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FROM THE VESTRY

The New Year begins with a number of changes among the U. R. C. Ministers in Worthing. The Rev. Clifford Charlton has already left us for Eltham, while the Rev William Purvis will retire in the Spring. The district will give thanks to God for the long and devoted service of these friends. This means that there will soon be three ministerial vacancies:



Sompting, St. Columba's and Shelley Road. The Rev. Ronald Christopher, whose work as Associate Minister with special responsibility for the Durrington Community Centre Church, will also be retiring during the year.

The fine work of these servants of Christ must continue, so we are invited, at the beginning of the New Year to pray for God's guidance and blessing upon the work of the Ministry both ordained and lay, at home and abroad.

Jesus said, "Others have laboured and you are entered into their labours".

The work of building a new kitchen, sitting room and adequate storage facilities will soon be completed. Further work in improving the lavatory and storage accommodation in the Hall will begin soon.

Let us thank the builders through whose diligence and skill the work has been done so well; and we do not forget Colin Nodes, who with his committee have achieved great things

Discussions on a new phase of building with special reference to Youth Work will begin in the New Year and Mr. Ray Close's report on the excellent work being done in the Youth Club was just the stimulus we needed at the last Church Meeting.

Finally let me pay a tribute to Lilah Harris who died towards the end of last year. Miss Harris served as an Elder, Church Housekeeper and Clerk for Weddings. She was also, until a few years ago, responsible for the Free Will Offerings. Her service and meticulous care to fulfil her duty was the marked feature of her work. When Lilah left us to be near her family, she was missed in so many ways, but we rejoiced that with advancing age and illness, she was so well cared for in the last years of her life.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord".

William Connelly

Let us wish you every blessing in this New Year and in the Years of grace, which are ours in Christ.

WILLIAM & MARY CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

WEDDINGS

Steven Michael SHEEHAN

to

26.10.85

Monique Diana Alicia Smith

Peter David CARNE

to

26.10.85

Jaqueline Diane Osborne



BAPTISMS

Kyle SMART

1.12.85

Matthew Brian BUCKLER

15.12.85

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Stewart BAIRD	26.11.85
<u>"Enter into the joy of your Lord"</u>	
Alice CONNELLY	21.11.85
<u>"Peace at last"</u>	
Lilah HARRIS	2.12.85
<u>"Well done thou good and faithful servant"</u>	
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Daisy Beatrice BRETT	5.12.85
<u>"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all"</u>	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Peter HISLOP in Worthing Hospital. Peggy HUNT and her family. Megan WILLIAMS in Southlands Hospital. Bill & Clarice WEST. Amy HOPKINS. Joan BRIGGS. Ray CLOSE.
All friends ill at home, in Nursing Homes or Rest Homes. The Minister and Mr. Fred Marsh, Pastoral Secretary and all Church Visitors.

LOOK OUT FOR

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
18-25th January or 18-25th May
(Leaflet available on the Notice Board in the Porch.)

The Lenten Study Course: "What on earth is the Church for?"
Details - See inside back cover.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Change of Address:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dear Mr. Connelly,

Just a short note for the magazine to say 'thank you' from the family for all the kindness and strength that you gave us during our tragic loss of David, our son.

Yours sincerely, BRIAN MITTEN

A MEDITATION ON THE 23rd PSALM

In pastures green? - not always : sometimes He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be.
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,
Out of the sunshine into the darkest night.
I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,
Only for this - I know He holds my hand.
So whether in a green or desert land,
I trust Him though I do not understand.

And by still waters? not always so;
Oft-time the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storm beats loudest and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by
And whispers to my soul "Lo it is I"
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say,
"Beyond the darkness lies the perfect day -
In every path of thine I lead the way".

So whether on the hilltop high and fair
I dwell, or in that sunless valley where
The shadows lie - what the matter? He is there -
Yea more than this, - where'er the pathway lead
He gives to me no helpless broken reed,
But His own hand sufficient for my need,
So where'er He leadeth I can safely go,
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom, He hath led me so.



It is hoped that the above may be of great comfort to all who are going through times of sadness or lowness of spirit, especially the bereaved, who so obviously love the Hymn based on this particular Psalm.

IRENE TULEY

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

At the last Church Meeting, we all heard reports from the Synod and Worthing Council of Churches, stressing the need for greater efforts from us all to encourage young people to come and want to stay within the Church Fellowship.

It is a salutary thought that to a large extent, the Church of tomorrow will be in the hands of today's young people. Their commitment will depend on the image and love they develop for the Church whilst they are young.

With these thoughts in mind, it was a privilege to tell you about some of the youth club activities over the past three years. Our aim has been to teach and demonstrate in a practical way how the Christian Life is both full and active. Over these years we have seen the growth of the Christian faith in so many of these youngsters.

However, as with any live organisation, we do have problems. Currently this is a leadership problem, which is likely to get worse. Last session we were fortunate to have twelve leaders. For family reasons we have already lost four of these and whilst we rejoice with four more, who expect new families in the Spring this will mean we have gone from twelve to four in just a few months.

This has happened at the same time as our number of young people has grown in both the Senior (15-21 years) and Inter (11-14 years) sections, giving us a total membership of over 100 and an average attendance of 60 to 70.

Youth Club leaders are very peculiar and committed people. However, if you feel you can help or know somebody who may be interested, please get them to contact me for a chat.

RAY CLOSE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It is perhaps appropriate at this Christmas time, to refer to our talk by the Town Crier, Mr. Philip Holliday. He brought his very heavy hand bell with him as well as the clothes he wears on official occasions. He officiated at the first late-night Christmas Shopping Spree in Worthing, starting off the proceedings by ringing the hand bell in Chapel Road, to introduce the Mayor.

That he is the ideal man for the job, there is no doubt, and as well as being our Town Crier, he is also associated with Petworth, Arundel, and Littlehampton, and acts for them when required.

That it is not just a voluntary job to him was apparent, when he started his talk by taking us back to year 1808, and the reference in the old records to the Beadle and Town Crier.

In 1822 the Beadle was paid £20 per year and was also Inspector of Police. Later, as Inspector he was paid £10 per year, and as Beadle One Guinea a week; so it clear which job was deemed more worthy. The only history of a Beadle/Town Crier in the whole country refers to Worthing.

Mr. Holliday has been adopted as Town Crier of Calgary and Paris, and other towns in both contries, where he has been and officiated at special functions. So, as a great publicity agent for Worthing, I think he is unsurpassed. His spontaneous and infectious laughter filled the hall, and our Minister, who chaired the meeting, was very interested in all the history and items of regalia associated with Worthing's Town Crier.

Mr. Holliday also acts as M.C. and/or organiser for Weddings and Dinners for groups of people and he's sure to command attention.

The following meeting had to be altered at the last moment, when Mr.P. Rush went down

with laryngitis. Instead of the talk on 'Youth for Christ', we had a Quiz afternoon (working in 3 groups) and Mr. Groves and Mr. Hider supplied and asked the questions. It was our first venture into this type of operation and everyone enjoyed it immensely. Many laughs originated from the asides. Now we also know the feeling of panel members on T.V. when the answer is known but will not come to the fore when required.

FRAZER FINLAY



FINANCIAL MATTERS

When you read this in the New Year, final figures for the Church accounts for 1985 will be known. Now at the beginning of December, it is difficult to forecast what these figures will be, but it does look as if our expenditure will again exceed our income, this time by approximately £1500. This does not include any transfers to reserve funds or our usual contributions to charities. The outlook for 1986 gives cause for concern and unless there is a very substantial increase (100%) in our weekly offerings, then our deficit at the end of 1986 will be even greater.

Mr. N. Redman and Mr. T. Plank will be auditing the accounts and will be working to a strict timetable, due to Mr. Redman's departure for Australia in March.

Will treasurers of church organisations please ensure that their accounts are ready for audit by 26th January at the very latest.

Account books may be left in the Elders' Vestry and they will be returned after audit.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY
Treasurer

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for January

5th Mrs. Boyce 26th Mrs. Dearsley

FLOWER FUND:

Sincere thanks for £10 received during
November/December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

A special 'Thank you' to my regular helpers
throughout the year. Grateful thanks also to
Ron Pownall, Don Stewart, Bert Groves, Mrs.
Halliday, Mrs. Hitchin and Suzanne who
assisted this year.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

DOROTHY TURNER

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Important date for your new diaries.

On Wednesday, 22nd January at 7.0 P.M. you
are all invited to a special UNITED SERVICE
to be held in one of the most unusual and
beautifully designed churches in our Town -
St. Mary of the Angels, Richmond Road. We are
very pleased to announce that during the
Service, Father Tony Shelley, 'Priest in
Charge' of that Sanctuary, will be inducted
as the President of the Council for 1986. We
have been very fortunate in securing the Rt.
Rev. Colin Docker, MA., Bishop of Horsham to
preach on that occasion.

It would be splendid if our Church could be
represented, and thus demonstrate our
willingness to share in fellowship and
worship with other Christians of all
denominations. United, we can achieve much
more in His Name.

The chain of His Love, which binds us
together, is only as strong as the weakest
link. Let our Church be one of the strongest
links.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON



Christian Aid

Recently, while waiting in a hospital bed with a notice above my head. "NO FOOD, NO DRINK" and my mouth getting progressively drier, I tried to put myself in the shoes (metaphorically speaking) of one of those unfortunate people who live in lands affected by famine and drought.

Of course, it was impossible. I had had a meal some hours earlier and I was pretty well certain that I would have another within about twelve hours of waking from my induced sleep. During that short stay in hospital I was appreciative of the loving care of the nurses for their patients, following the skill of the doctors and surgeons. I was grateful for the help and prayerful concern of family and friends. Similarly, throughout 1985, you have shown your compassion for those much less fortunate than yourselves in your generous giving through Christian Aid - £2514 could not have been raised without YOU.

Christmas Appeal (1984)	£337.00
Christmas Aid Week:	
House to House collection	£873.34
Church Collection (and in memory of Robert Wright)	£520.85
In Memory of Ernest Munday	£217.50
Sale of S/H books (Seafrost Fair)	£25.00
Harvest Festival Appeal	£310.00
Monthly donations (per Hilda Hele)	£231.00

£2514.69

RON JORDAN & HILDA HELE

MISSIONARY WEEKEND NO

"The spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" Luke 4.vv18-22.

"As the Father hath sent me, even so I send you" John 20.21.

Our special weekend was opened by Rev. A. Beeko (of the Ghanaian Chaplaincy in London) representing the Council for World Mission. In Ghana missionaries are now "fraternal workers". Practical help and the Gospel combine: the Doctor comes with the Bible in his hand.

The six static displays in the Main Hall, together with talks and slides, gave a comprehensive view of varied missionary outreach.

S.U.M. FELLOWSHIP

Mr. G. Dearsley described the spread of the Gospel across Africa and current relief work in the Sudan. Preaching is forbidden in the Camps, but missionaries LIVE the Gospel. (2Cor. 13.15).

(further information from Mrs. E. Dearsley or Mrs. D. Stewart)

BIENTÔT.

Launched in 1959, the Gospel Broadsheet now sweeps across the world, and is now issued in 17 languages including the French "Bientôt" (soon). See Revelation 22.12). Comprising mainly testimonies, it is issued free. A team of 30 people answer readers letters.

(refer to Mr. W. Freeman)

V. 30th/DEC. 1st 1985

BIBLE SOCIETY.

There are about 100 national Bible Societies. 1984 was a record year for Scripture distribution, but the need is enormous and 2000 people are engaged in bible translation. The Bible-a-Month Club provides subsidies to enable poor people overseas to buy Bibles. (refer to Rev. Ron Christopher)

LEPROSY MISSION.

We were shown slides of leprosy work in Korea and saw the need for education and preventive work. Most sufferers can be helped with multi-drug therapy, but even advanced cases can be given the hope of the Gospel and the prospect of Heaven and a new body. (n.b. Read "Music at Midnight" for illustrations). (refer to Mrs. Freeman or Mrs. Luckin)

TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND.

Copies of braille, "moon" and large-print books were on display and Miss Carol Franklin spoke of tapes, talking books, Torch libraries, Houseparties and training for young blind people. Local Torch Fellowship Groups hold regular meetings and Worthing has two. (refer to Miss P. Wheeler)

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. A. Beeko described his work among Ghanaian students in the UK and of their difficulty in adjusting to our way of life and general indifference to Christianity. He spends much of his time helping Christian students to sustain their beliefs. On Sunday Morning he preached on "The love of Christ CONSTRAINETH us" ("or leaves us no choice"). This underlies all our Christian Life and Service. 2Cor.5,14.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN CHINA

The current issue of NEWSHARE has three items concerning Chinese Christians.

First, it reports that for the first time in 30 years a delegation of Chinese Christians, led by Bishop Ting, has visited Christian congregations and organisations in India. Bishop Ting, replying to questions, said that, although Marxism does not favour religion, there is a reasonable degree of religious freedom in China. Christians are permitted to print and sell Bibles and are allowed to hold leading positions in the secular world.

Secondly, it reveals that there is at present a small group of New Zealand Christians in China studying how Christianity has survived the revolutionary processes and how it is managing to exist in a totalitarian state. NEWSHARE expects to publish their findings in due course.

Thirdly, it quotes a Chinese Christian who says: "The real atheism is to exclude God from our worldly concerns or to exclude the world from our religious concerns"

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

As I write this, two weeks prior to Christmas Day, I wish to say "Happy New Year". When you read this the Feast of the Wise Men will be upon us and it will be time to put away the Christmas decorations. The Bible does not tell us the number of Wise Men, but as there were three gifts, we assume that it was Three Wise Men, plus probably a crowd of servants and bodyguards.

For our first meeting in the New Year we look forward to a talk by Mr. Connelly on Monday, 13th January. For our next meeting, we have

Ann Terry, an Ice Skater. Her talk is called "Skating on thin ice" and the date is Monday, 27th January.

We can now use the kitchen and so there will be hot drinks and biscuits available, which should be very acceptable if the evenings are cold. Looking forward to seeing you and God Bless for the New Year 1986.

AUDREY STEWART

..... and a
Happy New
Year!

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE



HAPPY NEW YEAR and Bless you all!

On Tuesday, 4th February, we are holding a Bring and Buy and Coffee Evening as part of our Brigade Week effort. You will be most welcome between 6.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Put the date in your new diaries now. Another reminder will appear next month.

Alison Sopp has now relinquished her Commission in the Girls' Brigade to work permanently with the Boys' Brigade. Our loss is their gain and we wish Alison every happiness in her work with the B.B.

We start again on 14th January and look forward to another very busy year. Dr. Webb will be joining us each week this session to take a class of Senior girls for Drill and we are grateful to him for agreeing to take on this task.

If there is anyone else out there, who would like to offer their services to come in at any time to take a class. Captain would like to know as soon as possible, so that she may consider such offers whilst planning her programme.

Do please continue to pray for us all.

JEAN WEBB

Southern Province of the United Reformed Church

Moderator : The Revd. Cyril C. Franks

Administrative Secretary : Mrs J. Franks

To the members of the churches in the Southern Province.

The year now passing has brought its common proportion of joys and sorrows to our people. I am grateful to you for the opportunity of sharing so many of them. Among us I have seen much evidence of the spirit of Christ's living and loving. Lives have been renewed and restored with hope developing and an expectant reaching out towards maturity.

Now as we celebrate the birth of our Lord we have the incentive to open ourselves to the richest gift of all - His life. It is not in my heart now to be critical, but there is one element of our life as individuals and communities which I pray to see more often. It is a yearning among us that we should be filled with the spirit of Christ. This seems to me to be the basic essential if the churches are to be able to present and offer Christ to a needy world.

No one can have failed to be aware of the depths of suffering among us. Tragedies of immense dimensions have broken the lives of millions of people and there have been few who have not felt the pain of others' grief. Across the world and within our own country we have seen frightful conditions in which people are living and dying. As Christians, we are bound to seek the ways of help, not only in binding up the wounds but in eliminating the conditions which cause them.

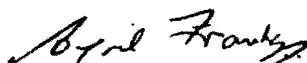
But we shall not embark upon this continuing mission unless we are sustained and empowered by the love of Christ within us. W.H. Vanstone in his 'Love's Endeavour, Love's Experience' writes "When a person loves, all that is in his power is invested with a sense of purpose...". Willingness to grasp the gift of that love which 'came down at Christmas' provides us with the objective of our becoming true ministers with Christ in his giving of himself for the sake of the world. Thomas Merton, in 'Elected Silence', expresses this thought more graphically than I can - "If this sublime fire of infused love burns in your soul, it will inevitably send forth throughout the Church and the world an influence more tremendous than could be estimated by the radius reached by words or example". St. John of the Cross writes: "A very little of this pure love is more precious in the sight of God and of greater profit to the Church, even though the soul appears to do nothing, than are all other works put together".

For some of us that love may be expressed by a commitment to stipendiary or auxiliary ministry. Results of Vocation Sunday, which was observed by some of the churches on November 17th, are no yet known. Next year we shall be arranging a day for those who believe that this is the way for them. There is none of us who does not have a way of loving.

'I salute you. There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much that, while I cannot give you, you can take'. (Fra Giovanni)
Take love - Christ's love - for now and for ever. It is freely offered.

May the joy of the Kingdom be yours,

Yours sincerely,


CYRIL FRANKS

WOMEN'S GUILD

We have so many friends within the membership of our Guild when we meet meeting by meeting, but there are many we miss. They would love to be with us but find it impossible owing to sickness, infirmity or distance. They still keep in touch and are interested in all our activities. To them all we send our love and best wishes for the coming year.

In December two very dear friends were called Home to their Master having served Him faithfully all their lives - Bronwyn Evans and Lilah Harris. Lilah we remember for her generosity of service within the Guild and within the whole church; Bronwyn for her friendship and witty dialogue with which she entertained us so often.

We have had a very successful series of meetings since October, wherever we have met (owing to rebuilding), and, in spite of no 'cuppa'. Now we look forward to our Spring Session, as we shall be entertaining ourselves when we meet again on Tuesday, 14th January.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all new-comers to our Church to join with us in our fellowship. You will find a warm welcome awaiting you.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

To continually return to the past is not something to be encouraged, but once in a while it can be most refreshing. On the afternoon of 19th November, Mr. R. Jarman helped us to remember the days of our youth, in his programme entitled 'Try to Remember'. We were invited to join in singing his expertly recorded tunes. This gave us pleasing nostalgia and tremendous pleasure, which we expressed in our vote of thanks.

BERYL STUTTER

On 3rd December Mr. F. Marsh gave us an insight into the origin of the Police Force, which was started by King Alfred about 1,000 years ago.

We heard about the Bow Street Runners, Robert Peel and the Thames Police as well as details of the various Parliamentary Bills and changing methods of policing which have been introduced during the long history of Britain's Police Force.

Mr. Marsh also related some interesting anecdotes concerning various public figures with whom he had contact during his career with the Metropolitan Police. Altogether a thought-provoking talk in these days of riots and ever rising crime figures in a society which appears to have lost its way.

VERA BRISCOE

CAN YOU HELP?

As part of his rehabilitation from alcoholism a young man with whom I am in contact is following a course of study in English and in Sociology, in preparation for GCE 'O' level examinations. However, he has very limited financial resources and is unable to purchase all the books on the list of set books he is required to have.

Can you help by letting him have any of the following from your collection?

A Passage to India by E. M. Forster.

The Critical Sense by James Reeves.

Anglo-Saxon attitudes by Angus Wilson.

The way of the world by Congreve.

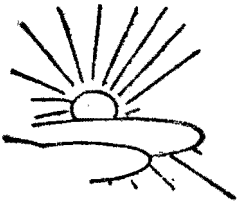
Eight metaphysical poets by Ed. Dalglish.

Topics in Sociology by P. Trowler.

If you have any of these books and do not now require them, could you please let me know. Such a gift would be most gratefully received.

ERIC BOND

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?



Christmas gleam and Christmas glitter,
Christmas sheen and Christmas shine;
Christmas parties, Christmas pleasure,
Christmas bright lights, Christmas wine.

Lit only by a rushlight's glimmer
And the star that gave the sign,
Lowly, lying in a manger,
Is the Father's Love Divine.



Christmas has come and gone with its gleam and glitter, bright lights, parties and wine - even more of these each year, it seems to me, with the red, red, robin and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer getting the glory instead of God in the highest!

Some children, through the noisy, colourful 'media' - advertising in all its wonderful ways - can chose the toys they want (and often get) and price the toys they and their friends get. Others, with very little hope of getting anything - glad to get even the bare essentials of life.

Your generosity this year has made it possible for a mother with two small children, fighting against all odds (misfortune, mistakes, bureaucracy gone mad, no electricity, no furniture and exceedingly slow functioning of the welfare state system) to have a cheerful Christmas. She is always cheerful, despite the many difficulties and misfortunes she has to encounter. Christmas was not quite so dark and cheerless as she thought it might be. She and her children send you thanks for the sign of the Father's Love Divine giving hope for the new Year. A Happy New Year to you all.

MARY CONNELLY

DURRINGTON CELEBRATIONS

We have had two celebrations. The first, The Anniversary of the handing over of the keys of the Community Centre by the Mayor of Worthing to the Chairman of the Durrington Community Centre Association, and the dedication by prayer of the building. The first year of the Community Centre has proved satisfactory, with activities using the premises to full capacity. Among those activities is the Durrington Community Centre Church, which meets on Sunday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

Secondly, on the first Sunday in Advent, 1st December, the Church celebrated its first Anniversary, the service being conducted by The Rev. Colin Rowe, the Chairman of the Methodist District. We welcomed a congregation of one hundred and twenty, including visitors. At this service we remembered with gratitude, how a year before we had met for the first time not knowing whether anyone would come! The faith and joy of that first service has continued with congregations ranging in numbers from forty to eighty. There is an atmosphere of true worship and an informality which we hope to preserve.

We are grateful to Ministers and Lay Preachers who have helped us in the conduct of worship during the year. On the second Sunday of the Month we celebrate Holy Communion with our own form of service in which the congregation participates.

What is the Durrington Community Centre Church?

It is not strictly correct to describe it as a 'daughter' or 'branch' of either Goring U.R.C. or Offington Park Methodist Church. These two churches, with the support of their denominations, have provided two part-time Ministers and seconded several lay members to aid and develop the Community Centre Church.

This leadership, Ministerial and Lay, has been effective and appreciated for its pastoral concern as well as the organisation of the 10.30am Services. These last for an average of 45 minutes and are followed by coffee and a get-together.

The Community Centre Church is not yet established with a membership. This will be carefully considered and we pray that the right steps will be taken at the right time. The Community Centre Church is a gathering of men and women, boys and girls, for informal worship and fellowship. The West Worthing Baptist Church is interested in the outreach and is represented on our committee. We have the interest of the Vicar of Durrington, the Rev. Anthony Freeman, who has conducted one of our Services. We are to join in a procession to St. Symphorians on Palm Sunday. We have sufficient boys and girls under 10 years of age to form a class for them. They call themselves "The Centre Gang".

The Community Centre in which we worship is not a church building and the Church is only one of the many organisations using the Centre. I believe that the Community Centre has provided us with a wonderful opportunity for taking the Church into a secular building. I would like to see, however, the witness of members not only on Sunday Morning, but taking an interest in the activities of the Centre, such as the giving of voluntary service to the Coffee Bar.

Those who gather for worship are truly ecumenical, insofar as we do not ask their Christian tradition. We are thankful for the way God has led us during the past year, for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship and the showing of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

I have much appreciated the enthusiasm and co-operation of my ministerial colleague, the Rev. Valerie Chapman. We have a good partnership in the work of the Kingdom.

CHURCH CALENDAR—JANUARY 1986**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

MONDAYS	17.00h	Anchor Boys
	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Wednesday		NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL
5th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
9th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
12th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
13th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship Rev. William Connelly
14th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Members' Afternoon New Year Entertainment
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship—Members' Own:- Talks "from The Past"
19th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
21st Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
23rd Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
26th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
27th Monday	20.00h	M.E.F.—'Skating on thin ice' Ann Terry—Ice Skater
28th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild—Sussex Folk Songs Miss Lena Phillips
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship At sea in a Submarine—Mr. A. Hall
30th Thursday	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING

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FROM THE VESTRY

SUNDAY. GLORIOUS SUNDAY!

It is true to say that adjectives other than Glorious have been used to describe Sunday. A day of gloom and darkness in which Puritans alone delight!? Titles descriptive of Sunday come to mind. "It always rains on Sunday", "Never on a Sunday", "Sunday, bloody Sunday!" In the midst of the present debate on Sunday Trading it seems appropriate for us to look at Sunday here in Goring and at "our Church". Let me try to describe a typical Sunday here.



It begins about half past seven in the morning, when the doors are open for the 8.00am.. Communion Service. Stand outside the Church and watch the congregation arrive. A little group of men and women, to whom "this do in remembrance of Me" is both an act of obedience and an experience of Christ's presence. The Little Chapel overflows with thanksgiving.

At 9.30am.. the Churchyard is becoming busy, mainly with young people, as the Youth Club Bible Class arrives replete with instruments and enthusiasm, equalled only by their desire to hear and learn more of God's work. The car park becomes busier as 10.30am. approaches, with people of all ages thronging the Church and the Halls... sometimes a little noisy,

but we have to enjoy human company before we settle down to the quietness and peace which precedes worship. The entrance of the Elder with the Bible, the Choir and the Minister call us to worship God.

Meanwhile a number of friends have joined the growing company of those who worship in the Durrington Community Centre Church, led by the Rev. Ron Christopher and the Rev. Vaalerie Chapman.

The time is now 12.10... the smell of cooking is in the air. Home calls and we rejoice in family Sunday dinner, not forgetting to welcome and show hospitality to the stranger.

Sunday afternoon is a mystery, since only very rarely is there any activity in Church on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps we "rest in the Lord".

Now the evening draws on. The Cross above the Church is lighted, shining from the Downs to the sea. A smaller though growing congregation assembles, invited by music and songs played on a variety of instruments. Young people are often in the majority and worship is coloured by many and different ways of worshipping God.

And what happened to make Sunday glorious? "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord". Jesus promised that wherever people in large or small groups met in His name, they would know His Presence.

