, and dried up with old towels and a bucket,

a few trips up and down the loft ladder,
combined with a balancing act on the
roof joists, crouched under the rafters!

Those showers we could happily have done
without, but we are very glad for the "showers
of Blessing" which came to us at Christmas
time. The love of God, full to overflowing,
pours down on us in a deluge.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

(C.P. 717)

HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

MARY CONNELLY

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should be in my hands not later than
Sunday, 14th December, 1975.

Thank you,

EDITOR

SERVICES

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning

Third Sunday in the evening.

MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

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

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

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

Holy Communion following morning session.