It is in the presence of Christ that we glory; in becoming part of His Body that we have our being; in repentance and faith that we are added to the Church.

Let us pray that Sunday may always be

glorious. Christ desires that His Praise should be glorious. Come to Church expectantly, hopefully and faithfully, that from the children in the creche to the eldest among us, we may make Sunday the happiest and holiest day of the week.

Yours with every blessing,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTISM

Alexander Ernest BUQUÉ

29.12.85

"Suffer the little children and let them come to me"

IN MEMORIAM

Peter HISLOP, who died on January 7th.. after a long illness, was a gentleman of the highest honour. He was an honourable man at home, in business, in church and community. His life was marked by a transparent honesty that gave gifts of peace, hope, love and encouragement to all.

"Mark that man and behold the upright for the end of that man is Peace".

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Many friends have been unwell during the past wintry days. To all confined to home we send our love.

Alastair Halliday, Norah Wills, Ivy Holmes and Edith Edmonds are among those who have experienced a time in hospital, while Ellen Munday and Robbie Turton are still resting after illness at home. Dorothy Cozens-Walker

and Dorothy Turner are making progress. Megan Williams greets her friends on her return home. The Misses Shearmur are better than they were and look forward, like all of us, to warmer days.

Keep your eye on the Prayer Request Book in the Little Chapel and remember that your prayers and visits are a source of help and encouragement.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Report of the meeting held on the 8th November, 1985.

In connection with the 'Ecumenical Lent Study Groups 1986', books and kits are now on sale at the Bible Book Shop in Chatsworth Road. The local contact is Miss C. Crowdon (Tel:66369)

Christian Aid treasurer reported that £30,703 had been collected up to the 20th September, mainly through the house to house collections.

A lady counsellor of CRUSE, the national organisation for the bereaved, gave us a very informative address about the organisation which helps by providing counselling, practical advice and social activities. They have a manned or answerphone service 24 hours daily and their number is 505887.

In a report on 'Sunday trading' which might become legal next year, the speaker emphasised that all those against its coming into force should now see or write to their MP, the PM and Home Secretary and encourage their friends to do likewise. Please contact me on 68207 if you want the addresses.

HUGH ASHBURNER

THE NEW SMALL HALL

The extensions are well in hand and we now have to consider providing furniture for the small hall - this item not being included in the estimate from the Builder.

Our Minister, The Rev. William Connelly, has already made a donation to purchase a new chair for use in the hall, and I will be making a gift in memory of my parents - Cicely and Leonard Nodes.

Other members of the Church and Congregation may wish to make similar donations.

Furnishings needed will include:-

Wall to wall carpeting. "BERBERATI" arm chairs for 12 people.

Table lamp, bookcase, Coffee tables.

Any gifts would be much appreciated by the Fabric Committee. It has been decided that furniture in this hall will be new.

As a price guide the following may be helpful:-

Carpeting and underlay	£380
Arm chairs	£ 75
Nest of coffee tables	
"Long John"	£ 90
Table Lamp	£ 25

Bookcase (already donated by Mr.G.A. Young)

Curtains to be provided by Girls' Brigade.

Mr. Fred Marsh has kindly agreed to make the Cross, which is to be fitted on the wall.

Donations should be sent direct to the Church Treasurer, Mr. D.Blakey.

Two names have been suggested for the small hall:- "Church Parlour" and "Harris Room". A definite choice will be made in the near future.

COLIN NODES

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

So sorry that once again we missed the deadline for the Chronicle in the December and January editions. It was intended to wish you every blessing in this New Year and to thank you for your response to our fund raising efforts recently. So with apologies for the omissions we ask you to accept our belated wishes and thanks. We look forward to better things this year and pray for a real blessing in the work amongst the boys. Our membership is down a little, but our spirits are high.

Like other youth organisations in the Church and perhaps even more so, we suffer somewhat from the lack of dedicated leaders. For more years than anyone I have been appealing for help with little success. Perhaps we are all getting too old to cater for the demands of youth. The work is not easy and offers no medals, although you may be helpful in leading a youngster to Christ. Please think and pray about what you may be able to do to help, even if it is only in a small way. We are hoping to be camping in Wales this summer with activities that include abseiling, rock climbing, pony trekking, orienteering, canoeing, swimming, etc. The only snag is that we must replace our ancient crew-bus before we contemplate the long journey to Wales. If you know of a suitable vehicle at a reasonable price, or better still, a benefactor, do please let me know. I assure you that a vehicle is essential for us to continue our activities.

Thank you.

DONALD STEWART

Do we care as a Christian Body to help the young people of the Worthing Area?

We have a very flourishing Youth Group in our congregation here at Goring, but its efficiency and ability to operate effectively is mainly due to having enough leaders. They do the work necessary to keep the interest of the young people and give them a lead in the right direction. We also have a place for, and from which, the young may operate.

With this in mind, let me quote from the letter of December 1985 from the Worthing 'Youth For Christ'. Its content surprised me and shook me, as I was unaware as to how Y.F.C came into being here and the overall picture.

"Dear Friends.

11th December 1985

Four years ago, the leadership and clergy of Worthing Churches gave Worthing Youth for Christ a brief to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the young people of Worthing. Since then, we have been able to work in most of Worthing's senior schools to good effect, we have worked in street evangelism and have been involved in a variety of other projects in fulfilment of that brief.

Recently, we have been formulating strategies to reach the 21 000 young people between 15 - 25 years in our area. We are excited by the range of evangelistic possibilities open to us, from working with the 'street kids', through Boys Clubs, uniformed organisations and Church youth groups to shop assistants (we hope to set up a C.U.) without ignoring the continued strategic importance of work in schools and pubs.

There is a massive work to be done, largely beyond the fringes of those our churches have contact with. Worthing Youth for Christ has the enthusiasm and vision to get on with the job. BUT... this task is beyond the ability

of Worthing Youth for Christ. We haven't the manpower and we haven't the finance.

WE NEED MANPOWER

It is a sad fact that the Worthing Youth for Christ is effectively restricted to the work of its Director, Paul Rush, to reach Worthing's 21 000.

WE NEED AN ARMY of volunteers who are prepared to 'get stuck in' to evangelism and these volunteers must come from our churches.

WE NEED FINANCE

Over the past four years Worthing YFC's income has been slipping behind its spending. Our financial position is such that it is a likelihood that we will close down during 1986.

At present, over 80% of our income is from individuals and the churches that actively support our work are restricted to 5 or 6. If Worthing Youth for Christ is going to continue to exist we need churches to give the money to finance it."

I again just say - do you care and can you help?

FRAZER FINLAY

There once was another man named Paul who preached and encouraged men, young and old, to follow Christ. He didn't complain of shortage of money or manpower, but prayed to God for the strength to carry out His will. He didn't run out of helpers, he attracted them by his sincerity in his work for the Lord. When he moved on, to expand his work for the Lord, the new Christians he had taught, continued to thrive on their own. (Read about him in your Bibles. It is a much happier story!-Ed.)

Our new session started on 14th January and runs until 6th May, fortnightly in the East Hall at 2.45pm.

All men who may be free at those times are sincerely invited to join the group. The programme is a varied and most interesting one.

At our last meeting of the Autumn session, Mr. Paul Rush enlightened us about the history and development of the 'Youth for Christ' movement. Paul, who is the Director for the Worthing Area, informed us that the movement started in 1932 and that evangelist Billy Graham helped to set it up. It now operates in over 60 countries with 95% of its leaders working in their own country. Denver in U.S.A. has 45 full time staff with 16 000 in training for 1 year. It was very interesting to hear that Poland had 25 000 members. A Congress (paid for by the Government) was available to them.

In this country, the under 25 age group are about 50% of the population, but in Scotland there are no Y.F.C. members and only a few in Wales. However, the organisation did manage to raise £250 000 in three weeks in order to buy an old School at Kidderminster for general training use. There are 230 working in Britain for Y.F.C. students.

The Worthing operation was set up 4 years ago but has no centre although there are 21 000 young folk of the age group in the area. Much of Paul's time is spent at School assemblies and he finds those without a Christian upbringing have great difficulty in maintaining a faith. A meeting in November at Steyne Gardens was attended by about 300 young people and another was held in our Church in December. The real tragedy for the operation of the Youth for Christ scheme is that, because of lack of support, it will cease to operate in Worthing this year. It is

estimated that £12 000 is required per annum but only £9 000 has been raised in the past year. Do you think that you could help? If you can, ring Paul Rush on Worthing 30534. Our meeting closed with a little party where we enjoyed Cakes, Mince Pies and Sausage Rolls to celebrate the Christmas Event. Our personal collection for Paul's appeal for Y.F.C. was £18.00.

FRAZER FINLAY

Required:

A lady to act as a Companion for Mrs. Christopher. Requirements are for one definite day each week from 9.00am. to 5.00pm. Also for other occasions, day or half-day as required from Ron Christopher's diary. These are known in advance. Remuneration according to full or half-day.

Enquiries to Ron Christopher-Worthing 30330.

FIT FOR A HOLIDAY?

The Shaftesbury Society have written the following letter to our Secretary, Mr. Ray Newell, to whom any offers or queries should be directed.

"As a caring and Christian organisation, we run a Holiday Centre for the disabled and elderly at Dovercourt in Essex. I am writing to ask if there is anyone in your church who would be willing to give two weeks of their time to serve at the Centre as a volunteer next summer.

We ask for helpers to be between 17 and 70, fit and sympathetic to the Christian Faith. If any of your congregation would be interested in joining us, please give them the enclosed application form to complete and return to me."

Mr. Newell has the necessary forms and an information leaflet. If you are interested ring him on 40086.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Two of our Church Members will be our speakers for February. Mrs. Janet Oakes will be showing and talking about Flower Arranging. This is different from the original schedule, so please alter your programmes. We look forward to a cheerful evening in winter's gloom. We will finish with an American Supper. The date will be Monday 10th February and two weeks later on Monday 24th February, Mrs. Dorothy Turner will show us "Mexico" and talk about her visit there.

We look forward to seeing you all at these two meetings.

AUDREY STEWART

AN APPEALING CHOIR

From time to time organisations flourish, falter and sometimes fail. At the moment the choir is faltering and without injection of fresh blood, could fail altogether.

We are aware that there are a number of newcomers to the congregation and there may be some who are able and willing to provide the necessary transfusion. We are in need of all voices but particularly Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We rather insist on singing in tune and some ability in reading music is an advantage.

The practice night is shortly to be changed from Wednesday to Friday (7.30pm.-9.00pm.) which we hope will encourage those who previously were able to attend. Apart from the evening practice, further commitment would only be for Sunday Morning Worship. Please consider this appeal prayerfully. Further information may be obtained from the Choirmaster Mr. E. Bown (Worthing 65712) or the acting secretary (Worthing 503791).

DORIS WALSH

Doris was already working in Junior Church when I became leader of the Bible Class. I knew of the many tasks she undertook within our Church, but did not know her personally. Working with her, it was not long before I knew her worth as a loving and caring and loyal helper, a devoted Christian willing to give her time and love to any preparation for our work. She was part of a team of six and I am sure those who remember working with her will agree it was our gain.

Her devotion to Christ continued when she felt drawn to St. Paul's Church in Worthing. At her funeral service it was evident that her love for Christ never faltered in His service. Her card this last Xmas bore the words "Many Happy Memories" and I know that Don and Jean, who were part of that team, must echo those last words to me.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Doris Walsh who died on Christmas Day was a very gentle woman, much loved by those of us who were privileged to work with her in Junior Church and Girls' Brigade.

For many years she was responsible for the preparing and printing of our Church Chronicle. The machine she used was old and messy and very noisy, but the task was accomplished each month with meticulous care. Her lessons for Sundays in Junior Church were always carefully prepared and although her voice was soft and quiet, there was never any difficulty in getting the children to listen to her.

She was also treasurer of our Girls' Brigade company for a number of years and is remembered to-day for her stewardship quietly and efficiently carried out.

She loved children, but above all she loved her Lord, and we rejoice that she has now entered into His presence.

JEAN WEBB

WOMEN'S GUILD

The nostalgia of remembering times of my youth in a recent meeting, called "Try to remember" brought to my mind the Sunday School bunfights and parties we used to enjoy. Those were the days! Noisy!-yes! Musical chairs, spinning the plate, oranges and lemons, tug of war, may have left us with bruises, torn frocks or minus our hair ribbons, but we were certainly ready for bread and jam, sandwiches, buns, sliced cake and jellies when tea was announced.

How different it was at the Women's Guild Christmas Party in December, but it was still just as good. We were welcomed to sit at 'friendly' tables of six persons and were looked after by a table hostess. After chatting for a while, we listened to the singing of a special carol. Then came the pencil and paper games, crossword puzzles and quizzes. Alas we are not as clever as we used to be. Some could not hear or see well, but we helped each other and our leader collected the answers.

At last, the much needed cup of tea appeared and we enjoyed the tasty savouries, delicious home made cakes and blackcurrant flan. The winners of the quizzes were announced. They each received a Christingle, an orange with a candle in it and a red ribbon round it, to be lit on Christmas Eve. So ended our 1985 party with thanks to the committee for all their loving work and especially to Miss Stutter for the games and entertainment.

MIN WILSON

A programme for the Spring Session of the Women's Guild is displayed in the Church porch and items for each month are indicated in the Church Calendar in the Chronicle. We welcome any ladies who would like to join us, either for a whole session or occasionally as opportunity allows.

BERYL STUTTER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes to me during my recent spell in hospital, also for the many greetings I received at Christmas and during my convalescence. I am progressing extremely well, and hope to be amongst you all again very soon.

Thanks be to God.

KATHLEEN GREEN

I wish to thank the Church for sending me the beautiful little flowering plant, the Girls' Brigade for their Calendar, the Minister for kindly visiting me and friends for their Christmas Cards. I wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year.

DOROTHY M. HEDGECOMBE



Christian Aid

Christmas Appeal

£190.00

Received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

RON JORDAN

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

My thanks to those who responded to the Bible Sunday envelopes.

A Coffee Morning is to be held on Friday, 14th February from 10.00am. to 11.30am. at the Barn, English Martyrs Church, Compton Avenue. All the Goring Churches are asked to support this effort.

RON CHRISTOPHER

REFUGEES IN SUSSEX

At 2.30pm., on February 25th, Mrs. Marika Cleugh will be speaking on the above subject at St. Columba's Church, whose World Church & Mission Department extend a warm welcome to any of us who make like to go along. The meeting will end at 4.30 pm.

S. A. HIDER



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

On Tuesday February 4th., we are holding a Bring and Buy and Coffee evening between 6.00pm. and 8.30pm. in the Church Hall. We hope you will come along and share some of the evening with us. This will be our Brigade Week effort to raise funds to pay our annual fees due in a few weeks time.

As part of Brigade Week we also hope to have an exhibition in the East Transcept and we trust that as on previous occasions, you will enjoy looking at our work.

On half-term Tuesday, February 18th we will be opening our doors at 7.30pm. for any interested party to join Officers in the main hall to discuss and plan for our Autumn Fayre, which is booked to take place at the Durrington Community Centre on October 11th at 2.00pm. We need lots of folk to help run stalls etc., and would welcome any such offers. Refreshments will be available. Is there any help you can offer? Come and tell us - Tuesday February 18th at 7.30pm.

On February 9th at the Morning Parade Service, Doreen Norris will be receiving her Ten Years Service Award. They have been wonderful years for one lucky Captain and I bless the day the Lord brought Doreen into my life. Together we've done and experienced so much in the Brigade we love so dearly. Thank you Doreen, for the last ten years. May the Lord continue to bless us all as we go forward into the year that has just begun.

JEAN WEBB

CHURCH CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 1986

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys
	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Saturday	10.15h Elders Conference at Sompting URC (Cokeham Road)
2nd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
4th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
6th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
9th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Parade Service
	18.30h Divine Worship
10th Monday	20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship
	Mrs. Janet Oakes: Flower Arranging and American Supper
11th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - Interesting Churches
	Mr. Rolf Rowling
	14.45h Men's Fellowship-Exploring for Oil
	Mr. D. Groves
13th Thursday	10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
16th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
18th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
20th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h Elders Meeting
23th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
24th Monday	20.00h M.E.F. - Open Meeting - Mrs D. Turner on "Mexico"
25th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild- The Prison Service
	Mr. A.A. Coombes
	14.45h Men's Fellowship - The Jewish Faith
	Rabbi I. N. Fabricant
27th Thursday	19.30h CHURCH MEETING

NOTE** GIRLS' BRIGADE WEEK - 2nd to 9th February
Half-term 18th February

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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Our Budget this year will amount to £35310 and a simple calculation will show that with a membership of 350, it costs the church £1.94 per member per week to maintain the premises and to meet the many and varied obligations which arise during the year.

It is estimated that we shall receive approximately: from the hire of halls £4700, Income tax refunds £4100,, Gift Day £2500 and miscellaneous income £1460. This leaves £22550 to be found from our weekly offerings. Broken down it amounts to £434 per week or an increase of £20.55 over our offerings last year.

In the light of the above, it is incumbent on everyone to reconsider the extent of their offerings in order that our budget may be balanced.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

2nd Mr. & Mrs. Connolly
9th Girls' Brigade
16th Mrs. Ayling
23rd Mr. & Mrs. Young

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £12 received during December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

I omitted to say thank you to the Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade, Monday Evening Fellowship and Women's Guild for decorating the Church Shelves. I do hope that you will forgive me.

Then there is a warm thank you to the Men's Fellowship, Choir, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade for their assistance in taking down the decorations.

DOROTHY TURNER

(We are sorry to hear that Dorothy is ill in bed at the moment and we wish her a speedy recovery-Ed)

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FROM THE VESTRY

LENT

These words are written on the first day of LENT. The world outside is cold, coloured only by the white and grey shadows of the winter's day. And so one reflects upon the meaning of the word LENT. A primary meaning of the word is Spring and since its ecclesiastical meanings fill whole volumes of scholarly tomes, let's concentrate on LENT = SPRING.



Outside my window the pied wagtail does his little dance: snowdrops and the robin bring their colour to the scene and underneath the earth the green fuses of spring flowers are already touched by the Divine Hand.

Thus Lent speaks of Spring. God's love is not withheld when cold, cruelty and crime crucify the Son of man and with him all mankind. He is still Lord of the Spring; to those who, with Him, give up self and take up the Cross, Easter and the Resurrection are already here. The Lenten Study Groups on "What on earth is the Church for?" should be a source of learning of God's purposes, in fellowship with our friends from the other Goring and Durrington Churches. We are so glad that so many friends have joined the groups.

"Youth for Christ" and its leader Paul Rush, needs our prayerful interest and concern. Young people in our schools and churches are are greatly benefitting from this work. Do give your help to Cathy Hunt and Julian Brewer who have begun to plan to help this

work.

The new development should be completed in its present phases by the time you read this. It is hoped to formally dedicate the kitchen and Harris Room during the March Church Meeting, when an inspection of the work will be invited and refreshments served.

We are most grateful to the many who sent letters, cards and messages during my brother Charles' illness and death. One wise man said after the funeral, "Well, he was ten minutes older than you, so you had better use the next ten minutes well!"

I'll try - Lord teach us to number our days.

Every blessing,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

It is good to know that Mrs. Ivy Holmes will soon be coming to the Caledonian Nursing Home. her many friends will find it much easier to visit her there. Pat Tye has been in hospital and we are glad to welcome him home again.

The cold weather has resulted in many older people being confined to their homes. We remember you!

Please let the Editor have good news as well as sad news for this column, which seeks to enable us to be joined in our joys and sorrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Connelly's second daughter, Fiona has a daughter Charlotte, whom he hopes to baptise in their Church in California later on in the summer.

Do please remember to use the Prayer Book in the Little Chapel, both in your requests for prayer and in your devotions.

CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS!

As you all know, it is the 25th Anniversary of the building of our Church this year. We are holding a Special Weekend on 20th September, when our Moderator, The Rev. Cyril Franks will be preaching.

Mr. & Mrs. Franks were with us in those days when we decided that we had to have a bigger church to accommodate our growing congregations. Then we worked hard together to obtain the money to pay for and maintain our Church.

So that we may have an idea of the part you may now wish to play during this weekend, please let me know, in writing, by 1st April. Failure to comply with this request will be taken as meaning that your organisation does not wish to take part.

We are holding a meeting of all the interested parties on 7th May in the Cornwall room at 7.30pm., to discuss and mould this weekend.

NORMAN DOBSON

CONGRATULATIONS

and Best Wishes to Mary & Charles STEPHENS who celebrate their Golden Wedding on the 21st March.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS**FLOWERS FOR MARCH**

2nd Mrs. Barnett
9th Mr. Turton
16th Mr. Nodes
23rd Mr. Beale
30th EASTER DAY - Flower Fund

FLOWER FUND

Many thanks for £10 received during January & February.

DOROTHY TURNER



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

It is time already to wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Easter! Whilst writing this, the snow is still on the ground and it is very cold. It is a little difficult to think of daffodils, spring sunshine and maybe an early holiday. The days are already lengthening and it is good (is it not?) to have Spring to look forward to.

Doreen Morris flies off to Australia on March 12th for a month's holiday with her daughter, Beverly and son-in-law in Sydney. We wish her and Caroline, safe journeys and happy landings. We look forward to their return on April 13th.

Thank you for all your support during Brigade Week. We now have £146 towards our fees, which is a tremendous help.

As promised, curtains have now been provided in the Harris Room. We are grateful to the family who joined in with us in our giving for the new room.

Please may we have, in addition to stamps and foil, MATCHBOXES?

Thank You.

Our next Jumble Sale will be on April 17th, but we do not have anywhere for storage, so we cannot collect before April 15th. Sorry about that!

Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB

.....So I said to Jean Webb, "I'll come for a session to see how we get on....."

And now, all these years later, I am the very proud possessor of a Badge which proclaims that we got along very well indeed - despite my not ever having any kind of previous experience or knowledge of Girls' Brigade

(other than that of a 'Mum' whose daughters belonged and who would come to help at Jumble Sales).

I was so 'green' and VERY nervous!

I'll tell you a secret about those early days. When I took my turn on the Devotional Rota whilst still working as a helper, I made sure I always wore a garment with large pockets in which to hide my hands, so that the girls could not see how much they were shaking. If anyone had told me then, that I would one day stand in front of you ALL and talk to the children, I would have laughed - Hysterically!!

Now though - Ten Years On - I am proud to have been afforded the privilege of serving the Lord in and through Girls' Brigade. I am grateful to Jean for her Inspiration, Encouragement and Love and for these years in Brigade which have enriched my life beyond measure.

.....So - Thank you Dear Jean for letting me "come for a session". I think I'll stay!

DOREEN NORRIS

WOMEN'S WORLD

DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY - 7TH MARCH

The Services this year will be held at:-

The Church of the English Martyrs, Goring Way.
at 3.00pm.

Speaker: Mrs. Lois Clarke

and at:-

St. Laurence Church, Sea Place at 8.00pm.

Speaker: Sister Eileen Hale.

The theme of the services has been prepared by our sisters in Australia and is - CHOOSE LIFE - the more abundant life which Christ gives.

A Heavenly Trust

"I'll lend you, for a little time, a child of Mine", He said,
 "For you to love him while he lives and mourn him when he's dead.
 It may be six or eight years, or twenty two or three,
 But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for Me?
 He'll bring his charms to gladden you and should his stay be brief,
 You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief.
 I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return,
 But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn.
 I've looked this wide world over in my search for teachers true,
 And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you.
 Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labour vain,
 Nor hate me when I come to call to take him back again?"
 I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done,
 For all the Joy Thy child will bring, the risk of grief we'll run.
 We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may,
 And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay.
 But should the angels call for him much sooner than we've planned,
 We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand".



(This poem was in the 'Service Sheet' of a funeral service in America for the friend of a grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Cozens-Walker.)

Christian Aid



Many thanks for contributions amounting to £9.00 for January.

HILDA HELE

HOSPITAL RADIO

WORTHING HOSPITAL RADIO ASSOCIATION

Require records of 33 rpm and 45 rpm for use in their new Radio Station, which has been set up at Swandean Hospital. This station will serve Worthing and Swandean Hospitals.

If you have any such records which you would like to donate, please pack them suitably, address them to me and leave them with a steward at the Church.

NORMAN DOBSON

THE CHURCH BOOKSTALL

The Bookstall accounts have recently been auditted up to the end of 1985. Hanny Weber and I have been running the shop since last April and thanks to everyone's co-operation, everything has worked well and bills have been paid on time! Mr. Redman really did an incredible job in making head and tail of my so-called accounting. Many thanks to him for 'Cooking the Books' so well!

You may be interested in some of the figures (for April to December only):

£417 was paid to the Christian Bookshop

£51 was earned in discounts.

£100 was donated to Church Funds.

(Our bank balance was too high!)

Costs of the Cradle Roll amounting to £38 was borne by the Bookstall profits.

So - Many thanks to our customers. Please continue to look at our books and cards. Hanny does all the ordering and our prices are very reasonable. Do let me know if you have any suggestions or requests - of whatever sort!

WILFRED RHODES

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Friday 7th March is the Women's World Day of Prayer. Please see the announcement of details elsewhere in this Chronicle.

We have two meetings in March; on the 10th, my daughter, Amanda, is playing her harp; on the 24th Mrs. Joyce is giving a talk, "Prisoners in Nazi Death Camps". This is an Open Meeting and we welcome all members of the Congregation to come and join us on this occasion.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a lovely Easter.

AUDREY STEWART

EDITORIAL



Since I was criticised for my comment on the letter from YOUTH FOR CHRIST, which Frazer Finley kindly submitted for last month's 'Chronicle', I feel that I must say a few more words (for further criticism if I am wrong!).

First, Let it be quite clear, that there was no criticism of PAUL RUSH intended or implied. I have never met him, nor do I know him. Furthermore, I have a personal maxim: 'Don't criticise anyone for what they are doing unless you are prepared to try to do the job yourself'. I am not prepared to do his job! That being clear, it is sad to have to read such an unhappy letter from an organisation that is setting out to bring Christ to the Youth of today. It reads as though the only thing that matters is FINANCE, without which (and it clearly says this), there will be no Youth for Christ in Worthing next year. If this is the true state of affairs, then there is something radically wrong with the organisation! Nowhere in the Bible can I find any reference to "Give us the money and we will give you Christians". Christ was offered such temptations by Satan himself, and if I read it right, Satan was told to GET LOST!.

If the idea is to bring youth to Christ and there are 21,000 young people in Worthing who are in need of an introduction to Christ, all the money in the world would be useless. Further, the organisation is, in fact, trying to bring to Christ many who are already committed. (as stated - Uniformed organisations and Church Youth Groups). These are already being supported by the Churches of Worthing! Hence my comment. I felt that it was not very nice to criticise the Churches for not doing what in fact, they are doing. Have a look back at last month's edition and let me know if you think I was unfair.

ERIC POPPLESTONE

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Annual Service of Christian Unity was held this year at St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church on the evening of the 22nd January and I believe there was not an empty seat.

The Rev. Bernard Monk of West Worthing Baptist Church, retiring President, welcomed us to the service and spoke of many pleasures and occasional disappointments during his year of office.

Father Tony Shelley, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's was inducted as President by the Rev. Bernard Monk and was presented with a Bible. In my experience Father Shelley has always been a lively member of the Council and I am sure he will be a very good president.

The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Colin Docker, Bishop of Horsham, who took his text from the Good News Bible, St. John's Gospel, Chapter 8, verses 31 & 32: 'So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth and the truth will set you free".'

A beautiful service ended with the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell'.

HUGH ASHBURNER

LEPROSY FUND

The collection taken for the Leprosy Fund in Church amounted to £18.09! The demand for boxes and phials has been very pleasing, we now have 36 names who regularly donate or have a phial. The amount Mrs. Freeman passed on from our Church in 1985 was £128.48, compared with £72.52 in 1984. Thank you for all your gifts.

MARY LUCKIN

COVENANT REMINDER

Will those covenanters whose contributions are made through the Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme, kindly ensure that their giving is up to date on Sunday 30th March, if valuable tax relief is not to be lost.

RICHARD TULEY



WOMEN'S GUILD

Our Spring Programme began on Tuesday, January 14th with a meeting at which we entertained ourselves. The programme included talks, stories, poems, comic verse, verse and a violin solo with piano accompaniment. We enjoyed every moment and when it was all over, as in the case of Oliver Twist, the audience requested more!

BERYL STUTTER

On Tuesday, 28th January, we completely forgot the bitterly cold weather, as we listened enthralled to a talk by Miss Lena Phillips, on the history of folk song in Great Britain. Miss Phillips is a well known singer of opera, oratorio and folk song and we were privileged to listen to many well known and much loved songs as she took us on a musical journey round the country.

Folk singing began as poor people started to sing as they worked, as in spinning and weaving in North Sussex and sailors singing shanties at sea. Cecil Sharp spent much of his life collecting over six thousand songs and dances from every part of Great Britain. The whole afternoon was a musical treat and we thank Miss Phillips most sincerely for spending the afternoon with us.

RAE HALLIDAY

BLANKET APPEAL

The World Church Mission Committee wish to draw attention to the Help the Aged 1986 Blanket Appeal.

Blankets are urgently needed in Ethiopia and the Sudan: the Post Office is willing to accept them and send them free of charge provided they are handed in before 15th March.

If you have blankets you no longer need, please place them in a strong plastic bag (maximum two to a bag) and tie a label securely around the neck. The labels must read "HELP THE AGED 1986 BLANKET APPEAL".

If you are able to do so, please take the parcel to the Post Office in George V Avenue. If you are unable to do this, please contact me (Worthing 43832) and I will arrange for them to be collected on 11th March.

SIDNEY HIDER



HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members:-

14a * MATTHEWSON Mr. & Mrs. J., 31 Tav Close.

690023

16 * BRETT Miss P., 30 The Boulevard.

71218

THANKS

May I through the 'Chronicle' express my sincere thanks to the Girls Brigade and all the friends who made my 90th birthday such a happy affair. The flowers, cards and good wishes go to show, once again, that we belong to a caring Church.

ELLEN MUNDAY

CHANGE YOUR HABITS?

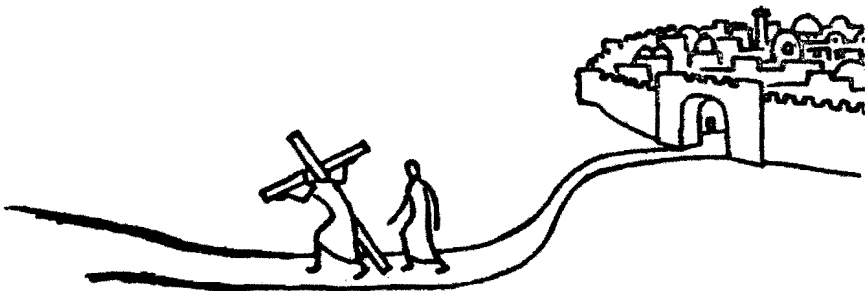
We are all creatures of habit. The challenge is to make our habits work for us and not against us. We can begin by making a list of the habits that work for us and another of those that work against us.

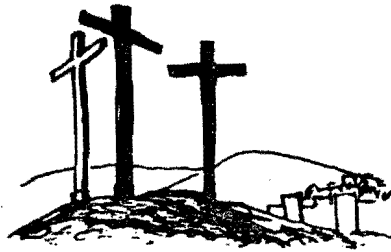
This encourages us. We discover that we have things going for us. There are areas where we are settled and moving steadily in the direction we want to go and we can be thankful. The lists help also because our habits are interrelated. Trying to break one habit is often difficult because we do not pay attention to the other habits that reinforce it.

If you want to establish a habit of rising early, you may need to break a habit of watching late night films. Paul talks about 'putting off the old self with its habits and putting on the new self (Col.3:9,10)

There is a set of habits in each case and Paul describes the process as a change in wardrobe.

We 'change' habits. We replace one with another. If we try to add a habit without losing one we will get overloaded and be quickly defeated. Once we have decided to form a new habit to replace an old one, the main rule is: do not allow any exceptions until you have the new pattern well established. That usually takes about six weeks. (So a New Year's Resolution will require us to do something regularly until the middle of February!) This is difficult.





We need to talk sternly to ourselves. Feeling tired is seldom a good reason for lying longer in bed. Feeling hungry (in the West) is often not a good reason for eating. Forming a new habit is a rigorous business. It is a matter of putting some things to death. And dying is never easy.

There is a close connection between our habits and our use of time. Filling time is something we all have to do. But it can be difficult. Sometimes it is easier if we don't have to think and so we reduce our 'thinking time' by filling our leisure hours with rituals, pastimes and games.

It is clear from the Bible that God has placed rhythms in life. There is a daily rhythm which includes eating, sleeping, working and, for the Christian, prayer, forgiveness and meditation. There is a weekly rhythm that should include rest, relaxation, worship and generosity.

There are monthly, quarterly (seasons) and annual rhythms. Good habits within each timeframe will reinforce each other.

Finally, a change in habits is easier when personalised. A habit might indicate whose servant you are. Christians serve Jesus. Habits for the Christian are just repeated obedience to Him and His service is perfect freedom.

Tom Houston (President, World Vision)

THE CRECHE

Many practical, worthwhile and helpful duties are carried out anonymously by devoted helpers, seeking only to serve God and the Church in whatever way they can. Dulcie Jenkins has served the Creche lovingly for the past three years. At 79 Dulcie feels that she has fulfilled her calling and would now like to 'pass the reins' over to someone else.

The Creche performs a truly worthwhile function in caring for the young children, from babies to three year olds, thus allowing their mums and dads to attend church together.

We earnestly ask anyone who would like to accept the challenge and responsibility of this caring role to contact us. You will not be on your own. A Rota of mums and other helpers is available each Sunday. Dulcie has kindly agreed to carry on until we can find a replacement and show her the ropes.

Please pray about this and if you feel the Lord asking you to accept this challenge, please contact Julie Ward (501949) or Anne Rowlands (503242) or pop into the Creche on Sunday morning and say hello to Dulcie.

ANNE & JULIE

Required:

A lady to act as a Companion for Mrs. Christopher. Requirements are for one definite day each week from 9.00am. to 5.00pm. Also for other occasions, day or half-day as required from Ron Christopher's diary. These are known in advance. Remuneration according to full or half-day.

Enquiries to Ron Christopher-Worthing 30330.

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

My very warm thanks to Mr. Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. Marsh and Mr. & Mrs. Tuley and Sarah for visiting me in Southlands Hospital and to the Monday Evening Fellowship and the Girls Brigade for their 'Get well' wishes.

I wish also to acknowledge and say how pleased I was with the flowers and plant from the Church.

Now a special word of appreciation of the kindness shown to us by Mrs. Bradley, who is doing so much shopping for us.

Since I have returned from hospital I have often thought of one of my uncles who lived in Devon. He had a lovely tenor voice and was well known in the West Country for his beautiful singing. I often used to hear him say "Where there's a will, there's a way". I'm sure this thought has helped me to recover so quickly.

I cannot close this appreciation of all the help received from my friends without referring to the wonderful skill of the surgeon and doctors, also the kindness and patience of the nurses at Southlands.

NORA WILLS



My family and I wish to say 'Thank you' to the many friends whose prayers, love and concern have meant so much to us and also for the flowers, letters and cards we have received before and since my husband's death. Our special thanks to Mr. Connelly, Mr. Christopher and Mr. & Mrs. Marsh, whose unfailing support has sustained us during the past months.

BETTY HISLOP

CHURCH CALENDAR-MARCH 1986

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys
	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

2nd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
4th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
6th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
9th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Parade Service
	18.30h Divine Worship
10th Monday	20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship
	Amanda Stewart on the Harp
11th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - Members' Afternoon
	Pleasures from the Past (slides)
	14.45h Men's Fellowship- Speaker from
	'Torch Trust for the Blind'
13th Thursday	10.30h Monthly Prayer Service
	With Holy Communion
16th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	& Ministry of Healing
18th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
20th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h Church Meeting
23rd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
24th Monday	20.00h M.F.F.-OPEN MEETING - Mrs. Joyce on
	'Prisoners in Nazi death camps'
25th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild
	14.45h Men's Fellowship
	Joint EASTER MEETING
27th Thursday	19.30h Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
28th Friday	10.30h GOOD FRIDAY Family Service
30th EASTER	08.00h Holy Communion
SUNDAY	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion

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FROM THE VESTRY

EASTER IS EARLY

Lord of the frost-rimmed earth
And snow clad morning,
Show us beyond our dearth
A glorious dawning!
When He - Spring's Lord
Shall speak to earth's sad
mourning
The RESURRECTION WORD.



Mary Magdalene came early to her Easter when it was yet dark, as St. John tells us. My opening poem takes up the theme that Jesus fully states to Thomas "blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed". In all our Christian experience we walk by faith and not by sight and in our lives rejoice in glorious hope. The days before Easter were so dark, the winter so long, many people so dispirited. The only care spiritually for this condition is to come early to Easter to make an act of faith to Christ even when it is dark. The Prophets knew and spoke of this

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee"
(Isaiah 60v2.)

The Resurrection Word is spoken by the same voice and with the same authority as at the World's Creation: "Let there be Light". Remember these things and looking beyond pain, misery and sorrow, make Easter ever early in your lives.

Look ahead now to ASCENSIONTIDE on May 8th and since that is the day for our monthly day of prayer at 10.30am do make a special note of it. Whitsuntide is on May 18th and so the year moves on.

But not quite like that! Beyond, yet
undergirding all human history is that Holy
History in which all who have experienced the joy
of salvation are living eternally.

"Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In Him to life re-born,
And holden in His hand:
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead".

Every blessing,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Clare Louise MALCOLMSON 2nd March 1986

Simon George MALCOLMSON 2nd March 1986

IN MEMORIAM

Ivy Gladys HOLMES 17th February 1986

An ecumenical Christian who enjoyed fellowship
with friends both here and within Salvation Army
and Baptist circles. Miss Holmes offered her love
in Christ to many friends. After caring for her
close friend Miss Saxton in a remarkable way until
her death a few years ago, Ivy Holmes spent her
last few years at Holcombe House in quietness and
peace.

She will be remembered as a good 'welcomer' in
Church and as one whose determined soul overcame
many trials on her journey to Eternal Life.

Harold Edward ELLIS

8th March 1986

A worker, initiator and noble servant in the Church until his removal to Canterbury some years ago. He is remembered with great affection and we commend his wife Hettie and their family to God's Keeping.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Miss I. Pettingill, Mr. D. Fielder and Mrs E. Dixon in Worthing Hospital.

Miss H. Lowman in Southlands Hospital.

The many friends still confined to their homes through sickness and infirmity.

Young people preparing for their 'O' and 'A' level examinations and College and University Entrance examinations.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The need for more DRIVERS at the Goring Friendship Centre. Names of Volunteers please. to the Minister.

THE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

On every Friday Evening from 7.30pm in the HARRIS ROOM. The Minister gives this PRIORITY and INVITES YOU.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Minister is glad to inform the Church that £100 has been given to this work from the Harry Rushby Fund and he trusts that events planned to help the work will be successful. We assure Paul Rush of our prayers and trust that everyone is now better informed on this vital work among Young People in the District.

The Minister advises that if anyone wants any gardening done he can supply the name of suitable help.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I write to express the appreciation of my family to Rev. Connelly and all the many friends within the membership of the Goring United Reformed Church who have befriended Ivy Holmes over many years. We do also thank those who were so kind as to visit her at Shoreham and Worthing. I'm sure this did much to alleviate Ivy's fear of hospitals and provided her with comfort that only friends can give. Many of those friends, on a bitterly cold day, were at the crematorium and we thank them for their sympathetic support.

E. V. Bacon
Great Yarmouth
(Nephew of Ivy Holmes)

May I express my sincere thanks for all the prayers and concern on my behalf during my recent illness. The flowers from the Church and Women's Guild brought much cheerfulness in dark days, also get-well cards from the Girls' Brigade, Monday Evening Fellowship and many members of the Church. I hope before long to be worshipping with you once again.

God bless you all.

Peggy Machen

FURNISHING THE HARRIS ROOM

We wish to give thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwood who have presented the Church with a very nice clock for use in the new Harris Room. Further donations for the furniture would be appreciated. We have raised £375 - another £1000 is needed. If anyone would like a small IN MEMORIAM plate on the furniture, please advise the Minister. Gifts should be sent direct to the Church Treasurer.

COLIN NODES



FINANCE



In February I wrote that in order to cover our estimated costs for the year, we needed to increase our weekly offerings by 20%. However, our average weekly collections for the first eight weeks of this year amount to £365, which is far short of our target of £434. Again I would remind everyone that it costs £1.94 per member per week to cover all the Church's obligations.

The F.W.O. envelopes are an excellent way to maintain regular giving and 173 members use this system. A close examination of last year's accounts show that they contributed £14,232 towards the Church's income, whilst the remaining 187 members contributed £4,538 !!!

DOUGLAS BLAKEY.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Change of address:

3a * JONES Mrs D.M., Flat 1, Charles House, Goring Road. 49658

15a * REDMAN Mr. & Mrs., 5 Salvington Hill, High Salvington. 60568



GOLDEN WEDDING

Mary and Charles STEPHENS have been nigh-overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and kindness and the abundance of good wishes received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. To the Church and all friends we offer heartfelt thanks as we join the increasing company of those who have been privileged to share this enriching experience.

MARY & CHARLES



Christian Aid

Over the past few months I have allowed the Media and Bob Geldorf to remind you of the needs of the Third World's hungry people. But May will soon be upon us and so, too, will CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th - 17th MAY.

There are one or two friends who will not be able to collect from house to house this year, so there are a number of vacancies - any number of vacancies!

An hour's exercise during a couple of Spring evenings could do you a power of good and may even be the means of saving a life.

I can find a road for anyone who is willing to help. Can you? WILL you? - Ring me on 503791.

RON JORDAN

MISSIONARY Support Work

COFFEE MORNING

The World Mission Committee will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th April from 10am. to 12noon.

In addition to a Cake Stall there will be a Bring and Buy table, so if you have any surplus Christmas presents or spouses, do bring them along. Profits will go towards Missionary work at home and abroad (The Unified Appeal).

During the morning Derek Cook, who spent over 10 years as a WEC Missionary in Chad, will give a short informal talk.

Admission will be free, but there will be a small charge for refreshments.

SIDNEY HIDER

The next monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 2nd, in the Harris Room, 10am. to 11am. All are welcome to attend.

PHYLLIS WHEELER



THE Boys' Brigade

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Congratulations to STEPHEN DAVIS, NEIL KERKHOVE, GRAHAM COOMBS, SEAN THOMAS & DEREK PHIPPS in obtaining their Target Awards (Part I).

Our Company has now been welcomed into membership of the Brighton, Hove and District Battalion. The West Sussex Battalion was disbanded last year as so few companies were involved and it was difficult to organise activities. We will now, of course, find ourselves as a Company, more and more involved in competitions, parades and meetings, etc., with the prospect of much more travelling. With the consequent greater use of a reliable vehicle. I would once again repeat my appeal for obtaining a replacement crew bus. Fund raising would obviously be of some help but it means me being involved every time. If anyone would care to organise a Coffee Morning, Jumble Sale, etc. on our behalf I would be only too pleased to discuss it with them.

Our first competitive event in the Brighton Battalion will be the Junior Seven-a-Side football Tournament at Wild Park, Moulsecoomb on 12th April. Please pray for the boys taking part and that it will be an enjoyable day. At the moment of writing we are working on an Easter project in the East Transept. It is hoped that it will be as much of a Biblical challenge to you as to us!

DONALD STEWART

LEPROSY MISSION

The Worthing Branch Annual General Meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church Hall on Friday, 18th April at 2.30 p.m. The Speaker will be The Rev. K.P. Wellford, Promotional Officer for the Leprosy Mission. There will be a film or slides. Stalls of cakes, books etc., and a cup of tea after the meeting will be available.

7 MARY LUCKIN

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF ELDERS
1986 ELECTION

At the Extraordinary Church Meeting held on Thursday, 20th March 1986, the meeting approved parts of the draft revised rules of procedure for the election of Elders, recommended by the Elders, to take immediate effect. The following notice regarding the 1986 election of Elders is accordingly published, with those parts which have been revised printed in italics.

The serving Elders who will retire by rotation in September 1986 will be:

MR. D. BLAKEY, MR. R. CLOSE, MR. N. DOBSON,

MR. R.H. NEWELL, MR. R. POWNALL, MR. W. RHODES.

There will therefore be six vacancies. As the rules stand the six retiring Elders are eligible for re-election.

Every Church Member shall be eligible for nomination, as a candidate for election as a serving Elder. To be elected as a serving Elder, a candidate must receive the votes of more than 50% of the Church Members voting.

Notice of the Annual Election of Serving Elders shall be given at the morning and evening services on two Sundays in April and in the April issue of the Chronicle

Church members may submit the names of candidates for election as serving Elders in writing and signed by the Proposer and Seconder. The Proposer should approach the nominee and obtain her/his consent before putting her/his name forward as a candidate for election as a serving Elder. The closing date for the submission of the names of candidates for the 1986 election is 30th April 1986.

The nominations committee comprising the Minister, the Church Secretary and three serving Elders, one

of whom shall act as Chairman, will receive nominations.

The nominations committee shall be responsible for making a personal approach to every nominee in connection with the election and of the duties of a serving Elder. Nominees will be interviewed in May or in June. Subsequently the nominations committee will prepare a list of those members who will stand as candidates for election. The list of names will be notified to the Church Meeting held on the last Thursday in June and to the congregations at the morning and evening services on the first Sunday in July.

Voting papers will be available for collection by members during July from the Church vestibule. Voting papers not collected by the end of the evening service on the Sunday immediately prior to the election will be forfeited. Voting papers will only be sent to those members living at a distance when this is requested in writing to the Church Secretary, or at the Minister's discretion.

The election will take place at the Church Meeting in July and those elected will commence their period of service on the first Sunday in September.

Completed voting papers may be placed in the ballot box which will be placed in the Church Vestibule. Voting papers must be returned not later than 7.30pm on the day of the election.

RAY NEWELL

CHINA—THEN AND NOW

At 2.30pm on April 22nd, Miss Anne Mackeith will be speaking on the above subject at St. Columba's Church, whose World Church and Mission Department extend a warm welcome to any of us who may like to go along. The meeting will end at 4.30pm.

S.A.HIDER

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Time passes quickly, and here is the April news magazine of the Church and I have not been able yet to refer to any of the Spring programme which has been so very varied and also, most interesting and entertaining.

The members had a brief talk from four of our number at the first meeting in January. Tom Lyons directed our thoughts to a changing attitude by Church leaders, if the comments quoted in the press are a new standard being promulgated by them. Our ex-librarian, Walter Woodham, referred to his war service and the many places seen and visited including Durban, Bombay and the Holy Land.

Jim Mason, I.S.O., showed us the decoration and certificate he received at Buckingham Palace from the Queen, and explained the arrangements made for these investitures, whilst Edwin Bown told us of his leaving the Methodist Church for the Anglican Church. He told us how he took to learning the organ and spent 24 years at Christ Church in Worthing before going to St. Andrews for 8 years as organist and the Male and Mixed Choirs and boys choirs which he had conducted. It all proved (as has been the case with each Members' Afternoon) to be most enjoyable and very informative, not only about the members themselves but, from a general knowledge factor.

At our next meeting, submariner Mr. A. Hall, D.S.M. & bar. gave us a most graphic account of life in a submarine, being 34 years at sea. As he reminded us, in those days one had to be a volunteer to be accepted on board a sub, the rate of pay being higher than for their counterparts in the "skimmers", as he referred to the surface vessels of the Royal Navy. His sub was on the China Station when war was declared. Mr. Hall went on to explain the problems associated with getting into the Med via the Straights of Gibraltar and the time factor involved. Also, how easy it was for an aircraft to spot them in the very clear waters of the Med on certain locations, and that 49 boats were lost in this area

during the war. An U.S. aircraft did bomb them in error, as it had not received the new code for that day, being on an extended air patrol and so missed the message from their sub. On patrol they would travel 4000 miles and be away 30/35 days. They took a new and larger boat out to Malaya after the Italians surrendered, no doubt in preparation for the continuation in the east. Many questions were asked of Mr. Hall after this, and we are most grateful for his informative and very interesting talk.

FRAZER FINLAY

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

6 Mrs. Hillier
 13 Miss Hambleton
 20 Miss Wharhirst
 27 Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £6.00 received during February and March.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

A warm thank you to Nora Groves, Carol Webber and Rosemary Evans for the help given in preparing the posies.

PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS

I extend a deep gratitude to Nora and Bert Groves for their unstinting help during my recent illness. I wish to thank all who visited, telephoned and sent greetings to me during this time. I was greatly sustained by all the care extended and it was much appreciated.

DOROTHY TURNER



WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting in February was entitled "Interesting Churches". Thanks to our speaker and projectionist, Mr. Rolph Rawling, we were left with a greater interest in church buildings than ever before. We were shown items that previously I must have passed by, such as the Mass Dial on the south wall of the older buildings. We shall undoubtedly be viewing the next country church we visit with greater interest than ever.

At both our February meetings, the Guild, after a brief explanatin by Mrs. Jean Marsh, took up a collection for "Youth for Christ". We were pleased to donate a total of £66.

BERYL STUTTER

In spite of wintry weather a large number of members came to the meeting on 25th February and were well rewarded by a very interesting and informative address on "The Prison Service" by Mr. A.A. Coomes. After a short business and devotional time, Mr. Coomes told us of his experiences as Governor of Strangeways Prison for a number of years.

The information he gave was new to some of us, that people formerly were put in prison before going to court and when convicted were sent to Virginia and then to Australia. Only recently have people been in prison for punishment. It was not until the 19th century that the prison commission was set up. He gave us instances from his own experience of work and study courses undertaken by the prisoners. For example, 15 men obtained degrees from Manchester University and one especially excelled in woodwork, amongst others.

Each denomination was represented by its own chaplain. It was a very interesting afternoon, especially as it was all from Mr. Coomes own experience.

Our next meeting will be a members' Afternoon when we are to share in pleasures of the past on film.

KATHLEEN FLORY & EVE GLUE

MORE THANKS

As Treasurer of Worthing Youth for Christ I would like to say "Thank you" for the overwhelming support given to us by Church organisations and individuals. I know that Paul and his co-workers in Christ have been richly blessed by your giving.

PAUL ARCHER

HOLIDAY CLUB 1986

It is the intention of Junior Church to hold a Holiday Club during the week 18th - 22nd August for 5-12 year olds from 9.30am - noon. We should be glad to hear from anyone who would like to be involved, for all or part of the week, assisting group leaders or helping behind the scenes.

We should also be very happy to receive items for craftwork. Offers of help please to - Carole Davis - Worthing 502338 (evenings).



DR. BARNARDO'S

The result to date of the Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale organised by the Monday Evening Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship in the Church Hall, has produced £63.96 and £4.45 in donations for Dr. Barnardo's homes and training centres.

FRAZER FINLAY

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We resume meetings on Monday 14th April for the summer session, when the Rev. Connelly will speak to us. Our second meeting is a talk and demonstration of flower arranging by Mrs. Janet Oakes, on the 28th. This meeting was snowed off in February.

Even as I write there are signs, so soon after the thaw, of Spring. Crocuses, snowdrops, aconites and buds swelling. The blackbirds chasing each other and a great deal of bird song and sparrow chatter. What an annual miracle this is!

Looking forward to meeting you.

AUDREY STEWART



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a super time of celebration we are having! Alison Brunton has gained her Girls' Brigade Queen's Award. This is an award of high merit and takes round about two years to achieve. The aim of the Queen's Award is to inspire girls to greater endeavour in service and personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, encouraging them to make a contribution to the world-wide concept of The Girls' Brigade.

Alison is an inspiration to us all and on May 3rd at the evening performance of the Girls' Brigade Rally in the Royal Albert Hall, forty of us (Officers, girls and friends from the Church) will cheer as never before as she receives her well earned and well deserved badge.

Congratulations and Well Done Alison. It is a great time for you, for your family, for the 5th Worthing and for Captain too. Alison will no doubt have inspired other girls and maybe she will be the first of many. We shall see!

Preparations for our G.B. Grand Bonanza are now well under way and we are very grateful to all who are helping us in so many ways. Do please make a note of the date now. Saturday, October 11th at the Durrington Community Centre to be opened at 2.00pm. From now on, all our publicity for this event will be in the capable hands of Mr. Foott, to whom we extend our thanks.

We have run short of wool! If you have any to spare may we have it, please?

Plus match boxes, foil, stamps, etc.....

Our Jumble Sale will be on Thursday April 17th at 6.00pm in the Church Hall. If you have anything for collection please 'phone 40546 and we will do our best to send someone round.

Blessings and love from us all.

JEAN WEBB

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

So dreams do come true!; and now that my dream is a reality, in the shape of the coveted Girls' Brigade Queens' Award, I would like to step out of the limelight for a while and put the many people who helped me in my place, for without them I would not be planning to journey to the Royal Albert Hall on 3rd May.

Thank you to Miss Manix and Miss Simpson for their friendship and the privilege of doing their shopping for my six months social service work, and also the many books lent to me for my forty page project and two hour test paper.

Thank you, to Dr. Webb, for being such a good "Guinea Pig" whilst I practised being an interviewer and for giving me ideas and more confidence when I faced my real interviewee; a scientist! Many thanks to everyone who sent me cards, letters and words of encouragement during the eighteen months. Thank you to all the Officers for their encouragement and snippets of useful information and their many cards during the quest for my Queens' Award.

Last, but certainly not least, Captain Webb, without whose encouragement and wisdom I would have certainly fallen by the wayside. Thanks to Captain, I can now cook a very tasty dinner party (even though I do say it myself!).

ALISON BRUNTON'

ALISON BRUNTON

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THANKS

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes during my recent spell in hospital and during my convalescence at home.

I am progressing slowly and hope to be amongst you all again very soon.

MEGAN E. WILLIAMS

CHURCH CALENDAR-APRIL 1986**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys
	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Choir Practice
	19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
3rd Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
6th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
8th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild-The Home Farm Trust= Mr. McErlean
	14.45h Men's Fellowship- Visit to Hove Engineerium
10th Thursday	10.30h Monthly Prayer Service With Holy Communion
	19.30h Worship Discussion at 3 Arun Close
13th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
14th Monday	20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship Rev.W.Connelly
15th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
17th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale
	19.30h Elders Meeting
20th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
22nd Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild 'The lighter side of the Ministry'-Rev. Hugh Ford
	14.45h Men's Fellowship -A journey to Jerusalem- Irene & Richard Tuley
24th Thursday	19.30h Church Meeting & Dedication of New Premises
27th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Evening Praise with Paul Archer & Young People
28th Monday	20.00h M.E.F.- Mrs. Janet Oakes on Flower Arranging
29th TUESDAY	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

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FROM THE VESTRY

The festivals of May begin with Ascension Day on Thursday, May 8th, when the service at 10.30 in the Church will emphasise the importance of the day in the Christian Year. Make a note of the service now. Whitsunday, (the writer prefers the anglicised form of Pentecost) is on May 18th., when we thank God for the fulfilment of Christ's promise in St. John 14. v16, "And I



will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He shall abide with you for ever.". The word translated 'Comforter' from the Greek 'Parakletos' is difficult to define in English. 'Advocate', 'Helper', 'Someone who stands by to help' or 'Counsellor' are among the definitions available to us. The earlier translators such as Tyndale, include the idea of the Holy Spirit as 'Strengthenener' and we need to emphasise this in our thinking on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

The final May festival is on May 25th., Trinity Sunday when we glorify the God-head.... Father.... Son.... and the Holy Spirit. Isaac Watts in Congregational Praise 220 writes in the last verse:

"Almighty God, to Thee,
Be endless honour done,
The undivided Three.
And the mysterious One:
When reason fails with all her powers,
There faith prevails and love adores."

May these festivals serve to bless us in a

deeper knowledge of the purposes of God in Jesus Christ.

A final word and one to which I hope your response will not be long delayed. Are you being used in your life, in the life of the Church and in the life of the neighbourhood, according to the purposes of God?

Your gifts whether of prayer, praise, visiting the sick, in administration, or in doing repairs or decorations around the Church premises, may not be fully employed. God is the Perfect Employer whose grace is made perfect as we offer ourselves to Him. Please let me know if you think we are unaware of your gifts and talents and let us work closer and more completely together. This may include the serious step of joining the Church as a Member and you are invited to join a group to consider this important matter. May I hope to hear from you soon.

Blessings and love,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Rachel Anne JONES 16.3.1986

Colin Stuart BUDD 13.4.1986

Jacqueline Louise BUDD 13.4.1986

WEDDINGS

Johnny KING
to 12.4.1986

Linda Cheryl Baker

IN MEMORIAM

MURIEL ISABEL HURT 20.3.1986

The years of Muriel's strength gave many gifts to us. Her love of God was expressed as

a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, comforter and musician. The Christian faith, through which in weakness Muriel was enabled to minister to us, ran far deeper than human mind could fully know. She knew that "My grace is sufficient, for my strength is made perfect in weakness". Her hope was fully centred in the "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy".

May her husband Ronald and all the family, live in Christ's joy and peace with His comfort....and give thanks.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Miss Hilda Lowman is now in Pentlands Nursing Home. Mrs. E.A. Dixon is in the Caledonia home. We remember all our sick friends....

Mrs McMillan, mother of Mrs. Frank Jay is in Southlands Hospital; Mr. Eric Taylor is in Worthing Hospital, whilst Mrs. Tom Lyons has happily returned home.

Many friends are unwell at home and to these and all the sick, wherever they may be, we promise our love and prayers.

Please keep us notified of all who are ill. Then the 'Flower and Card' girls and visitors may bring them their own greetings.

Christine and Julian Brewer rejoice in the birth of their daughter, Keziah Jane. May she grow in grace and beauty and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We rejoice and give thanks with them.

PHOENIX HOUSE

A new sports and games room has been opened. All that we need is equipment! Unused Darts Boards, Weight Lifting apparatus, Keep Fit apparatus, would all be welcomed and greatly appreciated. If you can help, please phone Mr. Alan Freeman (501705) or Mr. Eric Bond (44157).

This house continues to be a blessing to many men and women, so please give if you are able and remember its work in your prayers.

1986 promises to be a busy year for children and staff alike. Earlier in the year, the Bible Class enjoyed an outing to the King Alfred Leisure Centre in Hove where they were able to try their hands at table tennis, ten pin bowling and swimming. Quite soon after Christmas we began preparing for the Scripture Examination and the theme this year is 'Women of God'. On Friday March 21st., 25 children sat the exam and once again we would like to thank Fred Marsh who acted as invigilator. For all their hard work, the children in the Junior Department were treated to an afternoon of games and cartoons on Saturday, April 12th., in the Hall. We would like you to make a special note of the Prize Giving for the Scripture Exam on Friday June 6th., at 7.30pm at Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring. We are delighted that Paul Rush and friends will be taking part in the service and we invite parents and friends to join us on this happy occasion. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Preparations are now under way for the Junior Church Anniversary, to be held on Sunday 18th May, when we will be leading the morning service. We do ask for your prayers as we plan this morning. The children will begin the service at 10.55am by singing choruses, and the address is to be given by Mr. Dobinson, the Religious Studies teacher from West Park School. We invite you to join us for coffee in the hall afterwards. Two advance dates for your diary: (1) Junior Church outing to Arundel on Saturday June 28th. (2) On Saturday, October 16th from 2.00pm onwards our Church will be the hosts for the Hands and Voices Festival organised by the Brighton, Central and West Sussex Christian Education Council. More details later.

P.S. Don't forget our Holiday Club for the 5 to 12 year olds from 10.00am to noon, from 18th to 22nd August, 1986. See you there!



THE Boys' Brigade

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We had a good start in the very first event we entered for in the Brighton Battalion. It was the occasion of the annual cross country run at Stanmer Park on Saturday April 5th. Out of an entry of about 70 runners we had Noel Shipley come in first well ahead of the rest of the field and Roger Smith came in fifth. If the rest of our team had done a little better, we could have been better placed than third in the team placings. Anyway, that is quite a good result against twelve other teams. On the 12th April at Moulescoomb Wild Park our Junior seven-a-side Football team did reasonably well despite the atrocious weather conditions and muddy pitches. The team finished third in their group and considering they had never played together before and it was their first time in the event, they did well. By the time you read this, we hope to be in possession of a better condition bus for travelling about. It will give us a little more confidence in our journeys, especially with the Summer Camp trip to Wales in mind. Thank you to Chris Payne and family for giving such consideration to our urgent need. We are pleased that our Easter Project was well received and did prompt some thought amongst old and young alike. Thank you for your contributions to our International Extension fund. We will bear in mind your helpful comments for when we come around to preparing a future project. Due to the fact that we now have no place to store waste paper in large quantity and safety, we have decided to discontinue the collection of newspapers and magazines. Thank you to those of you who have faithfully brought along your papers to the Church for a good number of years. It was a useful source of income for helping to run

the Crew Bus. Please continue in your prayers for our several needs in dealing with our present day boys.

DONALD STEWART

(Note: If anyone still needs to dispose of their waste papers, the GEORGE PRINGLE SCHOOL would welcome them. Ed.)



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Saturday May 3rd. Albert Hall Rally Day. THE DAY of 1986 for us. Look out for a full report in the next Chronicle.

It is good to have Doreen Norris back from her trip 'Down Under'. Would you believe that she bumped into Eric Bond and family outside the Sydney Opera House!

Spare a thought for us on Saturday May 17th when we take the non-campers to Butlins for a day. Fine weather does help and we are usually very lucky.

May we remind you that we meet on Tuesdays between 6.00 and 9.30pm., and visitors are always welcome. How about coming along now that the lighter evenings are here?

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

What a superb Easter Display. It was most interesting and very thought provoking. Thank you, Boys' Brigade.

JEAN WEBB

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members:

5a * HOOKER Mrs.M., Holcombe Hotel, 92 Heene Road
13 * PARKER Mrs.D., 4 Lincoln Road

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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May I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Connelly and all kind friends who have visited me while I've not been well enough to come to Church or meetings; also for flowers and cards and gifts from Girls' Brigade; also for th prayers of so many, which is such a comfort. As soon as the weather allows, I shall hope to be able to get to Church and the Guild again - very soon - so roll on summer and I hope this year will be a good one for all.

EDITH EDMONDS

I would like to say how much I appreciated the many 'Get Well' cards, good wishes and flowers I received from so many of our Church friends during the month's stay I had in Southlands Hospital.

I would also like to thank Mr. Connelly and Mr. Christopher for visiting me and those who kindly gave my husband, Tom, lifts to the hospital, which was very much appreciated.

DORIS LYONS

THERE WILL BE SIGHT!

It was in last year's May Chronicle that the Mission Committee, under the heading 'Let there be Sight', launched an appeal for used spectacles for use in the Third World. The response has been beyond our wildest expectations, for at the time of writing this item (end of March), we have collected 696 pairs.

They have come from near and far - most recently a parcel of twelve from Petworth. I suspect that this last, and some other packages, have materializes because of an article in the 'Evening Argus' some months ago.

The Committee are most grateful to all who have contributed to this magnificent effort, but would remind you that there is a continuing need for more.

S.A. HIDER

UNITED NATIONS

1986 is the International Year of Peace. The Worthing U.N.A. is presenting a PEACE rose to its corporate members. There is one in our garden.

Please make a note of the U.N. Garden Party - 2.30 on June 7th - venue, The Friends Meeting House, Mill Road.

For the very first time. U.N.A. has been allocated a flag day in Worthing - Saturday October 25th. This is a tremendous opportunity to collect for UNICEF and aid for the Third World. United Nations representatives are specially trained to deal with famine problems and the housing of refugees. If you feel able to help for one hour on that day, please let me know. There will be a list to sign nearer the date.

FAY BLAKEY



CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to Alison on her Gold Award. What an achievement! In her letter in the April Chronicle she mentions the shopping for Miss Simpson and myself for her six months social service work. We naturally expected it to terminate and informed Alison accordingly. However, she assured us that she loved doing it and the caring service continues. It is we who thank her.

It means so much to me to see Alison every Saturday morning and I am always greeted with a lovely smile. Not only do I have a caring Church, but also a special caring Brigader and Brigade.

Thank you Alison and thank you Jean for all the wonderful work you do.

ELLEN MANIX

On the 11th February, David Groves (son of our secretary) gave us a most interesting talk on the development of Oil exploration and industry and the types of problems associated with the North Sea rigs. He explained how oil was formed by sea organisms sinking to the bottom of shallow seas and subsequently being subjected to heat and pressure over a very long time. The oil, essentially found in porous sandstone, (rather than underground lakes) is then brought to the surface by drilling into the oil bearing strata and allowing natural or man made pressure to drive it to the surface. The oil, full of impurities of sand, gas and water, has to be stabilised and the impurities removed before being processed into fuel and other products. Offshore the equipment for stabilisation has to be supported on giant steel or concrete structures, the biggest of which is as tall as the Eiffel Tower. Mr. Groves explained how these massive structures were built on shore, then towed out to position and placed in location by controlled sinking.

A thirty minute film then showed us the various aspects which he had referred to in his informative talk and highlighted the really massive size of these oil rigs in the North Sea. We are very grateful to David for coming and spending the afternoon with us.

Our subject at the next meeting was vastly different. Here we had the pleasure of the company of Rabbi Fabricant from Brighton to explain some aspects of the Jewish Faith and their commitment to the teachings of the Bible. The Rabbi had been attached to the Army for many years and saw service with them in N. Ireland, Middle East and Scotland. He explained that Jesus as a Jew knew his Bible well and so they endeavour to teach their children Hebrew, in order to better understand what it says. First thing in the morning and last thing at night they repeat; "God is One", the corollary being "Brotherhood of Man". Reference was also made to the difficulty of children in today's society and to the orthodox and liberal services, which tradition has it, last

for two and a half hours. I found it interesting to hear him say that they did not have TV on their Sabbath (except for special occasions). The Rabbi then spoke of the important days on the calendar, such as New Year's Day when the Ram's Horn was blown; the Day of Atonement, which was a very solemn occasion and in which they fasted for 25 hours; the Passover, to celebrate liberation from bondage; Pentecost, when they commemorate receiving the Commandments.

Many questions were asked of the Rabbi when he finished his brief talk and when he was asked about the Sunday Trading Bill, we were pleased to hear him state that they did not approve of the idea and liked Sunday as a day of rest. Both these meetings could have gone on much longer - they were so informative and interesting. Our sincere thanks to both speakers.

FRAZER FINLAY & BERT GROVES

The House & Fabric Committee would like to draw the attention of all leaders of Organisations and tenants, to the fact that our Church no longer has the services of a Caretaker.

In recent weeks Leaders and tenants have arrived at the Church Hall, East / West Halls and Cornwall Room, only to find that tables and chairs have been left in an haphazard manner across the Halls. Some of our members are unable to lift heavy tables and this has created difficulties for classes and events to follow.

In future will everyone kindly ensure that all tables and chairs are stacked in a tidy and orderly manner after they have finished a meeting or class.

Your co-operation in this matter will be much appreciated by the Committee.

COLIN NODES

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FLOWERS FOR MAY

4th Mr. & Mrs. Blakey
 11th Mr. & Mrs. Stephens
 18th Miss Hedgcombe
 (Chapel - Mrs Wyatt)
 25th Mrs. Pike

FLOWER FUND

Many thanks for £15 received during March & April.

EASTER FLOWERS.

Grateful thanks to the Women's Guild for their shelf decorations.

Help is needed in arranging the Church Flowers each week. Please contact me by telephone (43843) if you can assist.

DOROTHY TURNER

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We have only one get-together in May, when we are all going out for a meal on the 12th.

I hope as many as possible can come and we can relax and enjoy each other's company and if it is fine perhaps we can go for a walk on the sea front afterwards.

I learned an interesting 'saying' last year, that if a young girl can get her foot to cover 7 daisies on the lawn, Spring has come. Well I tried (not being a young girl, but hoping it still holds) recently and I can cover 7 daisies, but it still does not feel like Spring. The cold winds of the last few weeks have been very trying. However, God promised that seedtime and harvest would not fail as long as the earth remaineth (Genesis 8,22), so it will be warm soon and we can sow our seeds.

A Happy Whitsun to you all,

AUDREY STEWART

ROYAL MAUNDY

I was surprised and honoured when our Moderator, the Rev. Cyril Franks, proposed nominating me to be one of those to receive the Royal Maundy at the historical service at Chichester Cathedral. In due course the nomination was confirmed and on Maundy Thursday I journeyed to Chichester for the occasion with my two Companions (my sister and son). There were sixty men and sixty women to receive the gifts, which consisted of a red leather bag in which was placed a five pound note and a fifty pence piece and a white leather bag containing the Maundy coins, specially minted by the Royal Mint - six packets of four coins totalling sixty pence, representing the age of the Queen. These coins are valuable and will be treasured, not only by me, but also by my family. The honour of receiving Royal Maundy is given to those who have served the Church and the Community.

Before the Service, we were welcomed by the Lord High Almoner (Bishop of Rochester) in the Bishop Bell Rooms. When we were settled in the Cathedral, the first procession was the Yeomen of the Guard in their traditional dress. Then came the procession to greet the Queen at the West Door of the Cathedral. This included other Church Leaders including our own Moderator and two men in black draped with white towels - symbolic of the days when the feet of the recipients were washed. It was Henry IV (1399-1413) who began the practice of relating the number of recipients to the Sovereign's age. The ceremony of foot washing was known in earlier centuries and in due course, members of the Royal Houses took part in the distribution of gifts which accompanied it. King John took part in such a ceremony in 1213 at Rochester. In the 18th and 19th centuries "keeping Maundy" was held in the Royal Chapel in Whitehall, although active participation by the Sovereign had ceased for two centuries when George V in 1932 made the distribution, handing out the

traditional red and white purses in person. This is the Queen's service which she graciously brings to cathedrals outside the Metropolitan area. The ceremony is based on St. John's account, that immediately after the Last Supper, Jesus set aside his garments, girded himself with a towel, poured water into a basin and then in turn, washed the feet of His disciples. Afterwards he delivered to them a command or MUNDATUM: "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you" That His disciples should love one another.

What can we say concerning the service? It was orderly and beautiful in form, with the appropriate liturgy and prayers and outstanding singing by the choirs of the Royal Chapel and the Cathedral. The tone of the service was set by the processional hymn: "Praise to the Holiest in the height". One anthem I especially liked, with words from the Song of Solomon 2,3-4: "And His banner over me was love". These anthems were sung during the distribution by the Queen. On this occasion, in humility, the Queen comes down to greet her subjects - they are not presented to her. So the moment came when the Queen stood in front of me and with a smile, handed me the red and white purses. For that moment, the recipient was the one person in the world the queen was concerned about and it was conveyed to the recipient. A not to be forgotten moment.

The service concluded with the congregation singing "All my hope on God is founded", the National Anthem and the prayer of St. Richard of Chichester: Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ...and ending:

"May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
And follow Thee more nearly".
Amen.

RON CHRISTOPHER

THE "AGE GAP"

Need it exist?

This phrase has seemed to me neither "fashionable" or "unpalatable", but fundamental to those who have the certain conviction that all of us, young, teen-age, mature, middle-age or old, are "Children of God". So this is a challenge, is it not, if we really do believe in Christ. He never referred to any of his disciples, or any to whom He brought new hope, as old or young. How does this relate to our present dilemma, when we are daily, almost hourly, through the media of press, radio and television, almost 'forced' away from the Christian ethic that we are all one in Jesus Christ?

Each one of us has to tread a different path in life and the ability to "follow the Light, uphold the Right" is never restricted to any one particular time in our lives; it may come in childhood or it may not be bestowed on us until we have known and experienced great sorrow or despair, caused by circumstances which seem to be utterly contradictory. We keep thinking and saying 'Why me? We have just been living through the most profound festival of the Christian calendar - Easter - but Calvary came first for Him and it almost always does for us who try to follow in His pathway.

Those generations who survived two world wars, whose life-path was cruelly and brutally strewn with loss, not only the physical suffering which we saw in our united and determined dedication to try and bring peace and unity in the world, but also the more than understandable doubts which beset us. Was it all wasted? Were all the lives sacrificed for nothing? Only now when we look back, can we see that the young of today are in a far more vulnerable position - is it not

our Christian duty to bridge this so-called 'gap' and join them in their desperate need for a rock on which to build their lives? During 1939-45 I served in the A.T.S. and had the privilege of working for and with the Royal Army Chaplain's Department. My particular duties were with the Chaplain to the Brigade of Guards. There cannot be many who did not know of the tragedy which took place on June 6th 1944, at Morning Service, the Guards' Chapel was hit by a flying bomb and over 100 people, soldiers, sailors, civilians and V.I.P's were there - yet, even then there was a miracle - for in the Chapel, the Altar was completely untouched and even the flowers remained serenely undisturbed. For me, I was away that day, when on almost every other Sunday I was present!

This story underlines the fact that I began with - age, class, colour or creed make no division between us, unless we allow them to. I think, although I have not been in our Church for many years, I am richly blessed. One very dear and faithful friend, who, by human standards is almost a child, gives me new courage, new inspiration, by her enthusiasm and dedication to our Lord and Master. It matters not who we are, where we are, nor how young or old we are.

May I recommend to you all a small devotional book by Dr. Henry Drummond entitled 'The greatest Thing in the World'. It is a simple interpretation of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, ch.1.v.33. It is available at the Church Bookstall, price 95p.(paperback). With warmest greetings to you all, especially the Girls' Brigade.

JOAN CATT

p.s. The Royal Army Chaplains' Department included ALL denominations and was established in 1796. Its Motto was originally "In Signis Vinco" but was later changed by

Royal Command to "In this Sign Conquer". It was inscribed on the badge of every chaplain and consisted of a circle which was half thorns, half laurel leaves. Above this was a crown with the cross in the centre.

FINANCE



The recurring cry of the Church to-day is "We are short". Short of ministers, short of youth leaders, short of money. St. Paul speaking of the Macedonian Churches wrote:- "The troubles they have been through have tried them hard, yet in all this they have been so exuberantly happy, that from the depths of their poverty they have shown themselves lavishly open-handed. Going to the limit of their resources as I can testify, and even beyond that limit, they begged us most insistently and on their own initiative, to be allowed to share in this generous service to their fellow Christians. And their giving surpassed our expectations; for they gave their very selves, offering them in the first instance to the Lord, but also, under God, to us." (2 Cor. 8.2-5)

That is the secret. When God's people voluntarily give themselves to Him, there will be no shortages - either of ministers, leaders or money, for service in God's name will be cheerfully given in thankfulness for all that He has done for us. "Freely you have received, freely give".

DOUGLAS BLAKEY



Christian Aid

Amount collected during March/April - £20.00.
Many Thanks.

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

Do you ever have a dream and then suddenly wake up to reality, only to wish you could continue in those imaginary scenes? That was how I felt after seeing the beautiful slides that members produced from their own collections on April 11th.

We were visually transported to enjoy the grandeur of the Scottish Highlands, the gaiety and magic of Majorca and the scenic beauty of Switzerland. We ambled together along the colourful azalea walks at Leonardslee and Sheffield Park and drank in the peace of the villages and countryside of Southern Ireland. I was sorry when the last slide had been shown. It had been like a lovely holiday.

EILEEN JORDAN

The Easter Women's Guild Meeting (in which the menfolk joined) is one which I will long remember.

The ladies' choir set the scene and each item contributed to the Easter panorama. We made our prayer responses to our Lord's words from the cross - those words becoming even more meaningful.

Various members took the parts of people who had met Jesus and they told him how the encounters had affected their lives. These included the woman at the well, Simon of Cyrene (who carried Jesus' cross), the Roman Centurian at the cross and Thomas who had doubted, but became convinced of the Resurrection.

I found the short sketch very moving. Luke the historian and Gospel writer visited Cleopas and his companion (assumed in this sketch to his wife) and heard of their encounter with the stranger on the Emmaus road. They told how he had entered their home and become known to them in the Breaking of Bread, so demonstrating His death and resurrection.

Several poems and a solo enhanced the programme and the hymn "I serve a risen Saviour" was sung with real joy and conviction. Not so much a meeting as an enriching Easter Experience!

It was announced that Dulcie Jenkins and Rev. Ron Christopher were to receive Maundy Money from the Queen in Chichester Cathedral on the following Thursday. But sadly, the members of the 'ACROSS' team in the Sudan had been ordered to leave the camp. Surely a call to earnest prayer.

Finally, we enjoyed tea, hot cross buns and conversation. So ended a memorable afternoon.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

On April 8th, our speaker, Mr. McErlean gave us a clear insight into the joys and concern experienced by a parent of a mentally handicapped son or daughter. He explained how, thanks to a teacher in a school for such children in Bristol, who foresaw the continuing need for his pupils as they reached maturity and then at a later age lost one or both parents, the Home Farm Trust was established. The Trust, set up in 1962, bought five country houses in the first sixteen years. In these houses, young adults over eighteen years of age, live in a family community, where they choose to learn an occupation, enjoy hobbies and games together and help in the true family spirit with the household chores.

Mr. McErlean, whose son, Mark attends the same home as our own Helen Machen, spoke with appreciation of the involvement of the staff and the foresight of the Trust, as they seek to provide ever increasing opportunities for greater freedom of expression and comfort for those who are committed to their care for the rest of their lives.

We gladly responded by donating £77 to the Trust as a result of a collection.

BERYL STUTTER

SPRING SYNOD

The Spring Synod of the Southern Province held at Sanderstead on Sat. 15th March can be termed the A.G.M. of our denomination. It is a meeting that all the nominations for the various committees are confirmed. This formed a part of the Executive Report, which included an announcement of particular interest to us when the Moderator told the meeting that the Rev. Ron Christopher and Mrs. Dulcie Jenkins together with Miss Davis of St. Columba's Church would be presented to the Queen at the Maundy Day Service.

Five visitors were welcomed representing the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches. It would have been interesting to have received their reactions to some of the controversial issues subsequently discussed, especially on the term 'Auxiliary Minister'.

The Finance and Administration Department presented the Annual Accounts when we were pleased to note that both Maintenance of the Ministry and the Unified Appeal achieved their targets of £835,000 and £196,000 respectively. If fact, the Maintenance of the Ministry reached a figure of £853,550. Mention was made that Churches have to be mindful of the fact that we must take account of the needs of deprived areas in other Provinces and in our own Province too.

The question of grants and loans has concerned the Department greatly during the year. As a result, the decision has been made that in future, where help is promised it will be more by way of a loan than a grant. However, a grant of £12,500 was made to the Windermere Project (a similar grant is to be made in 1986) and a grant of £1,000 per annum for 5 years towards Birmingham Reconciliation.

In these days of financial stringency, the Dept. is concerned for the state of some of our Church premises. As a result, a scheme of Quinquennial Surveys of Churches (not manses at this stage) is to be carried out, the cost to be borne by the Province. It is hoped that in this way, the urgent and costly work will be avoided.

The final discussion for the morning was the 'Working Party Report' concerning Synod office administration. At present, this is spearheaded by our Moderator, his wife as his secretary and the Rev. John Taylor as the Synod Clerk. As many will know, it hardly requires a lengthy report to tell us that these 3 people are greatly overburdened. After much discussion the following resolutions were passed:-

- 1) The Synod appoints a full-time paid Synod Clerk (Administration)
- 2) The Synod appoints a Synod Clerk Pastoral / Ecumenical who shall be the Moderator's deputy, particularly on matters of ecumenical involvement.
- 3) The Synod appoints a full-time paid Secretary (Office).

It is intended that these appointments will be

made as soon as possible after the nomination of our next Moderator. It will be remembered that both Cyril Franks and John Taylor retire in 1987. The afternoon session commenced with a practical Report of Pilots' led by Master Pilot Rev. John Robinson of Hayes, Kent and the Provincial Pilot Officer Mr. Paul West of Sompting (who is also my second cousin). The practical demonstrations were ably and informatively carried out. We were treated to a very humorous report on the Windermere Centre by its Director, Rev. Graham J. Cook, B.A. Undoubtedly more will be heard between now and its opening Thanksgiving Service on the 6th September, 1986. A wide variety of courses will be organised, catering for a maximum of about 40 residents.

Again, humour was present, even on a serious theme, viz: Prayer. This was ably introduced by the Rev. Peter McIntosh. Those who know Peter know exactly what I mean. One particular point from him must be mentioned - a few people in our Church in Dulwich prayed every day for the Policeman George Hammond who made the remarkable recovery from a brutal stabbing. George acknowledged that he felt the power of this prayer and was greatly uplifted both spiritually and physically.

The final session of the Synod was spent on the following Resolutions brought to us from the districts for debate at the National Assembly.

- (a) from Bromley & East Sussex on Representation at Assembly.
- (b) from Wimbledon on the term Auxiliary Minister.
- (c) from Wimbledon on Secession.

The term Auxiliary Minister caused much confusion, contention and dissention. It was only through much amendment that it was subsequently passed. Resolution (a) which seeks to have more discussion from the floor, was passed with only one vote cast against.

Resolution (c) was rejected after most speakers expressed serious misgivings should secession be made too easy.

KEN IRVING

CAN YOU HELP?

The Rotary Club of Lancing is collecting:

1) HAND TOOLS to be refurbished and sent to Third World Countries. They are needed for woodwork, leatherwork, metalwork and blacksmiths. Also any handy tools.

2) HARDBACK BOOKS for Ranfurley Library Project for Overseas Libraries.

For Collection phone 756747 in the daytime; OR 91-483316 evenings OR deliver to Eakins Hardware Penhill Road, Lancing.

The CHRONICLE



GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

FROM

THE VESTRY

For, lo, the winter is past,
 The rain is over and gone;
 The flowers appear
 on the earth;
 The time of the singing
 of birds is come
 And the voice of the turtle
 is heard in our land.

Songs 2 vv 11,12



God is the giver of generous June and all her roses and we look forward in hope to a summer that will bless the earth and cheer our lives.

Growth is a keyword for Christians as for the earth and the conditions for our spiritual growth are to be seen as being closely related to growth in nature.

To be rooted and grounded in Christ, to receive His showers of blessing in the Holy Spirit and to bear spiritual fruit is His Joy in us. We will remember that with Him there is no end to the possibilities of growth in our spiritual life. The opening of the new extensions at the April Church Meeting revealed to us the prayerful planning in the Fabric Committee. Mr. Colin Nodes merits our gratitude for his generous gifts of time, patience and perseverance. Gifts are still needed to complete the furnishing of the Harris Room which is proving so useful as a meeting point for us all. Please let Mr. Blakey have your contributions and thank you for all that has been given. You will be glad to know that our work of counselling, encouraging and blessing our neighbours is now made so much easier through our new facilities. The very happy fellowship among us all, including friends from the Christian Unions

at Lloyds Bank and Inland Revenue, promises great things for future lunchtime activity among the hundreds of people who work around the Church... pray for this and ask me about it!

A final word about the election of Elders. Give yourselves in earnest prayer and thought to this vital task. Those who are to be called to this work need to know of our care for them and the whole ministry of the Church. The Lord bless us and keep us and give us His peace and joy.

Yours with every blessing,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP IN MEMORIAM

Isabella Paton MACMILLAN 20. 4. 1986

Remembered as a mother whose strong and holy influence blessed her household.

"Her children arise up and called her blessed".
(Proverbs 31 v28)

Frank Arthur FOSTER 24. 4. 1986

Greatly loved by his wife and family. One whose interest was centred in Christ and helping others in His Spirit.

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith"

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

In thanksgiving for Edwin and Gladys BOWN on their marriage. We pray for many happy days of marriage and music and peace in their home at Arundel.

Edwin has now given up his work as Choirmaster, to which he has given so much. Our warmest thanks and a welcome upon those days when you will be able to bring your gifts of grace and music to us.

Welcome to Cyril LEVETT, a former choirmaster, who is leading the Choir for the time beingnew members are beginning to join the choir please ask Bobby Hitchin, Ron Jordan or any member of the choir if you are able to serve in this ministry of music.

THE SICK

Mrs. Clarice West in St. Michaels Nursing Home. And for Bill that strength may be given to them. Miss I. Pettengill and Miss Madden in Heaton House. Mrs. D. Cozens-Walker in Southlands Hospital. Mrs. E Dixon in Caledonia Nursing Home. Miss H. Lowman in Pentlands. Mrs. E. Edmonds who returns home in the next few days. Mrs. P. Machin - still seeking her best health. May God bless all these friends and all who are unwell or bereaved. Remember the young people at this time of examination anxiety and may their vision of future life and work be brave, noble and sacrificial.

The next UNITED SERVICE for Blessing and Healing will be held at St. Mary's Goring on Wednesday June 25th at 7.30pm.

LOOK FORWARD!

The weekend of 20th/21st September will be a great occasion. All will be invited to take part in the 25th Anniversary of the opening of our present Church. Young and Old, some former Ministers and Friends will be there TO GIVE THANKS. MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

**"The same Holy Spirit,
who lived within the
disciples, lives within
you and me. He wants
to do those great and
mighty things through
us that he did through
them"**

**WALK
WITH THE
LORD**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

When Mr. & Mrs. Heath came to speak to us about the work of the TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND we were most impressed. They founded the fellowship some 26 years ago in their own home at Reigate.

At this time, Mrs. Heath ran a Christian Club for Girls and one of the girls, who was blind, became a committed Christian as a result. Her outlook on life changed to the extent that it was noticed by the Principal of the Blind Training Centre which she attended. He asked if they could do likewise for the 25 blind members at the Training Centre. Mr. & Mrs. Heath realised that to do this, it was necessary to obtain Braille literature suitable for Christian teaching.

A little magazine called 'Torch' came into their possession and the editor, Mrs. Tench, asked if they would take it over. They did and so the name 'Torch Family' came into being.

In order to keep in contact with the blind girls as they left the training centre, Mr. & Mrs. Heath learned Braille and started publishing Braille books. These books took up so much room that they were forced to move house four times for larger premises. They are now situated at Hallaton, Leics. in a 40 bedroom mansion with 40 staff. A short stay centre for blind folk and visitors at Hurstpierpoint (their third move) serves as a rest centre and training ground for those who can only spare a week or two to learn Braille or Moon type.

The Bible printed in Braille needs 14 volumes and is now being used in foreign languages. The Torch Trust is now trying to obtain a computer system in order to lighten the load on the staff.

A request to the Bible Society from the Baptist Church of Russia for Braille Bibles was passed to Torch to deal with, which shows the extent of the work they undertake. Torch helps all groups at Hallaton in a Christian atmosphere. Torch is dependant on prayer and voluntary contributions to survive and meet the daily cost of £530. so our own Miss Phyllis Wheeler, who is the Local Torch Fellowship Group secretary would be glad to hear from you.

The Easter Meeting had us join with the Women's Guild in a programme devised by Mrs. Ethel Dearsley. Members from both groups read passages most appropriate to the meaning of Easter. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

On the 9th April, we had, with some of the Women's Guild, a most interesting visit to the Synagogue in Brighton. Rabbi Fabricant greeted us on arrival at the entrance hall and led us to the pews, which are arranged along the sides facing inwards. He then gave us a talk on the history and system of worship of the Jewish people. He affirmed this, quoting many verses and chapters of the Bible in an excellent and tutorial manner, so that I felt sure a computer was at work in his head. In my letter of thanks to the Rabbi, I stated that we could have stayed and listened to him for much longer than the one and a half hours, as his teaching was so wonderful. I could only think of Jesus sitting in the Temple as we were, listening to the Elders expounding the books of the law. The Synagogue is a listed building and is most ornate and beautiful inside. The high pillars supporting the gallery, where the Jewish ladies usually sit, go upwards to the roof. They are decorated with different fruit arrangements. They have no music in their services, the praise being led by a Cantor. At this point the Rabbi got us to stand and sing "The Lord is my shepherd" (unaccompanied) which is his favourite song. The Rabbi unlocked the lovely brass and iron gates enclosing the Ark, to produce the Scroll and let us all see the lovely Hebrew writing of the Scriptures on parchment and the method of reading from right to left. Surely this was a night to remember, and for us to reflect on the history of the Bible. We are indeed indebted to Rabbi Fabricant.

FRAZER FINLAY



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Saturday May 3rd dawned grey and dreary. However, at 2.30pm a very happy crowd of Girls' Brigade Officers, together with parents and supporters boarded a coach and were off to London and the Albert Hall Rally and Display. We arrived outside the Albert Memorial about 4.30pm to blue skies and sunshine.

A picnic tea in the park, much excitement in anticipation of the Rally commencing at 18.30h. Why was it extra special this time? Alison Brunton was to receive her Gold Award.

The Guard of Honour and Assembly was performed with precision, followed by a fanfare of trumpets. The scene was set and the proceedings began with worship. Several displays and games were performed completing the first stage.

Now the moment we especially waited for.

Presentation of awards. The bands played and the Gold Award winners were assembled, 64 in all. Sir Rex Hunt came down from the platform to hand out the awards. A brooch engraved with the recipient's name and a citation by the Queen.

We were all awaiting number 9 on the list- ALISON BRUNTON. We shouted so loudly as she received her award. It was a very proud moment for the 5th Worthing.

The rally continued with more displays and one particularly caught my eye "War of the Worlds" depicting the effect of modern warfare and a salutary lesson in the light of events recently in Russia.

The Benediction brought a memorable evening of joy and delight to a close. We all boarded the coach for home, singing most of the way.

Thank you Jean for the arrangements and privilege enabling me to be there.

DOROTHY TURNER

The 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade was born in 1953, just like me! It was already nine years old when I joined. Over the years there have been many moments that have brought tears to my eyes, but none more than today (3rd May 1986), when I was at the Albert Hall for the Girls' Brigade Annual Rally, to see for the first time in the 5th Worthing, The Queen's Award, presented to Alison Brunton by Sir Rex Hunt. It was a very proud moment for us all.

Well done Alison and God Bless you.

CAROLINE BARTON

No doubt you will have heard of our wonderful trip to the Albert Hall Rally in May and have seen Alison's lovely Queen's Award badge now so proudly being worn on her uniform. We are so glad that some of our friends from the Church joined us for that occasion.

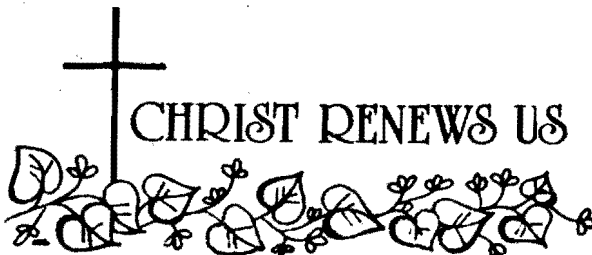
On June 8th it will once again be our joy to conduct the Parade Service. We hope that you will join us for coffee after morning worship and at the same time take a look at our exhibition which, all being well, will be in the east transept from June 4th to June 18th.

Do please remember us in your prayers as we prepare for the Parade Service.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

<p>FAMILY CIRCLE TREASURE HUNT - 7.00pm JUNE 21st. Come Along and ENJOY yourself!!</p>



DO YOU CARE?

(Christian Action Research & Education)

Do you care about the proliferation of pornography, the destruction of the unborn, the widespread breakdown of marriage and family life, the spread of homosexual behaviour and AIDS, immoral and unloving attitudes taught in sex-education, the sexual abuse of Children, etc?

- Of course you do.

CARE TRUST and CARE CAMPAIGNS are two expressions of the same concern. Both spring from the need to promote Biblical values of human worth and family life in a society where these are under threat. CARE TRUST conducts research into trends which affect these areas of concern and provides positive Christian Education to help Churches, groups and individuals to become more aware of the issues facing us today.

More than just highlighting the problems, Care Trust have launched a new initiative to set up a caring network of Christians linking people in need - often victims of our frequently inhuman society - with local Christians who are able to help. Care Trust also aims to help church members to become better equipped to cope with those in need inside and outside the Church. Care Trust is a registered charity (No. 288485).

In Care Campaigns the emphasis is placed on helping individuals to think and act politically rather than on central church based activities. Care Campaigns aims to become a forceful voice campaigning to re-align the laws of this country with the principles of the Bible and to provide a training and encouragement to Christians who want to be involved. The personal dimensions of family life are at the heart of their concern....

For instance, they are lobbying Parliament to stop the 170,000 abortions which take place in Britain each year and to provide more protection for children (and adults) from the explicit portrayal of violence and indecency on the screen and in

print.

Care is seeking to have a core group in each of the 650 parliamentary constituencies - there were nearly 200 established by the beginning of this year.

Care campaigns is not a charity, because it needs the freedom to campaign, but it can accept private donations.

On Monday 2nd JUNE, The Worthing Standards Association is holding a meeting in the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, where Janice Price, who has worked for Care for over 4 years, is guest speaker. Her present job brings her in contact with parliamentarians and their staff in both Houses. She is a research assistant to Care Campaigns Chairman, Charlie Colchester and she will speak on "How to make People and Government Care".

If you CARE, If you CAN, please COME.

MICHAEL DONNELLY

THIS IS A ROUND TUIT

At long last we have a sufficient quantity for each of you to have one of your own. Cut it out and guard it with your life as they are hard to come by especially the round ones.

For years we have heard people say I'll do it as soon as I get a round tuit. Since you now have a round tuit of your own many things that have been needing to be accomplished will now get done.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

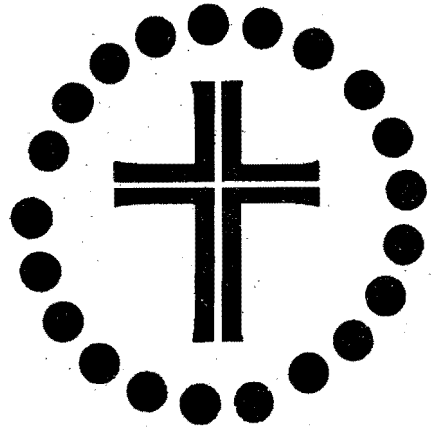
Flowers for June:

1st Mr. & Mrs. Medleycott
8th Girls' Brigade
15
22nd Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood
29th Mrs. Edmonds

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £11 received in April/May.

DOROTHY TURNER



COME AND TALK TO
THE LISTENING GOD
You can bank on Him!

CHURCH'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations are being organised to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the building of our present Church, which will take place on the weekend of 20th-21st September. It is proposed to have an exhibition depicting the history of the Church in the Cornwall Room over this weekend and if you have any photographs or other mementos of the History of Our Church (even from its birth in wartime) I would be very pleased to hear from you.

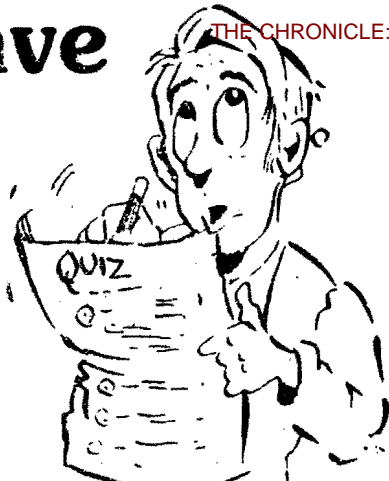
ERIC POPPLESTONE

Do you have a guilt problem?

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GUILT is a problem people can solve themselves — so we're often told. But for some guilt can be a crippling burden....while others who should have a sense of guilt about their lives don't seem to care a bit! Christians believe that guilt is a very real thing — it's part of the effect of being cut off from God which is true of all of us to begin with. It's there whether we're obsessed by it, or pretend it's not real.

TEST the state of your life with this simple quiz.



1. If you look back do you (a) feel there are things you've done which will haunt you all your life; (b) know for certain that you've been forgiven by God despite the past; (c) know that things are wrong but don't know what to do about it?
2. Is sin to you (a) a sense of guilt about sex; (b) a real problem in yourself but one that Jesus Christ can deal with; (c) a tendency to do wrong which you can't always handle?
3. Is God (a) so severe and remote he could never be close to you; (b) your Father and Friend; (c) someone you wish was part of your life?
4. When you last felt sorry about something you'd done, was it because (a) you were afraid of being found out; (b) you knew it was against God's will; (c) you realised your life needed someone to sort it out?
5. If you've ever decided to change your life, was it because (a) you hated yourself so much you just had to try to be different; (b) you were letting God's power take over where you'd failed on your own; (c) you were genuinely sorry for the way you had been going?
6. The death of Jesus, to you, means (a) nothing at all; (b) the reason you know you're right with God now; (c) something to do with forgiveness of sins.
7. The idea that Jesus died for our sins, to you, is (a) ridiculous; (b) a source of real joy and peace; (c) a theory but not part of your experience.
8. The way to freedom from guilt is (a) to forget about it; (b) trusting in the forgiveness God offers because of Jesus; (c) something you are still looking for.
9. Faith means (a) a leap in the dark; (b) accepting that God forgives those who come to him and let him take control of their lives; (c) making a commitment which could involve a lot.
10. The way to a really fulfilled life is (a) trying harder; (b) letting the Spirit of God live within you; (c) taking that first step, coming to God.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We are holding THREE meetings in June. At the first on June 2nd, Veronica will talk on the History of Hand Knitting. This will be an Open Evening, so I hope that any lady interested in the subject will feel free to come along and join us. We will be glad to welcome you. Then on the 16th we have a talk by a counsellor of Cruse and finally on the 30th we have a Members' Night. I hope as we now have lighter evenings we will be well supported at all these meetings. If you walk down, rest assured that we have plenty of drivers to take you home.

With reference to my notes in the May Chronicle, the weather has improved a bit and the longer hours of daylight have produced some lovely gardens. The tulips have followed on the heels of the daffodils and with so many out at the same time, we can rejoice in it all.

AUDREY STEWART

HOLIDAY CLUB

This year we will be running a Holiday Club at the Church from 18th - 22nd August for 5 to 12 year olds.

A small committee has been busy planning each morning. If you feel you would like to help a group leader with craft work or games on one or several mornings we would be delighted to hear from you.

There is a creche available for helpers only with children under the age of five. On Saturday June 14th we are holding a coffee morning with a Bring & Buy stall in the Church Hall from 10.00 - 11.00 thereby giving an opportunity to those of you who are interested to come along and find out what kind of help is needed. Alternatively, please ring Carol Davis on Worthing 502338 in the evening. Please help us to make this as successful as it has been in the past. Thank You.

The Town Cryer of Worthing paid us a visit on Tuesday, 22nd April and what an interesting time it proved to be.

He related the history of "A Town Cryer", which dates back to 1100 and to 1803 in Worthing. There are only 65 Town Cryers in the World, 50 of which are in the United Kingdom.

We were shown his uniform, which is individual to each Town Cryer. I certainly would not want to wear the top coat in warm weather as it is such a terrific weight. The Bell also is personalised and each Cryer has a special ring.

The talk concluded with a resume of "What I do now" - many different tasks.

The aim of Mr. Holliday, 'Our Town Cryer', is to preserve the old traditions of our language.

The afternoon entertainment ended with a 'cry', much to the delight of all of us there. What a rich deep voice!

DOROTHY TURNER

On Tuesday May 6th we had a good attendance at the A.G.M. Tribute was paid to the uplifting encouragement given by our President, Mrs. Ethel Dearsley, who, after two years, has retired. We welcomed Mrs. Jean Marsh as our new President who was wished a successful term of office. Mrs. Dearsley and Mrs. Hilda Hele and Mrs. Eileen Mabey who retired after manning our stall for thirteen years, were presented with flowering plants. Our members provided an interesting exhibition of items they had made from odds and ends.

We look forward to two informal meetings, which will be held in the Cornwall Room at 2.45pm on June 3rd and June 24th.

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS are invited to join us on Thursday June 12th for the 'CREAM TEA' at 3.00pm for 3.30pm. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and tickets will be available from Guild Members beforehand - Price £1.00. Proceeds will be donated to a Children's Charity. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

BERYL STUTTER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clarice West is now in St. Michael's Nursing Home, Downview Road. Bill West wishes, through the Chronicle, to thank all who visit, take flowers, send cards and generally cheer Clarice by their love and care. Special thanks from all the family to our minister and Girls' Brigade.

"BRING BACK THE KING"

The Missionary Coffee Morning on April 19th was very worthwhile, raising £120 and making us more aware of the missionary situation worldwide. Mr. Derek Cook reminded us of Christ's words in Revelation 22,v-20: "I am coming soon" and in Matthew 24,v-14(GNB), "This Good News about the kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all mankind and then the end will come". The evangelisation of the world and the return of Christ are closely linked. There used to be a motto: "Evangelise to a finish and bring back the King".

According to David Barrett (author of The World Christian Encyclopaedia 1982), "evangelisation" is neither conversion to Christianity nor Christianisation. It is rather "the whole process of spreading the Good News of the Kingdom of God; the extent of the awareness of Christianity, of Christ and the Gospel; the extent to which the Good News has been spread".

In 1986 some 72.7% of the world population has been evangelised, leaving 27.3% to be "made aware of Christianity, of Christ and the Gospel".

There is some expression of the Christian Church in every country in the world.

Amongst opportunities for completing the Church's task are COMPUTERS, for Scripture translation and the production of millions of Gospel Broadsheets and Christian Books and BROADCASTING.

So, To adapt Sir Winston Churchill's famous words: "We have the tools, let us finish the job"

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Lament

"They've brought you up to date, Lord, down at St. Cecilia's.
They've pensioned off the organ and they're praising with guitars.
They've done it for the young ones - "We want to draw them in"-
But I do wish they could worship without making such a din.
For I'm growing rather deaf, Lord, and when there's all that noise,
It gets so very hard, Lord, to hear your loving voice.
They've written brand new hymns, Lord, with tunes that I don't know,
So I hardly ever sing now, though I did love singing so.
They're very go-ahead, Lord, they're doing Series Three,
But the words are not so beautiful as the others used to be.
They've modernised the Bible and the Lord's prayer and the Creed,
When the old ones were so perfect that they filled my every need.
My mind's not quite so agile as it was some years go,
And I miss the age-old beauty of the words I used to know.
It's very clear to me, Lord, I've overstayed my time,
And I don't take change so kindly as I did when in my prime.
But it can't be very long now before I'm called above
And I know I'll find Thee there Lord, and glory in Thy love.
So, till then I'll stick it out here, though it's not the same to me,
But, while others call Thee YOU, Lord, do you mind if I say Thee?"

ANON

CHURCH CALENDAR-JUNE 1986

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	17.00h	Anchor Boys
	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.45h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
2nd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship- Veronica on "History of Hand Knitting"
		OPEN EVENING
3rd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Informal Meeting
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
10th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	15.30h	Women's Guild - CREAM TEA
15th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
16th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship Talk by a Counsellor of CRUSE
19th Thursday	19.30h	Elders Meeting
22nd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
24th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Informal Meeting
	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
26th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING
29th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
30th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Members' Night

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FROM THE VESTRY

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God".

The words of St. Paul to the Ephesian Church ring true today within the opportunities of the Church here. Let me stress the meaning of the word ALL. Every Church is part of Christ's body, alive and active in Him whose



body was broken for our salvation. To be One in Him united together in love is His prayer for us ALL.

My own concern in this has led me to look at the whole life of the Church during the past weeks. I have visited babies newly born and rejoiced with their parents. Children have been brought for Baptism and we have promised our loving prayers for them and their parents. Contact Group designed for mothers and small children has given much happiness; you have seen me in the Junior Church, among the Brigades, discussing Baptism and Church Membership with young people. Young men and women have come to be married and older men and women have been commended to God's care in sickness and death. The presence of Christ has been over us all.

The impression that I have formed is that we ought to be very grateful to God for this large and growing Church. Every word we speak should be of blessing and encouragement to each other.

The conditions for future growth include a true desire to be One People united in the faith of Jesus Christ; a willingness to help, encourage and bless each other..... the Youth Club needs

helpers. Why not have a word with Ray Close. We have to be prepared to learn how to worship with each other in the beauty of holiness..... could evening services become the growth point of the Church this Autumn?

You may remember that towards the end of his life, the Duke of Wellington was asked what he most regretted in his years of public office..... he replied."I should have given more praise!". So too should we, to God and to each other in help, understanding of the needs of all ages and in the thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Look forward in this spirit to September 20th/21st when over that weekend we shall ALL be one in thanksgiving for the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the opening of the Church and in Gift Day.

The Minister, together with a small number of Elders are available for pastoral visitation to those friends at home, who seek God's blessing and healing. This aspect of the Ministry of Healing in response to James 5,vv.13-16 is proving to be a source of rich blessing amongst us..... a word to the Minister and we will be glad to minister to your need.

And so on to holidays. God bless you on your travels. May all return filled with vigour with some new experience of grace to tell.

We hope to journey to California, there to have the happiness of baptising our youngest granddaughter and renewing friendships with the Rev. Charles Orr and his people of Westwood Presbyterian Church.

With love and blessings to you all.

William Connelly



Mr. William Alan LEWIS

A final year student for the Ministry resident in California and Youth Programmes Intern of Westwood Presbyterian Church, will be joining us in the Autumn. Mr. Lewis, who is 24 years old, has studied at Fuller Theological Seminary, PASADENA and in SAN DIEGO. He is a graduate of the University of COLORADO. His special responsibilities here will be to help at the Durrington Community Centre Church and to offer his insights and experience to the Church as a whole. His present address can be supplied by the Minister to those who wish to 'book' him in advance. Mr. Lewis will reside at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor, to whom we are most grateful.

Let us pray for God's blessing upon his work here.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Siobhan SMITH 25.05.1986

Graham Richard WARD 1.06.1986

WEDDINGS

Katie Taylor
to 24.05.1986

David Barry PRETTY

Susan Ann Coleman
to 7.06.1986

Michael John COSGROVE

Joanna Newby
to 7.06.1986

Michael Thomas William PERKINS



IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia MANDEVILLE

23.05.1986

"A gracious lady"

Florence BURROWS

25.05.1986

A worshipper with us for many years. Remembered for her love of Christ, her practical work for others and her gentle faith in her Lord.

Clarice WEST

26.05.1986

One whose very presence brought cheer and love to us all. A member of Christ's Church for over 60 years; whose faith kindles hope in the lives of so many. Clarice died after several months of increasing weakness, amid the loyal love of her husband Bill and the family who adored her. We all give thanks to God for his gift of Clarice and commend Bill West and his family to God's love and care.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Robbie and Vi TURTON, who are slowly recovering their strength. Mrs. E. DIXON, Miss H. LOWMAN, Miss A.MADDEN, Mrs. D. COZENS-WALKER, Miss I. PETTENGILL and all friends ill at home or in hospitals or nursing homes.

Our young people, especially those who are waiting examination results and looking forward to beginning new work. May God bless and guide them.

As we write these words, news has just come in of the death of our friend Mrs. E. DIXON. May her joy in heaven give peace in the Risen Lord to Glen, Geof and all her family.

HE ONLY IS MY
ROCK AND SALVATION.



TORCH FELLOWSHIP

Please note that any enquiries regarding the Durrington Torch Fellowship Group should be addressed to Miss J. Hillis, who is a member of the committee. That group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Jubilee Hall, Greenland Road at 2.30pm.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

May I take this opportunity to say a warm "Thank you" to you all for really beautiful bunch of my favourite flowers - a mixture of deep and pale pink with pure white carnations. It was a most delightful gesture and I am very relieved to say that, after rather too long a time (from my viewpoint!) I am in the care of a most skilled physician, whose treatment is already having beneficial results. I am very much aware each day, of the thoughts and prayers of so many friends - even those who I've never even met! But how warm a feeling it is to know that one is remembered in this way. Thankyou all.

JOAN CATT

My family and I have been deeply touched by the love and care extended to us all during the last few weeks. We would like to thank all who attended Clarice's funeral service, sent flowers and visited us in our home. Once again our special thanks to Rev.W. Connelly and members of the Girls' Brigade.

BILL WEST

Clarice West, who died at the end of May is remembered with great affection by members of the Girls' Brigade. She was for a time a helper in the Company and later when her husband became G.B. treasurer, she retained a lively interest in all its activities.

It was a joy to know Clarice and we pray that Bill and his family will take comfort in the knowledge that she is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

JEAN WEBB

WOMEN'S GUILD

The A.G.M. on May 6th was well attended. Mrs. E. Dearsley, our president, was in the chair. Flowers were presented thanking her for two years of stimulating guidance as President and to Mrs. H. Hele and Mrs. E. Mabey for manning our stall for thirteen years. The new president, Mrs. Jean Marsh was welcomed and wished a happy period of office. An attractive and interesting exhibition was provided by the members, who had made a variety of articles from their 'odds and ends'.

For our outing on Tuesday May 20th, we got a good start. What did it matter that the registration number on our coach was OAP.W. We didn't need to be reminded that we were mostly over 60 and that the majority of us were women, we were just off to enjoy ourselves. The scenic tour was delightful, taking us through many unspoilt villages, such as Partridge Green. We were given plenty of time at Wisborough Green to enjoy the beautiful tapestry displayed in the Church of St. Peter ad vincula and to appreciate the building with its lovely flowers. Many of the local residents had worked the tapestry in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. The tapestry which depicts the history of the village was designed by a local artist, Mr. Pat Gierth and helpful explanatory note were provided. We went on to Petworth U.R.C. for a delicious tea, served by a friendly and happy band of helpers. Yes, it did pour withrain as we returned, but we had been very fortunate and enjoyed ourselves to the full.

OUR CREAM TEA on Thursday 12th June was most successful.

The Bring and Buy Stall was well supported and the tea thoroughly enjoyed in friendly company. We thank you for your generous giving, which enabled us to send £80 to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, for their training of children who are both deaf and blind.



By the time this goes to print, holidays will be well under way. We hope that we shall all be invigorated and refreshed by the summer season. We assure those who are ill at home, in a Nursing Home or Hospital, that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

The Autumn Session commences on Tuesday September 9th at 2.45pm., when our Minister, Rev. W. Connelly will address us. We look forward to welcoming former friends and of enjoying the company of many new ones.

BERYL STUTTER.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We have one meeting in July, on Monday 14th. This is our A. G. M. and Buffet Supper, so do come along and support this and enjoy the little supper we are planning.

Holidays are coming soon and I would like to wish you all a refreshing time wherever you go, even if you have a 'Stay at home' holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all afterwards and any new members who would like to join us then.

Further details in the September Chronicle. Have a great time and God Bless.

AUDREY STEWART



Christian Aid

Once again I am pleased to report an increase in our house to house collection during our Christian Aid week in May, to £910.82. This is in no small measure to the 'reluctant willingness' of our 30 helpers and I am certain that none would object to a special mention of Mrs. Hanny Weber, who collected 24% of the total.

Our giving through the Church has so far amounted to £196.78, of which £50 was donated by our Young People's Bible Class.

May God bless all who give and all who receive.

RON JORDAN

CHURCH'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Some 18 months ago the Young People presented the musical "DAYBREAK" in the Church. This was a memorable and joyous occasion for all ages, which saw our Church filled to capacity twice.

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the building of the Church, preparations are in hand to present another Christian music and drama item. This is "From Pharoah to Freedom", a very recent offering written by Roger Jones and is based on the story in Exodus Chapters 1 to 12.

"From Pharoah to Freedom" requires a lot of people. A choir of 50, soloists, drama items, musicians, costume creation, lighting, sound reproduction, publicity, financial support, etc.

The young people see this very much as an opportunity for people of all ages to get together so that we may all share a time of new understanding and blessing.

The choir is already meeting after Church on Sunday evenings with some 30 members ranging from 13 to 80 years of age. We need more, particularly men. Rehearsals will be increased as soon as examinations are out of the way. If you are able to participate, please let us know.

ALSO, please book the date for the two evening performances. They are SATURDAY 20th and SUNDAY 21st September. To come and support will be an important contribution, particularly if you bring a friend. We also hope the event will make a worthwhile contribution to Gift Day, after clearing the expenses.

RAY & VALERIE CLOSE

THE HARRIS ROOM

I am very pleased to report that members and friends of the Church donated the sum of £855 towards the new furniture in the Harris Room. This is an excellent result and I would like to thank everyone who made donations and those who so generously gave curtains, cushions, clock, bookcase and plants to make this room a very pleasant lounge.

COLIN NODES

BUILDING BRIDGES

The nostalgic sentiments expressed in the poem 'Lament' in the June Chronicle I found unhelpful for the Church, both of today and tomorrow. After reading it, I turned on the radio and heard in song over the air the words "Who'd buy yesterday's papers?"

Yes, who would? The vocalist's tone was strident, but the meaning was clear.

As we grow old, most of us tend to cling to the familiar that we know and trust. It is at this point, when we resist the changes that are continually taking place around us, that the world can overtake us. When all is said and done we have to live in TODAY'S world.

The fact is that the new hymns and songs are already popular and increasingly sung by the young and the not so young. With their challenging words, which are often biblically based, they are acceptable to the young generation.

Let us avoid divisions between young and old, "them" and "me". Instead, let us build bridges of trust and friendship with the young people, finding their faith within the church and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Are not members of the younger generation a very necessary part of God's family now, as well as (hopefully) for the future?

EILEEN JORDAN

(Are not the old ones also necessary, even if they have very little future left? -Ed.)



In future the Missionary Prayer Meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of each month, in the Harris Room at 10.00am.

The next meeting is therefore on 30th July. ALL ARE WELCOME.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

WORLD MISSION

The World Mission Committee are happy to announce that Mrs. Bobby Hitchin has kindly offered to provide a CREAM TEA at her home (12 Westpark Lane) from 2.30 to 4.00pm. on TUESDAY, 29th JULY.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

Tickets will be available from members of the World Mission Committee nearer the date.

The cost per mouth will be 75p. Profits will be donated to the Bible Society's Scheme to provide scriptures to the poor of Mexico.

SIDNEY HIDER



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

GIRLS' BRIGADE £1000 GRAND BONANZA

Saturday 11th October sounds a long way off, but much has already been done towards the Girls' Brigade big event of the year, the 'Grand Bonanza' which has the objective of raising £1000.

The money is required to fund the many activities carried out by the girls in their training and caring work towards helping Church members and others.

The Bonanza will include a number of stalls offering a wide range of new and second hand goods, raffles and refreshments.

Work already in hand includes the collecting and making of goods for sale by the girls and their parents. In particular the girls are being urged to bring back something for sale from their summer holidays. Why not join them and bring back some saleable item from YOUR summer holiday (or wherever you may be visiting)?

You know from your own experience and from the Chronicle, how much effort the Girls' Brigade puts into caring for us all. Help them to keep it going by putting up something for sale AND make a note in your diary for Saturday 11th October.

TED FOOTT

Thank you for all the encouragement received by word of mouth, phone calls and letters, following the June Parade Service which we were privileged to conduct. The tape recording is very good too, if anyone who was not present wishes to hear it. The next item on the agenda, so to speak, is CAMP. We go to Woodford on the edge of Epping Forest from August 9th-16th. No doubt a lot of you will be hearing from us and we know that you will support us with your prayers.

For the last two weeks of the session, the Company will be in the capable hands of Doreen Norris, whilst Captain enjoys a sunny holiday in Italy! Thank you, Doreen and officers for holding the fort. I much appreciate all you do.

Brigade starts again on September 9th. and a Jumble Sale on September 11th. Meanwhile we wish everyone happy holidays and safe journeys.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB



Not a great deal to report, apart from saying that we are finding B.B. life much busier now that we are in the Brighton, Hove and District Battalion.. Recently the Juniors enjoyed attending a Battalion Church Parade at Portslade U.R.Church. At the Junior Section Officers AGM at Lewes Road URC, I had the pleasure of meeting up with Rev. John Titlow as he took the devotions. On the 12th July we are hoping to be involved in the B.B. Fun Day at Withdean Stadium. On the 19th July most of the Company Section boys will be heading for Wales for our Annual Camp with the 4th Worthing. Please pray for all to have a good time and that the spiritual programme will meet the boys' needs.

Thank you.

DONALD STEWART

A most interesting time was had by all who attended the outside visit arranged for the Spring Session. We visited the Hove Engineerium, which is housed in the lovely old waterworks buildings just off Nevill Road.

We were taken around the many exhibits by a guide who kindly gave us a lot of information concerning some of the odd or more outstanding items on display. The beautiful model engines and other items of engineering equipment and apparatus (some long since out of use) were excellently displayed in glass cases arranged along the balcony and in some of the rooms. The item which surprised many of us was the size of the flywheel on the beautifully restored (approx. 100 years old) Beam Engine, which is still in its original location. The other beam engine has not been restored. The boiler house and the old Lancashire type boilers are still there and some are in use every week-end, when the engine is on steam. (It is an interesting place to take young boys - maybe older ones too). We had a lovely time, which passed all too quickly, but perhaps our appetite was increased, by the lovely setting, to go again. There was so much to see and admire.

Then to our meeting prior to the A.G.M., which signifies the close of the Session. We were most grateful to Richard and Irene Tuley for their talk and pictures of their Israel Holiday. They showed us many fascinating views of the Holy Land and those places one hears mentioned and reads about in the Bible, also in these days of fighting and unrest. Their pictures made some places come alive for us and one could appreciate the significance of events more effectively. It seemed more difficult than it appeared to negotiate the concrete slope of the river where they went for baptism by total immersion. That real feeling of excitement was engendered by the Communion service in the open air.

Our thanks to Richard and Irene for a lovely afternoon.

FRAZER FINLAY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MODERATOR 1987/8

The Rev. C. C. FRANKS.

Minister of this church at the time of its building in 1961, inspirer of many who have sought the Christian Way, has been elected to serve as Moderator of the General Assembly in 1987/88. To Joan, his wife and to Cyril, we offer prayers to God that this honour may be blessed and used to the Glory of God and that the Moderator-elect will be strengthened in Christ to bear the heavy burdens of this work.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR JULY

6th Mrs. Cushing
13th Miss M. Barnes
20th Mr. & Mrs. Burrage
27th Mr. & Mrs. Stewart

FLOWER FUND

Many thanks for £20 received during May/June.

DOROTHY TURNER

SMALL ADS.

CAN YOU HELP?

1) Unwanted copies of "Christian Woman", "The Young Soldier", "Our Daily Bread", "People's Friend", "Sankey's Hymn Book" (with or without music), Large Print Bibles and knitting leaflets for infant's caps and booties, are all requested by:

Mrs. G. E. LANGAN, c/o Post Bag 20, Salisbury Park, POONA 1, 411001, INDIA.

2) Christian prisoner needs any reference books on the Bible, Bible dictionaries, Hebrew/Greek Lexicons, Word Studies, Encyclopaedias, concordances, Study Bibles, etc., for his own use and for other Christian prisoners. Please post to: Jason Richards (B30014), H.M.-Prison, Gartree, Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 7RP.

3) Holiday and other postcards of any age are wanted by the Far East Broadcasting Association, at Ivy Arch Road, WORTHING. BN14 8BU. (tel:37281). We propose to have a box in the Church foyer for these.

PHILLIS WHEELER

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

The following Ministers have agreed to come and visit our Church and conduct our worship. I hope those of us who are not on holiday will be present to welcome them and receive their messages:

3rd 8.00am Associate Minister
11.00am Associate Minister
6.30pm Rev. O. F. Coxon, BA,BD.
(Bognor Regis)

10th 11.00am Rev. Vernon Lowis (Rustington)
6.30pm Rev. Hugh Theobald, MA. (Worthing)

17th 11.00am Rev John Titlow. (Brighton)
6.30pm Associate Minister

24th 11.00am Rev. Douglas Smith. (Bognor Regis)
6.30pm Associate Minister

31st 8.00am The Minister
11.00am The Minister
6.30pm The Minister

Please remember these Sundays and the Ministers in your prayers.

RON CHRISTOPHER

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members: -

0 * ALLEN Mrs.-J., 6 Derek Road, Lancing 764488
6 * STILWELL Mrs. E., 15 Marleborough Road, Goring. 504359
14a* McLENNAN Mr. & Mrs.-D., 74 Durrington Lane.
14 * HUTCHINS Mrs.-A., 6 Elm Court, High Street, Findon.

Change of address:-

0 * GILBY Mrs. E., Homewood, 15 Shakespeare Road, Worthing.

FRED MARSH

FEBA Radio, the missionary society which broadcasts Christian programmes from the Seychelles in 23 languages to thirty countries around the Indian Ocean, has recently moved its UK headquarters from Surrey into the premises in Ivy Arch Road, Worthing, previously occupied by Christian Publicity Organisation.

Every two months FEBA mails its supporters throughout the UK with the latest news and prayer requests. Some 12,000 envelopes have to be 'stuffed' each time with 'FEBA Radio News' and other enclosures, plus larger envelopes and parcels packed with multiple copies for churches.

FEBA is appealing for volunteers to help with this job.

The first stuffing in Worthing will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th, 15th and 16th July, from 9.30 to 4.30 daily, in St. Stephen's Church Hall, junction of Dominion Road and Angola Road, Worthing. (Buses 208 and 218 from town).

Friends are welcome to drop in just for an hour on any day, or come for longer. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

At Addlestone, Surrey, FEBA's previous UK location, faithful band of folk assisted regularly with the stuffing. Many came on more than one day and brought their sandwiches. When FEBA announced it was leaving, they said they would miss the stuffing sessions!

It's a time of fellowship, getting to know new friends from local churches, as well as helping the work of reaching people in far-off lands with the Gospel. Could a group of you come from your church perhaps?

If you would like any more details, please phone Elma Cawte at FEBA on Worthing 37281.

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EDITORIAL



BAPTISM = AN ACT OF FAITH?

When I was three months old, my parents took me to Church, where I was baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ. I was later encouraged to go on my own to Church, the Lifebuoys and Christian Endeavour, all of which helped me in some way to understand what my parents had done for me. I was encouraged to be as good a Christian as I was able to be, knowing that Christ died for MY sins, since I had been baptised in His Name. I am sure that I have committed many sins since then and I have confessed to a few of them!

But I have never confessed that my baptism was anything other than the real thing. I am still very thankful for the foresight my parents had for my future.

There is a growing cult nowadays amongst 'born-again' Christians, who for reasons beyond my knowledge or experience, desire to be baptised again. Why? What possible reason could one entertain for doubting the validity of one's first baptism? Some answer that they did not do it voluntarily as an infant. Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me".

If we were born into a Christian family and offered for Christian baptism by the parents who loved and cherished us, who are we to say that this was all a charade; that it did not count?

Finally, if one can so easily discount a first baptism, what value does one put on a second or a third?; or a hundredth? It makes one think!



SING PRAISE!



I suddenly realised that I have not written a letter for the Chronicle for a long time. Yes, I still work in King's Cross and am very busy.

Since last year, when I obtained my Science Diploma, I have had the fortune to not have a class of my own, but to be a 'floating teacher', working with each class in the school, from the Nursery to the top Juniors, doing Science and environmental studies - which encompasses everything. At the same time I am trying to develop an integrated curriculum throughout the school. Teaching is not easy when most of the children speak English as a second language. The proportion of non-English children is now nearly 70% and increasing, though some of the children learn to speak English very quickly and often act as interpreters for their parents in situations where English is necessary, such as visiting the Doctor. Reading takes much longer, which also affects other subjects where reading is necessary. The spoken language is predominant, which makes the school noisier than I care for!

Cultural differences, broken families, poor and temporary accommodation makes discipline and organisation more difficult and we work under constant pressure and stress. (One class of infants has at least six social workers assigned to separate children).

There is a shortage of teachers at all levels in London. Many are taking early retirement and finding other occupations. So why am I still here?

I sometimes wonder myself, when I am standstill traffic on the way home, or my weekend has gone so fast (busy again - people to see, things to do).

I often wish I could stay in Worthing longer as I set off from the clean air, to go back to the fume filled air of London.

But often I draw on memories of my own childhood and know that anything I can do to improve the early years of the children in King's Cross may be some influence for good as they grow older.

We had a good School Journey to the Isle of Wight.

Thank you Mrs. Collison for our Ice-creams. Travelling to, and living in a completely different environment, is a stimulating experience for the children. For me too, though there are information and work sheets and all the travelling arrangements to prepare beforehand and work and exhibition to complete afterwards.

I arrange visits to a Nature Park once a month for different classes; we have meetings for the take-over of another derelict site for school and community garden on the other side of the school. Our own little garden is never short of visitors - students, teachers, Head teachers and inspectors.

The judge from the London Children's Flower Society has been to inspect and said "First class! I'll give you a good write up this year!" But whatever the result of the competition, we don't care! We have so much enjoyment from growing, tending and caring; so much excitement from seeing the frogs and the toad in the pond as well as the ants, worms, earwigs, woodlice, spiders, snails and slugs, that we don't need prizes.

The range and quality of work generated by the garden is very gratifying. The children love to visit and work in the garden and can't wait for their turn to go out with me. The first words one tiny little girl uttered in English was "Mrs. Connelly... garden...spiders"

We have been taking and potting cuttings for indoors and out and potting up self-seeded plants for a garden stall at a King's Cross Children's festival. (Instructions in English, Bengali, etc).

That will be a busy Saturday, but it will be good to hear voices saying "Hello Mrs. Connelly" as they persuade parents to buy.

It was even better the other day as I crossed the playground, to be surrounded by little children who want to be cuddled and loved, for one and then another and another to say "Mrs. Connelly, I love you".

MARY

CHURCH CALENDAR—JULY/AUGUST 1986

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys
	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade (Term ends 15th July)
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Choir Practice
	20.45h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

JULY 1986

6th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
8th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
10th Thursday	10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
13th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Parade Service
	18.30h Divine Worship
20th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship (Rev. R. Christopher)
	18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
22nd Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
24th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h Elders Meeting
27th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
30th Wednesday	10.00h Missionary Prayer Meeting
31st Thursday	19.30h Church Meeting

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3rd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion (Rev. R. Christopher)
	18.30h Divine Worship (Rev. D. F. Coxon)
5th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
7th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
9th - 16th	Girls' Brigade CAMP at Woodford
10th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship (Rev. Vernon Lewis)
	18.30h Divine Worship (Rev. Hugh Theobald)

14th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
 17th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship (Rev. John Titlow)
 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 and Ministry of Healing
 (Rev. R. Christopher)
 19th Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 21st Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
 24th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship (Rev. Douglas Smith)
 18.30h Divine Worship (Rev. R. Christopher)
 31st Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship

During August the 08.00h Communion Services will be conducted by Rev. R. C. Christopher. All services not otherwise identified will be taken by the Minister Rev. W. Connelly.

ELDERS ELECTION 1986

As has already been announced, there will be six vacancies. Only four nominations have been received, so that even if all four nominees are elected there will remain two vacancies. The nominees for election are:-

Mr. NORMAN DOBSON) (retiring by rotation but agree
 Mr. DOUGLAS BLAKEY) to stand for re-election)
 Mr. RICHARD TULEY (non-serving elder in the past year)
 Rev. R. C. CHRISTOPHER (retiring Associate Minister)

Ballot papers will be addressed to all Church Members and will be available for collection from the rack in the Church vestibule from the first Sunday in July. Any ballot papers which have not been collected by the last Sunday in July will be removed and destroyed. Members may vote for any or all the candidates. To secure election a candidate must receive votes from at least 50% of those voting.

A ballot box will be available in the vestibule in which completed ballot papers may be placed. To be included in the voting process, ballot papers must be in the hands of the Church Secretary prior to the commencement of the Church Meeting on 31st July at which the election will take place.

SUNDAY, 8th JUNE.

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What a joyful morning we spent in the company of our Girls' Brigade, when they welcomed us at the door with a cheery 'Good Morning' as they handed us the Order of Service. This was 'Their Sunday' and once again the choir stalls were filled to capacity with bright shining faces and happy singing voices. It would be difficult to highlight any particular item. The whole service was a feast of well placed enjoyment. A treat for all of us. Captain's talk was on "Giving whilst living" and our girls certainly did that. In fact they always do. Well done girls and officers. Thank you for our happy day. God bless you all.

JOAN FINLAY

MAKE A DATE

Emboldened by the success of the first Coffee Morning, the World Mission Committee is planning a similar venture for Saturday, 25th October.

Proceeds from the first event were passed to the Church Treasurer to help him towards the Church's target for the Unified Appeal, so ensuring that Charity began at home. In October the profits will be given to the S.U.M. Fellowship, which organisation will be sending a speaker for the occasion. More details will be given in a later Chronicle. For now, please make a note of the date in your diaries.

SIDNEY HIDER

SEAFRONT FAYRE

On the 29th July this year there will be, once again, a Christian Bookstall with New and Secondhand Christian Books for sale, at the Sea-Front Fayre. Gospel leaflets will also be given out.

Please, if you have any second-hand Christian books you would like to donate, give them to Hanny Weber or Michael Donnelly, or leave them with a steward at the Church to give to us.

All profits will go to Christian Aid.

Thank You.

MICHAEL DONNELLY

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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

FROM THE VESTRY

AUGUST may be free from meetings. The pastoral care of the Church, however, continues. The Ministers are much helped by the pastoral assistance rendered by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Marsh, Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Mr. & Mrs. Bert Groves who take the Sunday flowers to cheer those who are ill, in hospital, or infirm at home. It is certainly better to give flowers to the living than a wreath to the departed. Flowers that have had their own part in the worship on Sunday with their own message of God's Creation, are appreciated in a special way by those who receive them.



AUGUST has seen our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade Companies return from their camps and some of our young people will be sharing with us some of the inspiration they have received at the Greenbelt Gathering. They return for the Autumn activities with renewed energies and it is hoped with enthusiasm for all the new session will bring in support of their leaders. Some of our young people will be leaving us for the wider world and we wish them God's blessing as they go to University, Technical College, other training or work.

We also welcome the return of our Minister and Mary from the U.S.A. We also look forward to the coming of Mr. William Alan Lewis and assure him of our welcome and co-operation both in the Church at Goring and in the Community Centre Church at Durrington.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Hitchin for the hospitality of her garden for a delightful tea and

social occasion. As Chairman of the Worthing Bible Society Action Group and on behalf of the Bible Society I would like to thank all who had a share in the organisation and who supported this event which raised £225 for sending Bibles to Mexico, especially New Testaments and there is a need for 100.000 New Reader Scriptures. The following is an experience in a Mexican village: "Today the three families who read the Bible have become twenty-nine families with more than a hundred adults who meet regularly, pray, sing and study the Word"

The July Church Meeting elected as serving elders Douglas Blakey, Norman Dobson, Richard Tuley and myself (to continue as a serving elder after October). Please remember the Ministers and William Lewis and the Eldership in your prayers for guidance in the practical organisation as well as in the spiritual life of our Church. My own prayer is:

Lord God, our heavenly father, you call your disciples to many tasks in the life and witness of our Church. Some to plant the seed you give them; some to water and tend; some to labour in a ready harvest. You are the only one who gives increase and we pray for the growth of your Kingdom. We pray that we may not hold up the work by getting at cross purposes with one another. May we spare no effort to make fast with bonds of peace the unity which your Spirit gives, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

May we have joy in His Service.



Ron Christopher

RON CHRISTOPHER

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Tanya Louise BEST

13.7.1986

DEDICATION

Kezia Jane BREWER

27.7.1986

IN MEMORIAM

Emma Amelia DIXON

7.6.1986

A gracious lady whose love for Christ grew with the years. At her funeral service the Rev. John Titlow spoke of the love which she had so freely offered to her family. Days of weakness have ended and we rejoice that our friend, Mrs. Dixon, is at peace with with her Lord and her family rejoice in hope.

"Underneath are the everlasting arms".

Frank Henry LATIMER

23.6.1986

A faithful husband, father and friend whose quiet and humble faith blessed us all. His life was truly given to Christ and used in responsible work in the Church and in his daily life.

May God give comfort to Gwen, whose faith shines amongst us.

"I will give you rest".

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Remember Miss I. Pettengill, Mrs. Dorothy Cozens-Walker, Mr. Bert Grewcock in hospital following accidents; Mrs Margaret Craghill who has suffered an injury to her leg; Miss H. Lowman, Mrs. Boyce now resting in Hospital and all those

whose present weakkness prevents them from being amongst us. Mrs. Hilda Hele is also among them and we remeber her with much affection.

"Rejoice in the Lord, pray without ceasing, look forward with hope!".

Welcome home to Mr. & Mrs. Robbie Turton who are feeling and looking much better.

TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND

It may interest Church Members to know that the above fellowship meets on the 1st Saturday of each month at Shelley Road U.R.C. at 2.30pm.

Miss Phyllis Wheeler is secretary of this Group, which welcomes blind or nearly blind persons to its meetings. So, if you are aware of anyone, who comes within this category, maybe you would care to inform them about its existence. The group is organised by local Christian people and the blind members are encouraged to assist. Transport can be arranged for those who require it and tea is available after the meeting; thus giving members an opportunity to get to know each other.

Our Missionary Committee was responsible for Mrs. Finlay and myself becoming acquainted with the Torch Fellowship at that excellent mission weekend, when a Torch representative spoke about their work. Afterwards, the directors of the organisation, Mr. & Mrs. Heath came and spoke of their work to our Men's Fellowship. Since then my wife and I have been to the Shelley Road meetings and helped with the transport when required. It is an interesting and in many ways amazing fact that the Trust, located at Hallaton, Leicestershire is kept going by voluntary donations only and no assistance from any other organisation. A truly Christian belief - 'God will provide his work to do'.

FRAZER FINLAY

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

My family and I would like to thank all our friends for their messages of sympathy, their prayers and kind thoughts for us at this time. I should also like to thank Mr. Connolly for his visits, Mrs. Turner for the beautiful flowers and the Girls' Brigade for their cards.

GWENITH LATIMER

Graeme and Valerie GILL are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter KERRY VICTORIA on the 3rd July.

I would like to thank the Minister and all kind friends who visited me, brought flowers and sent cards whilst I was in Southlands Hospital. Also for the prayers of so many which brought me so much solace.

DOROTHY COZENS-WALKER

(Dorothy is now in the Nursing Home "Ravenswood" at 18 Winchester Road, Worthing).

Mrs. Hilda Hele wishes to thank Mr. Connolly and all friends who have been visiting her in Worthing Hospital and for the lovely flowers she has received.

Frank Bulstrode wishes to thank all the kind friends and the Girls' Brigade who sent Get-Well cards and beautiful gifts of flowers. All these kind thoughts helped his recovery.

DORA BULSTRODE

KID'S AID FAMINE IN AFRICA APPEAL

Laura Stilwell and friends would very much like to thank all those who supported their 'Bring and Buy' sale on the 2nd August. A total of £78 has been sent to Tear Fund for their Emergency Aid to the famine areas of Africa.



THE Boys' Brigade

Despite part of the crew bus exhaust becoming detached on the M4 and several boys being sick at the camp, we enjoyed ourselves in South Wales. The site was not of the best, being in a very rocky area and with plenty of agile sheep wandering free. Owing to the terrific expense involved we had to curtail some of the activities such as pony trekking. We held devotions morning and evening in a large stone floored cottage with, on some evenings, a roaring log fire. We gave thought to B.B. companies overseas and raised £15 towards the International Extension Fund. Although not a biblical term, we used the word 'Serendipity' - being the gift of finding something valuable in unexpected places by chance. We felt that God's Word very often had a valuable message in a place we didn't expect to find it.

Our new session begins on Monday 8th September for the Juniors and Friday 12th September for the Company Section. We could do with a few more members, particularly the Juniors. If you know of any youngster that could be interested in joining us, please let me know. I still look forward to a few folk coming along to give me some help in running the Company. Please give it some thought especially if you have any particular interest that could be passed on to the boys. This is my 25th Year in the 5th Worthing Company, so it would be a nice silver jubilee present if help is forthcoming!

For something we are contemplating in November, we would like to borrow or obtain two or three exercise bicycles. We also need plenty of old crockery for our smashing stall, so please have a turnout of those unwanted items. Has anyone a vegetable garden they are weary of cultivating? We would be interested in coming to some arrangement. Please keep praying for the boys especially those from non-Christian homes.

DONALD STEWART

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

We in the 5th Worthing are not exactly famous for our sporting prowess, so it was no surprise that only a few girls turned up on an unpleasant Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago for the West Sussex District G.B.Sports at Chatsmore School.

However - what some of them lacked in ability was more than made up for in enthusiasm and those of our girls who are good athletes really gave everything. The trouble was, with so few girls to choose from (two Brigaders, one Senior and a dozen or so Juniors and Explorers), we didn't even have enough for a relay race - or did we?

Abandoning the idea of Kirsty Craghill forming a solo Senior relay team, we amalgamated a selection of:- the two Brigaders, the one Senior and a Junior (Rachel Pownall) to participate in the Brigader Relay - AND THEY WON!

To see Kirsty and Rachel competing so well against the District Brigaders did our hearts good. That great win, coupled with the sterling efforts of our 'Secret Weapon', otherwise known as Margaret Brunton and fellow Brigader Justine Kingston, meant that we walked off with the Brigader Trophy. Altogether a very satisfactory ending to a rewarding afternoon.

Well done girls!! Roll on next year!
DOREEN NORRIS



At the time of writing this, we are just back from our Summer Camp at Woodford. We had a super time and all being well there will be a full account of our doings next month.

Our new session starts on September 9th. and we have a Jumble Sale on Thursday September 11th. at 6.00pm. If you have any items for the sale which you would like collected, please phone 40546 or 43660 and we will do our best to oblige.

We have a very busy few months ahead so do please remember us in your prayers. Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB



There are many bottomless purses around these days and so, because of the Church Gift Day on 20th September, Church Meeting has agreed that we forgo our usual harvest-time collection for Christian Aid. There will still be an opportunity for those who wish to use the Christian Aid envelopes available in the vestibule.

Many of you will be aware that Mrs. Hilda Hele, who has been in Worthing Hospital for a number of weeks, collected from supporters of Christian Aid month by month for many years. We thank her for this and pray that she will soon be well enough to return home.

Many thanks for contributions amounting to £31.50 received during July.

RON JORDAN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September comes, September goes;
Before it does, do you suppose
You might care to join our Fellowship Meeting;
We're sure you'll find it exhilarating.

The Men's Fellowship resumes on Tues. 9th Sept. and fortnightly thereafter. Our initial meeting is a short talk by some of our members on something from the past and these have always been very enjoyable and often enlightening. By arranging this, the secretaries have the opportunity of passing on all relevant information to the members without inhibiting or being inhibited by having an outside speaker awaiting to entertain us. It also allows members the opportunity to raise any question or suggestion regarding future meetings. Other ideas are gladly welcomed by the committee, for consideration at future meetings. We look forward to seeing our members at our Autumn meetings, and will be greatly pleased to welcome any new members to our Fellowship at any meeting.

BERT GROVES & FRAZER FINLAY

LETTER FROM STREATHAM HILL

This is just a short extract from a letter received from Rev. Beryl Chatfield this summer:-

"How can we bring the message of God's Love to Londonders?

Working with many other Churches and with an organisation called 'Manna Ministries', we have a vision for London. We are trying to learn more about 'Street Theatre', 'Pub visits' and open air witness. We are also sharing in local children's holiday clubs and having visits from evangelists. We've a lot to learn! - maybe this is why God is giving us 'extra time' before we get usable premises! Progress in that direction is very slow, but there is hope and encouragement. I hope to have more definite news by the end of the year, but at present there is little likelihood of the building of the new Church at Streatham Hill being started this year.

In the meantime, we thank God for sending a few younger and more active folk into our fellowship."

As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary of the Church Building, spare a few prayers for Beryl and her Churches - She really does need our help! (Ed.)

LIMITED VISION

On an old Stone, dated about 200year ago in a country cemetary:-

"If your nose is close to the grindstone
And you hold it there long enough,
In time you'll say there's no such thing
As brooks that babble and birds that sing;
These three will all your world compose -
Just you, the stone and your poor old nose."

H. INGLE SKEETS

THERE IS ROOM FOR US ALL!!

A church community is made up of all types of people, with differing temperaments. We have 'free will' to think as individuals. However the reference (by a visiting minister) about sheep and goats in the congregation does not apply. The goats were NON BELIEVERS. We in the Church, are all believers, but having said that, we differ in the interpretation of God's will through His Holy Spirit.

The important point in our faith is sincerity. Do we SINCERELY believe what we say and do? Here lies the difficulty - because we differ in our sincerity, because of our different temperaments. Some of us favour a quiet, ordered service with the so-called old hymns which we have sung from our youth. Some see the need for a charismatic approach and like modern songs with actions and enthusiasm. Some feel the need to be baptised in adult life to show a commitment not possible in infant baptism. Others think that infant baptism is sufficient. Some people are 'doers' - always helping others. Many see the necessity for prayer and meditation.

Let us appreciate the differences of thought amongst the congregation. Let us respect, without criticism, other people's opinions - knowing that they are as sincere as ourselves.

FAY BLAKEY

ANCHOR BOYS

Calling all small boys!

Would you like to be an Anchor Boy? If you are between 5 and 8 years of age and like games and stories and craft, you would have a super evening with other boys of your own age.

We meet on Mondays between 5.00 and 6.00pm. Last term we learnt all about boats in the Bible and about the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. During the summer weeks we had an outing to the beach, a treasure hunt in Marine Gardens and a guided tour round the Salvington Windmill.

Wouldn't YOU like to join in the fun?

EILEEN RHODES (Tel:48263)

FROM PHAROAH TO FREEDOM

As part of the Church's 25th Anniversary celebrations, a group comprising over sixty people of all age groups will be presenting the musical 'From Pharoah to Freedom' written by Roger Jones.

We are all working hard to ensure this will be a musical performance of the highest standard. We are presenting it as our offering to God and to the Church as part of the celebrations.

We are hoping that these performances will form an appropriate highlight to mark the Church's 25 years and that on both occasions will be shared by as many people as possible. To enable this to happen, we hope that not only will you all come, but will bring as many friends and family as possible.

The performances will be on Saturday 20th September at 7.30pm. and again on Sunday 21st September at 6.30pm.

Judging by the amount of preparation and effort put in by all members taking part, this should be a most memorable occasion and well worth coming to see.

Admission will be free, but there will be a freewill offering, which will go towards the Church's Gift-Day. We invite you to make this appropriate to a really special night out.

Please come, all of you, we need to make it a success.

SIMON CLOSE & TACY RIBY

FAMILY CIRCLE

The Family Circle invite you to a HARVEST SUPPER at 7.00pm. in the Church Hall on Saturday 27th September.

It will consist of a THREE COURSE MEAL including hot main course and tea or coffee at £1.25 per head. (60p for children). This will be followed by a musical entertainment by the Townswomen's Guild entitled 'Sing Along'.

JUNE BATER

BUILDING BRIDGES

& THAT LAMENT

Many of us will agree with everything that Eileen Jordan wrote last month about building bridges between the generations. Yet, I know that many people too will have sympathy with the writer of the Lament (June Chronicle).

Not for nostalgia nor sentiment, but perhaps for the apparent loss of old and valued verses, tunes, psalms and prayers which for countless generations have sustained faith in troubled times. Did not Jesus value the traditional scriptures of his religion and have we not added over the centuries to the treasury?

We need great personal integrity (young, middle-aged and old) in saying with great modesty, what we like and why we value it. Indeed, perhaps our "not so young" have an obligation to share their values with the younger, newer Christians. We must try to avoid telling others, with estimable unselfishness but often mistakenly, what we think they want. By sharing with others the reasons for which we value various aspects of our worship, will not both young and old grow in spiritual depth and grace? The hymns, choruses, psalms and prayers which we find most helpful in early troubles remain with us for a lifetime. It is to be hoped that our younger friends will have the opportunity of learning everything we did - and more, so that they too may have a great wealth on which to draw.

Building bridges is about communications. Our free church, dissenting heritage lets us all have a voice and a say - of what use is it if we all keep saying and no-one is listening? These are the two ends of the bridge which will meet in the middle when it is built, like the great Sydney Harbour Bridge. Amazingly, there are old and young at BOTH ends. What a shout of jubilation in the middle.

JANE BOND

THERE IS HOPE — IN MEXICO

By holding a Cream Tea and Sale at Mrs. Bobby Hitchin's home on 29th July we shall be enlarging that hope. £112 was raised, which sum was doubled by an anonymous donor and 'rounded up' to £225, all for the Bible Society's Scripture distribution in Mexico.

Mr. Worthing-Davies, executive director of the Bible Society, writes of the "endless agonies" suffered by the people of Mexico. There was the earthquake in Mexico City, affecting its 17 million inhabitants. But well over 80 million Mexicans suffer every kind of deprivation. The slum dwellers are "trapped by poverty, ignorance, sickness, theft, violence, alcoholism, drug-addiction, prostitution - and desperation". Few care, but God cares and His Word is changing lives.

After visiting a Mexican Masagua Indian village where the people had been given scriptures two years before, a couple wrote of the transformation in their lives and of their "better and brighter future".

This year the Bible Society staff in Mexico are visiting the slum areas, taking 5000 New Testaments and hoping to distribute 2 million Scripture selections. They also need to help new readers with 100,000 New Reader Scriptures.

The Missionary Committee wishes to thank Mrs. Hitchin and all who supported our Church's effort. A Missionary Prayer Meeting is held on the last Wednesday of each month in the Harris Room at 10.00am. You are invited to join us.

I have spare copies of Mr. Worthing-Davies' letter about Mexico and of the Bible Society's paper: "Word in Action".

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Small Ad.

FOR SALE: 'Singer' electric sewing machine (Table model), ten years old but in excellent condition. Long flex and plug. £10.00. - apply to Miss E. Fisher, Tel: 43698.

WOMEN'S CONTACT GROUP

Over the past few months we have been richly blessed by the Lord and become a close-knit fellowship. As some of you may already know, Ann Rowlands feels it is time for her to step down as leader of our group and we would like to thank her for all she has done in the Lord's Name over the past two years. We shall not be losing her altogether, as she has kindly offered to continue to lead our Bible Study sessions. After much prayer and guidance from the Lord, Julie Ward will be joined by Liz Stilwell to act as joint leaders of the group. We would very much value the prayer support of the whole Church for Julie and Liz, who are stepping out in faith in the Lord's work.

We will be resuming our usual meetings on Thursday 4th September at 10.30am. at the Church. This will be a time of sharing and fellowship and a chance to let us have your thoughts on the future direction of the group.

On the 11th September we meet for Bible study at Julie's house, 26 Raleigh Crescent, at 10.00am.

We will then continue our fellowship over lunch.

On the 18th September we will meet for Prayer and intercession at Jane Archer's House, 35 Taw Close, at 10.30am.

On the 25th September we will hold our Bible study group at Julie's House. We will then meet again at the Church on 2nd October at 10.30am.

An evening get-together for the adults is being arranged, but more details are to follow later.

Our group will be supporting the Church's 25th Anniversary Celebrations by helping the Girls' Brigade serve coffee on the Saturday morning. We shall also be providing a balloon for each child at the Sunday Service - so we require some volunteers (with good lungs) please.

If you have any queries regarding the group please contact Julie Ward (501949) or Liz Stilwell (504359).

GIRLS' BRIGADE

GRAND BONANZA

Why Durrington Community Centre?

Some people have been asking why the Girls' Brigade are holding their Grand Bonanza on 11th October at the Durrington Community Centre and not in our own Hall.

The answer is that in the past they have found that our hall - by virtue of its position - attracted only those immediately concerned, i.e. Church Members and friends. Since the objective of the event is to raise a major amount of money (not less than £1000) it was felt that it was desirable to hold it where the public could be more easily attracted.

The girls are, of course, confident that wherever it is held, they will have full support of you, the Church Members.

As mentioned in the July/August edition of the Chronicle, the girls are actively engaged in making and gathering items for a wide range of stalls, including new and secondhand goods. They would be particularly pleased to receive 'nearly new' goods, as these can be offered for sale at higher prices, at the same time offering good value. Don't forget that as this is a Saturday in the Autumn, it is not too early to think about items for Christmas gifts.

Any Brigade officer or Church officer will be pleased to receive or arrange collection of any goods you may have, or alternatively, a cash donation. (OR ring Jean Webb on 40546)

If you have not already done so, why not make a note of this event RIGHT NOW!

**GIRLS' BRIGADE GRAND BONANZA
DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
11th OCTOBER AT 2.00pm.**

TED FOOTT

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

CHURCH CALENDAR-SEPTEMBER 1986**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys
	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Choir Practice
	20.45h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

2nd Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
4th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer meeting
7th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
9th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - Rev. W. Connelly
	14.45h Men's Fellowship - 'Something from the past'
11th Thursday	10.30h Monthly prayer service with
	Holy Communion
	18.30h Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale
14th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
16th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
18th Thursday	14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h Elders Meeting
20th Saturday	- 25th Anniversary and Gift Week-end
	19.30h "From Pharoah to Freedom"
21st Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship - Rev. Cyril Franks
	18.30h "From Pharoah to Freedom"
23rd Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - BBC Radio Sussex
	Mr. George Pixley
	14.45h Men's Fellowship- Outside Visit
25th Thursday	19.30h Church Meeting
27th Saturday	19.00h HARVEST SUPPER (Family Circle)
28th Sunday	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	08.00h Holy Communion
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
30th Tuesday	20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

NOTE: Special Car Park Stickers are required for Morning Service on the 21st (Rev- Cyril Franks) due to WORTHING MARATHON Arrangements. No access to CAR PARK without one!

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FROM THE VESTRY

ONE LORD. ONE FAITH. ONE BAPTISM!

A recent editorial on the subject of BAPTISM and with reference to BELIEVERS BAPTISM by immersion has given rise to no little controversy among us. May I make my own position clear on this in as simple a form as possible, bearing in mind that my library on the subject is a very extensive one. Those who may wish to study this scripturally, personally and historically in the life of the Church down the ages, please call in and a good time is promised for all.



In order to turn our controversy into consecration, which is surely the aim of all Christians, I have been looking at the letters sent into the Editor and listening to some of the comments offered. May I say that some of the observations made might have been better sent to 'REFORM' or some other Christian periodical, where a forum for important questions of this kind exists and does a better work than is possible in a 'house magazine' like the Chronicle. I see our own magazine as having a more pastoral than polemical role to play in the life of the Church. A clear impression that follows from your letters is:

(1) That unlike the Churches of a generation ago, we have been so affected by an ecumenical spirit that denominational emphasis has so far weakened as to have brought together under one roof a family of God whose origins are very different. Some of us come from Congregational, Presbyterian,

Baptist, Anglican, Methodist, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic and Bretheren backgrounds. WELCOME!
 (2) We will do well then to honour all who confess 'JESUS IS LORD' and learning from the HOLY SPIRIT, from SCRIPTURE and living in love together, grow up into Christ, in whom all the fulness of Godhead dwells.

(3) Every correspondent reminds us that it is neither infant Baptism nor believers baptism that incorporates us into the BODY of CHRIST. The true requirement of the Lord Himself is "REPENTANCE & FAITH" for only thus will the HOLY SPIRIT lead us to CHRIST.

(4) INITIATION into the Christian Church is presently being reviewed by most branches of it. Infant or Believers Baptism... Reception into Church Membership i.e. Confirmation. The Society of Friends (QUAKERS) and the Salvation Army, neither of which practice Infant nor Believers Baptism, are also engaged in the study of Christian initiation. Some guidelines, both from the Scripture and Christian History may be helpful.

(a) Tolerance and understanding of another's guidance and response in obedience to Christ... e.g. the Salvation Army has known its ways to be honoured of God.

(b) Repentance and the gift of FAITH in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, the primary condition of being joined to Christ's body.

(c) A public witness e.g. in Believers Baptism or a confession of Faith in Christ through obedience to His Will brings the glory to God and since that is our aim, should make us very humble. Praise God for our own young people who have publically expressed their faith in Christ in this way.

(d) "The Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from His Holy Word". So spoke Pastor John Robinson to the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620. Read your scriptures, act obediently and humbly in their light. Remember that the 'outward sign' whether of Baptism of Repentance or by Immersion

cannot mean anything by itself. It is the work of GRACE in our souls that saves and regenerates us, baptising us in the HOLY SPIRIT to be His people. "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all."

Yours with every blessing.

William Connelly

HI. THERE!

To the members and friends of the United Reformed Church at Goring and of the new Community Church at Durrington, GREETINGS!

My name is William Lewis and I'm the new pastoral assistant to Rev. Connelly. Having come over from Los Angeles, California, I have finally rid myself of jet lag and am slowly adjusting to the cooler climate of Worthing.

I find your country to be quite beautiful and the people of the Church to be very hospitable. I appreciate you making me feel welcome and hope to get to know as many of you as possible. I'm excited to be here and am looking forward to serving the Church body. May we share the Lord's love between us and to those all around us.

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sincerely,

William Lewis

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

WEDDINGS

Robin John HUGHES

to

7th July 1986

Melanie Jane Parsons

Peter Guiseppe DIMARINO

to

12th July 1986

Denise Jane Webber

John Michael BROCKHURST

to

2nd August 1986

Linda Ann Tugwell

Mark John PRATLEY

to

9th August 1986

Karen Lesley Parr

Anthony YATES

to

16th August 1986

Barbara Elaine Wood

Kevin J. HONOUR

to

23rd August 1986

Anne Allen

Robert John Harding HOLDER

to

30th August 1986

Karen Joy Goodwin

Andrew Leslie TRIBE

to

6th September 1986

Lorraine Doe

MARRIAGE BLESSING:

Nicholas and Glynis BURNETT

30th August 1986

May God bless these now joined together in marriage, that their's may be the love which knows no ending.



IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude WRIGHT (aged 95 years) 21st July 1986
 'In heavenly love abiding'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Bert Grewcock, Hilda Hele, Hilda Lowman, Dorothy Cozens-Walker and all friends in hospital or nursing home. Our two friends at Holcombe House, Molly Hooker and Bill Scudder, are both unwell.

Vi Turton has enjoyed a birthday; Wilfred and Eileen Rhodes celebrate their Silver Wedding.

Congratulations to all who have done well in their 'O' level and 'A' level examinations, especially Eileen Rhodes, who has obtained an A in 'O' level Swedish.

Congratulations also to Arthur and Nellie Popplestone (our Editor's parents!) who celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary on 2nd August.

Let us have news of your Joys and Sorrows so that we can come together in our prayers.

Remember all children and young people, especially those who begin at School or who are going away to College.

The Rev. RONALD CHRISTOPHER

Ronald came to us seven years ago as Associate Minister with special responsibility for the Durrington Community Church Development. His retirement from this work takes place at the end of September.

The Ministry of Ronald Christopher has been blessed in the work for the Churches and the Bible Society and his Ministry has been crowned by his success under God in beginning the work at Durrington.

To your Minister, Ronald has always been a loyal friend and fellow-worker and his willingness to co-operate in such a kindly, gentle and understanding way has lessened many a burden.

May his wisdom, gentleness and experience help us in the Elders meeting. May Elspeth rejoice in seeing

more of him at home among his books - perhaps he will write one himself.

Our warmest thanks go to you Ron, for all that you are and for all that you have done at Goring and Durrington.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

Mr. RAY NEWELL

A good Church Secretary is Vicar's Warden and People's Warden in one office, representing the one to the other in the Spirit of Christ. There are not many people of this quality about and so we receive Ray's resignation after nine years in office with regret. You will all desire to thank Ray for his work among us and a suitable occasion will be provided. To Ray and Dora, our thanks and love.

It is never easy to find a new Church Secretary. Remember this need in your prayers, so that we may release Ray from his office as soon as possible.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Autumn session commenced on Tuesday 9th September with an address from our Minister, Rev. W. Connelly. He called it "The American Dream" and said he hoped it would stimulate us to nobler thoughts and more extensive prayers. The word pictures painted scenes of extreme contrasts such as can be found in all countries of the world. In conclusion he quoted the Pilgrim Fathers in saying, 'God give you journeying mercies'.

Two new members were welcomed at this meeting. We hope that others will join us, if only for an occasional afternoon.

The meetings in October will be:

Oct. 7th Desert Island Discs - a Members' Afternoon

Oct. 21st Guild Anniversary - addressed by Mrs. Elsie Flack.

This meeting will be followed by tea when we can meet our friends and visitors from neighbouring churches.

BERYL STUTTER

At our A.G.M. on the 14th July, we elected two new members to the committee, Daphne Eames and Lesley Richards and we look forward to the help they can give us. We thank the two retiring members, Janette Greenyer and Dorothy Bruford, for their help, especially during this last year.

On October 6th we have another OPEN MEETING when the Rev. Outlaw will talk to us on the work of the Leprosy Mission. On the 20th October we have Mr. Brennand who will speak on 'A collection of spoons'. In November we have a Bring & Buy sale (MEMBERS EVENING) on the 3rd and on the 17th Mrs. Turner will talk about her holiday in Mexico (OPEN EVENING).

On December 1st Mrs. Luckin will demonstrate the use of marzipan on a Christmas Cake and we end the session on the 15th December with our Christmas Evening.

We look forward to a good attendance from old and new friends, so please come and join in.

AUDREY STEWART

WOMEN'S CONTACT GROUP

Are you a young lady aged between 15 and 115? Do you love the Lord Jesus and seek to be with His people? Then Contact Group is for you. Come along and join us on Thursday October 2nd at 10.30am in the Harris Room. You will be very welcome.

On that day we will be starting our study of Ephesians Ch.6 - putting on the Armour of God. This is our directive and over the next few months we will be seeking what the Lord has to tell us on this very important commandment.

Our other meetings this month will continue as usual, details of which are included in the Church Calendar. Please note that the last Thursday of the month falls in half term, so we shall not be meeting on that day.

We will be having an American Supper on Friday 3rd October at 8.00pm.

The venue for this will be Chris & Shirley Payne's home at 38 Taw Close. Please contact Julie Ward (501949) or Liz Stilwell (504359) for any further details of our group.

LIZ STILWELL & JULIE WARD



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Enjoy the pieces written by others this month!
Two girls, Sharon Armes and Alison Brunton
commence officer training this month. Do please
remember them in your prayers.

See you on October 11th - you will remember won't
you?

DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE. 2.00pm.

Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB

Didn't we have a lovely time. the week we went to
Woodford

Camped in a Church with plenty of food and all for
£35 pounds you know;

During the week we had such a treat. with guide
dogs and pond dipping.

Singing a few of our jolly camp songs as the week
went by.

ALISON BRUNTON

Yes indeed. we did have a lovely time. We set up
our temporary home in the Church where Captain and
Dr. Webb were married over 30 years ago. The
weather was kind to us and we all enjoyed our
walks through the forest, where there were some
very climbable trees. Who said boys were the only
ones who could climb?

On the Wednesday, we had an interesting day at the
local Guide Dog Centre, the only disappointment
being that we didn't see many dogs as they were
out on their various stages of training. On Friday
we had another day out, shopping in Epping for our
last minute presents and after a picnic lunch and
another session of tree climbing, we visited the
Epping Forest Conservation Centre where the girls
were given nets and invited to find frogs, newts,
water beetles and various other "delights" of
their pond.

Our devotional times were based on words, the main
one for the week being "love" and there was

certainly an abundance of this in evidence during the week. Dr. Webb was his usual patient self, despite the forest echoing to "Doctor We-e-ebb" and requests for assistance to start someone off on a climb. It was also a pleasure to watch our two warrant officers both at their morning prayer times and in their fun and mischief when they put the girls up to tricks which were mainly at the expense of the Officers.

It has been my privilege now to attend quite a few camps and each one is remembered for something different. This one will definitely be remembered for the love shared among us and as usual we all thank our dear Captain for making it possible.

BRENDA BRUNTON

REFORM 1987

As usual every October, I have received a letter from Headquarters enclosing an order form for completion and forwarding to them early in November. I am glad to say that there is no increase in the price of the magazine for next year, which remains at £4.00 for 11 issues, July and August being combined.

I have been Magazine Secretary at Goring since I joined the Church in 1953 and it is a disappointment to me that the number of subscribers has gone down nearly every year despite the increase in membership of the Church. I do hope this will not be the case for 1987, but understand that there are many and varied reasons which make cancellation necessary.

BARGAIN OFFER: On the notice board in the porch you will see "REFORM Introductory Offer" which I hope some non-subscribers will like to take up. If so, will you please write your name at the foot.

"THE WORD AND THE WORLD" - Prayer Handbook.

I have not yet received an order form for the above, but hope that 1986 subscribers will continue for next year.

MOLLIE HAWKE



THE Boys' Brigade

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At the start of a new session we say goodbye to Robert Hadley as he leaves to join the A.T.C. We hope he has stepped off on the right foot! We welcome new members Ian and Neil Olney and Gary Merritt into the Company Section and also Martin Coombes who has been promoted from the Anchor Boys to the Juniors. We would still be pleased to see more new members coming along to the Junior Section. We are planning to commence our B.B. fund raising week on Saturday 22nd November with a coffee Morning and Bazaar, and end with a Jumble Sale on Saturday 19th. Any items you would care to let us have would be most gratefully received. Please ring 43787 for collections. Thank you,

DONALD STEWART

JUNIOR CHURCH BIBLE CLASS

We have been very pleased to see so many young ladies coming along to Bible Class and we pray that they will stay with us and be greatly blessed. If there is a lady or two in the Church who would like to pay us a visit and give a testimony or short talk, would you please contact me. Recently we showed a shepherd's crook to the young people and invited them to submit a poem or suchlike with a crook in mind. Here is one effort submitted.

CROOK

My name is such, but I do not steal,
I cannot sleep nor take a meal,
I never have to take a bath,
I cannot sing, or talk or laugh;
I help the sheep their route to abide,
To them I am a friend and guide,
And as they're herded on their way,
I pull back ones that wander astray,
Vital am I to my master - as together
We put the sheep out to graze in pasture,
I help to search for little lost lambs,
You guessed it right, a shepherd's crook I am.

SALLY YOUNG

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Change of Address:

10 + MORGAN Mrs. E. L., 30, Maybridge Square. 501483

DON'T MISS THE BUS!

Sunday October 12th promises to be a busy day for several of us. In the morning there will be the normal Parade Service and then in the afternoon at 3.00pm many young people from various organisations will gather at the Assembly Hall for the Annual Youth Rally. This year the service will be taken by Steve Flashman and his team who travel around to such functions in an old converted London bus. Steve is a young evangelist based at the Millmead Centre in Guilford. Steve and his team will be taking our evening service and I hope that many of you will come along. It promises to be a joyful occasion and if you can encourage a young person or two to be there, so much the better.

DONALD STEWART

FROM THE FABRIC COMMITTEE

Would groups using the premises please remember that although we have the premises professionally cleaned twice a week, we do not have a caretaker to tidy up during the rest of the week. It is pleasing to find the Church Hall with the tables and chairs neatly stacked, rather than scattered here and there. If the tables and chairs are stacked six feet high against the north wall after each meeting, it would make life easier for other users. The Annual Defurring of our kitchen kettles will take place soon. Most of the furring is caused

by previously boiled water being left in the kettles instead of being emptied out. Furred up kettles are very uneconomical in the use of gas. Has anyone any use for nearly two pounds of lime scale removed from three kettles at a previous defurring?

DONALD STEWART

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

5th Mr. & Mrs. E. Young
12th Dr. & Mrs. R. Webb
19th Mr. C. Nodes
26th Mrs. R. Bradley

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £7.00 received since July 31st to date.

HARVEST & FLOWER FESTIVAL

A very gratifying response was made by most of the Church Organisations to this special festival to the Glory of God.

DOROTHY TURNER

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP & INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP FOR 1987

Will all members of the above requiring any alteration to their orders, let me know as soon as possible. I should very much like to increase the orders for the above Bible Reading Notes. If you would like more details, I should be glad to let you have them. I should also be glad to receive any donations for the annual I.B.R.A. International Appeal. Please contact:
Mrs. B. Barnett. Tel: 62217.

Brighton, Central and West Sussex Christian Education Council are staging a "Hands and Voices Festival" at our Church on Saturday 18th October, at 2.00pm.

What a busy time our Church is having at the moment. Staging a musical, 25th Anniversary Celebrations, Girls' Brigade Bonanza and now Junior Church hosts this festival.

We have entered two teams for the Bible Quiz which will take place in the Choir Vestry and the Harris Room. A Choir will be in the Church. A choral reading group will be in the Cornwall room. Drama will take place in the East Hall. Miss Stone will be organising the fun and games in the Church Hall for the children not involved in anything else. As you can see there will be plenty to watch and do. Refreshments will be served at approx. 4.15pm. The closing worship at 5.00pm. will include the final of the Bible Quiz and Mr. Connelly will present the awards.

We do hope that parents and friends of the Church will come along and support our children and make this a very happy occasion.

OLIVE BUSHBY

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17th October: The BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL RALLY at St. PAUL'S Church Hall, Richmond Road, at 3.00pm. Speaker: Miss Phylliss Gilbert

INDUSTRIAL WEEKEND at Durrington Community Centre.

11.00am. Opening Ceremony by the President of the Worthing Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Bob West.

11.30am. An OPEN FORUM chaired by the Chairman of the Industrial Year, Brendan Gold (District Secretary of the T&GWU), supported by Mr. K.C.R. Mercer (Vice Principal, Worthing College of Technology) and Rev. John Devereaux (Industrial Chaplain).

The Industrial Exhibition will be open from 11.00am to 4.30pm and on Sunday before and after the Service at 10.30am.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

GRAND BONANZA

Every issue of the Chronicle, year after year, includes grateful thanks for the caring work of our Girls' Brigade. Many of you have experienced it, but in different ways. I asked if they would tell me just how many ways their caring took shape and this is what I was told:

Christmas & Easter Gifts and cards from camp to:-

- a) all housebound and elderly of the Church.
- b) children of THE WILLOWS - the handicapped unit of WEST PARK SCHOOL.
- c) the folk of the BLIND HOME, Belsize Road.
- d) four wards at SWANDEAN HOSPITAL.
- e) ST. BRIDGET'S CHESHIRE HOME, East Preston.

Cards all the year round to:-

Sick, Bereaved, Special Anniversaries, Birthdays of 90 years and over, Baptisms, Weddings, Church Memberships, Etc.

Regular Money to:-

Action Aid in support of our adopted Indian Girl.
Bible A Month club - to provide 1 Bible every month to someone in the Third World.
Money and used STAMPS to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Gifts to the Church over the last 10 years:

Hearing Aid System and Microphones	£1000
Cushions	£85
Kneelers for Chapel.	£40
Curtains for Harris Room	£60

Decorated Ladies Cloakroom, Minister's Vestry; replaced curtains and easy chair, Continuing care and upkeep of the church garden, continuing care of the minister's supply of tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, etc., for the vestry.

So not only do they care for us and other people, but they care for the fabric of their Church. I think you will agree that this is more than any of us realised. Naturally, all this takes money, in addition to annual Brigade fees of £250, and funds are running low. To help build up funds, Captain Webb conceived the idea of running a major fund raising event in which parents and you, the Church Members, could help. She also felt it would be necessary to enlist the public as much as possible. Hence the decision to hold the event in bigger and more accessible premises than our own hall - the DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (at the top of Tesco's Car Park).

Jean's objective is £1000 and I am confident we can reach it. Parents have been active all the summer making and gathering goods. Now it is your turn. Please show how much you appreciate their care for you by coming along and supporting them at 2.00pm on Saturday 11th October. Don't let the girls down - make a note NOW to come yourself and tell and bring as many people as you can. If you care but cannot be there, Jean would be pleased to receive goods or donations.

TED FOOTT

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

In the August issue we promised more details of the Mission Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th October, so here they are.

Admission will be free and the event will start at 10.00am and end about noon. The S. U. M. Fellowship (to whom the proceeds are being donated) are sending their regional Representative, Anthony Trigg, who will give an illustrated talk on the Fellowship's work in the Sudan. This Country, particularly the Christian south, is stricken by famine and civil war and needs all the help we can muster.

To this end we shall be manning Bring & Buy and Cake Stalls, so when you come, please bear this in mind.

SIDNEY HIDER

ORDINATION OF WOMEN

The first person to be commissioned to announce Christ's Resurrection was a woman. (John 20 v17).

The first woman to be ordained in Britain was a congregationalist who was a fellow-student of mine at Oxford. She was the Rev. Constance COLTMAN M.A., B.D., who held a joint pastorate with her husband Claud from 1917 until retirement round about 1965. They served in England until 1949 after which they spent several years in the U. S. A.

We met again at the West Sussex Assemblies.

DORA E. BULSTRODE

CHURCH CALENDAR—OCTOBER 1986**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

MONDAYS	17.00h	Anchor Boys
	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.45h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	08.00h	Men's Prayer Fellowship
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

2nd Thursday	10.30h	Contact Group at the Church
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
5th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
6th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship—OPEN MEETING - Rev. Outlaw from the Leprosy Mission
7th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Desert Island Discs—Members' Afternoon
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship—Christian Publishing Organisation— Mr. John Milne
9th Thursday	10.00h	Contact Bible Study at 26 Raleigh Cres.
	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
11th Saturday	14.00h	Girls' Brigade GRAND BONANZA at Durrington Community Centre
12th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
14th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
16th Thursday	10.30h	Contact Prayer Group at 35 Taw Close
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
19th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
20th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship— Mr. Brennand— a collection of spoons
21st Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild Anniversary - Mrs. Elsie W. Flack
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Joint with Women's Guild
23rd Thursday	10.30h	Contact Bible Study at 26 Raleigh Cres.
	19.30h	Elders Meeting
26th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
28th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
29th Wednesday	10.00h	Missionary Prayer Meeting
30th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING

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**"GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode."**

The presence of God's Glory in the Church has been the experience of many of His people during these days of Autumn. A thanksgiving for the building of the Church twenty five years ago with a word to encourage, cheer and inspire us from the Rev. Cyril Franks. A notable celebration in the musical "From Pharaoh to Freedom" in which great fellowship and joy was experienced by people of all ages. Harvest Festival with thanksgiving for the many souls in whom the grace of God has been active in salvation through the years.



And NOW? Well, the young people's work in all its departments, together with the Guilds and Bible Studies for us all, is in full swing. A newly formed Men's Prayer Fellowship has made an encouraging start at 8.00am on Saturday Mornings. A Question: Are you enjoying a full and enriching part in these activities or do you think that some of us are being left out for want of encouragement?

I shall be more than glad to hear from YOU on this or any other subject and help you from the fringe into the heart of the Church, and God is at the heart!

The invitation to join more fully in the life of Christ's Church is from the Lord Himself. Make your response to Him and may glorious things ever be spoken of Christ's Church in earth and heaven.

Yours, with every blessing.

William Connelly

A MEDITATION

Inquire often, but judge rarely and thou wilt not often be mistaken.

It is safer to learn than to teach; and who conceals his opinion has nothing to answer for.

Speak properly and in few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood.

Sense never fails to give them that have it words enough to make them understood.

WILLIAM PENN

Give me my scallopshell of quiet,

My staff of faith to walk upon,

My scrip of joy, immortal diet,

My bottle of salvation,

My gown of glory, hopes true gage;

And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Kerry Victoria GILL 28.9.86

MARRIAGE

John Chong Khin CHANG
to 9.10.96
Linda Francis Breach

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Victor BARLOW 17.9.86

Elsie SHEENE 26.9.86

Beatrice COX 26.9.86

'In His presence is fulness of joy'.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: remember Hilda HELE, Hilda LOWMAN, Daphne DAVIS, Bert GREWCOCK, Dorothy COZENS-WALKER, Bert SHEENE and all those who are ill at home or in hospital. Please do not hesitate to send requests for visits, prayers and Holy Communion at home to the Minister or to Mr. Fred MARSH.

The Prayer Book in the Little Chapel is always available for your use.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meeting on September 23rd, addressed by Mr. George Pixley from BBC Radio Sussex was both educating and interesting. Only a few of our members were regular listeners. We soon realised the complex problems of catering for a large variety of tastes, even in so small an area as Sussex, particularly when finance is limited. Furnished with a pamphlet giving details of programmes and a tuning guide, many of us will undoubtedly be trying out Radio Sussex programmes in the weeks ahead.

We enjoy our 'Members' afternoons if for no other reason than that we get to know each other better. On October 6th eight friends shared their favourite records and tapes with us. An afternoon of considerable variety was provided. We interrupted our programme for a few minutes, appropriately after a record in which three small children sang most sweetly, to hear from Mrs. Margaret Sellers regarding her work in teaching deaf children. We have decided that this year the funds from our stall shall be donated towards providing a special hearing aid for helping a tiny deaf boy, under school age, to be able to listen and respond to the sounds around him.

BERYL STUTTER

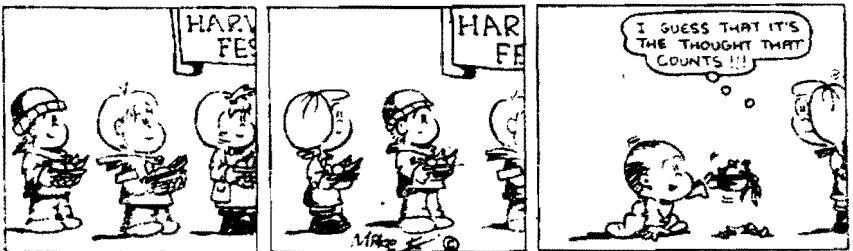
MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

we have two meetings in November, first on the 3rd, a Members' Evening and Bring and Buy Sale and the second on the 17th, when Mrs. Turner will show us her slides of her holiday in Mexico; to this latter meeting we invite anyone in the Church who would like to know more about that far away country.

November, not a month we look forward to with its short days, which are in the latter part usually wet and misty. It does not seem possible that it can soon be here, as at the moment we are getting such lovely, sunny, mild days, the gardens are full of roses and the Michaelmas Daisies are only just in full bloom and are worth a longer look at; find time to "stand and stare". Some are little and star-like, some are twice that width and usually on taller plants and they attract the bees and a few late butterflies.

Looking forward to meeting you, perhaps there are one or two ladies in the Church who would like to join us, come and see me for a programme and a welcome.

AUDREY STEWART



MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

2nd Miss Dudley
9th Miss Mannix & Mrs. Green
16th Boys' Brigade
23rd Mrs. Ross
30th Mrs. Turner

FLOWER FUND

Grateful thanks for £7 received during September. The continued support is greatly appreciated as flowers do not get any cheaper.

HARVEST AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

What a happy atmosphere pertained throughout the preparations and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ was everywhere. Shall we try it again? 108 Harvest gifts were prepared and distributed and 60 pieces of the celebration cake. Sincere thanks to all who helped to prepare, dismantle and distribute on this occasion. Nice to have Mr. Lewis share with us.

DOROTHY TURNER

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE**CAMP 1986**

The Girls' Brigade camp to Woodford Green in Essex was a very special camp for me. It was my seventh camp and unless I go to camp again as an officer, my final camp.

The theme of the camp was "Love" and there certainly was a lot of it. Even Rebecca, the youngest at six years old and Lt. Norris's grand-daughter, said it was like "One big family". My favourite part of the week was on Wednesday when we visited the Guide Dog training Centre at Woodford Bridge. We were all wearing Guide Dog T-shirts bought specially for the visit. Whilst we were there we visited the kennels, saw two films on training guide dogs and were given a talk by the blind representative and money raiser for that area, Mr. Don Liddell. It is his job to raise £900,000 each year for that area alone, just to keep that one centre going. After the talk we were given the chance to meet Don and his guide dog Juno. It was a wonderful day and a wonderful camp. Thank you everyone who made it possible.

TERESA KINGSTON

(Brigader)

Girls' Brigade (continued)

As I write this piece for the Chronicle, at the end of the day of the GRAND BONANZA, I find I'm almost lost for words!

£1066.30 is now safely tucked away in the bank and in due course it will be used to help a good many folk. Some will go to our Guide Dog for the Blind, some to Action Aid to help Santhi, our Indian girl, some to our Church and the rest into Company funds to help us to continue the work we do amongst the girls and also to enable us to keep our "love and care" scheme growing.

The link between the Company and the housebound and elderly is such a joy to all of us and we know it is a joy to them also. Long may we be able to continue to 'love and care' for so many.

It has been such a happy day, one of tremendous team work. Thank you everyone for everything.

Alison Brunton and Sharon Armes have now begun their Officer Training and four Brigaders will be going to Seaford shortly for a leadership training week-end. Do please remember these girls in your prayers.

Our next major event is our Display and Awards Evening on Saturday, December 6th, at 7pm at West Park School. See you there!

We rejoice in having Doreen Norris back amongst us again after her recent spell in hospital and thank God for His many blessings.

May He bless all of you.

JEAN WEBB



TRAVEL

SCOTLAND FOR AYE!

HOLIDAY NOTE - The contrasts of Scotland.

On our holidays in the Highlands, my wife and I usually attend the little Parish Church of Contin, about seven miles from where we stay in Maryburgh. This year we were fortunate to arrive in time for

their Flower Festival, the theme being 'The Majesty of God in all Creation'. The hymns and praise were also appropriate to the occasion. The beautiful floral arrangements on some pews and in various locations around the Church was most impressive. On the Saturday, the invitation to view the floral display and join in having refreshments raised £240 for transmission expenses (removal expenses) for a new minister. We were able to hear the new minister Rev. Ostler, MA., preach on Sunday morning, when he gave a most effective address and a talk to the children. The little News Letter produced by the Contin Church had some interesting facts and information; and I would quote the following since the statements contain so much Christian Love and Belief.

Included were an extract from a Tennessee Parish Magazine. "Let us be first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, to smile first, to speak first and, if such a thing is necessary, to forgive first" and the prayer of Sir Francis Drake "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 is thoroughly finished, which yeildeth the true glory; through him that for the finishing of Thy work laid down His life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen".

Then when we traversed south to Melrose for a week in the Border Territory, we were very close to the area which was the haunt of Sir Walter Scott. Here the scenery is lush and mellow with vegetation to the hilltops of Eildon, not like the rugged and awesome splendour of the Highlands which are so majestic. At the time of the year, the heather added a delightful colour variation to the mountain slopes. But, part of the interest in the borders lay in the enthralling spectacle of the Abbey and Cathedral ruins and the history attached to each. So much to enjoy and if you possess Scottish ancestors, what a wealth of history to explore.

FRAZER FINLAY

"FROM PHARAOH TO " or
 "WILL WE EVER BE READY ??"



Uncle Bill drove to the Church,
 Having mislaid his pen,
 He entered, encountered and eventually cried:
 "Oh no.. Not again!"

For there was Saskia swinging from lights,
 Tacy giving a sigh,
 An unsteady Julian hanging up cloth
 Like a bearded angel on high!!

Chris Brown was handy hammering nails,
 Paul Rush was blasting our ears,
 Andy was frenziedly practising scales -
 And I was nearly in tears!

Niall looked on in obliging concern,
 Irene turned up to pray,
 Amanda was ill, Chris nearly nil -
 Well they would go to the U.S. of A!

The Choir turned up clad in blankets and sheets,
 "It looks like we're going to bed!"
 The man himself, Chris Byerley, had
 A bedspread on his head!

The characters slapped on their make-up and cried
 "Don't forget your red dots!"
 Lucy struggled hard with her gruesome nails,
 Almost tying herself in knots.

The choir were all SO sure of their moves
 The altos with hidden faces,
 Spirited, if bouncy, Sopranos and Tenors
 And even the ponderous Basses.

The "Orchestra Ensemble"...er -"band" were tuned,
 And in black and white dressed well.
 Bill Lewis, complete with accent, said,
 "I sure hope all is swell."-y'all!

As it was, but still there were some worries,
But only, I add, one or two,
Like Richard wishing Irene would not "jump"
so much,
And would David remember his cue!

But we did put our mark on the 25th year,
Praising God and showing love for our brother,
We learnt much from success and failure too!
"And now Uncle Bill, another?..."

ALISON GERRISH

YES!

YES!!

W.C.

WOMEN'S CONTACT GROUP

It was lovely to welcome new faces to our October Meeting at the Church and we look forward to making some more new friends at our next meeting there on November 6th at 10.15am. We shall be continuing our study of the 'Armour of God', so do please come and join us and find out what exciting things the Lord is teaching us.

We all had a feast of an evening for our American Supper; many thanks to Chris and Shirley for opening up their home to us.

On November 5th, between 4pm and 6pm we shall be having a Bonfire Party for the younger children - sparklers only, no bangers (only edible ones!). This will be at Liz's home, at 15 Marlborough Road. There will be a charge per child, to include food, so please let either one of us know if you would like to come, so that we know roughly how many to cater for.

Our other meetings are detailed in the Church Calendar, but please contact Julie (W.501949) or Liz (W.504359) if you have any queries.

LIZ STILWELL & JULIE WARD

MISSION PRAISE (MP)

It is now two years since Mission Praise was introduced into our Church - principally (but not only) for use at our evening services of praise. During those 104 weeks 108 different songs have been sung, some several times over. There are many more yet to learn and enjoy but those sung most often were:-

28 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

238 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

222 The King is among us

170 O Holy Spirit breathe on me

137 Let there be love shared among us.

The words of these first lines seem to say something to me - do they to you?

RON JORDAN

The Nearness of GOD

A little boy was flying his kite on a windy day, when huge billowing clouds were scurrying across the sky. The kite went up until it was hidden by the clouds. "What are you doing?" asked a man who was passing by. "I'm flying my kite" replied the boy. "Oh, I can't see it. How can you be sure it's still there?" queried the man. "I can't see it, but every so often I feel a tug, so I know for sure it's still there".

That's how it is with God. Find Him for yourself. When you feel the tug of God on your heartstrings, you'll know FOR SURE, He is there.

With LOVE

A little girl had this problem - what birthday present should she give to her father, who was an author? Eventually she decided to give him a Bible, but what should she write inside the front cover? She couldn't ask her father, so she looked inside some of his collection of books to see what others had written.

On his birthday, her father received his Bible and was astonished to read inside:

"To dear Daddy, with the author's compliments".

(Submitted by EMJ)

WELCOME TO OLD FRIENDS

THE INDUCTION OF REV. NOEL SHEPHERD M.A. AT LITTLEHAMPTON UNITED CHURCH, SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 1986.

On arriving at Littlehampton United Church, we were ushered into a packed congregation, and it was with a sense of anticipation and a feeling that it was a privilege to be present, that we sat and waited for the service to commence.

Cyril Franks, our dear friend and Moderator Elect of the U.R.C. presided during the service and although we didn't recognise many faces around us, we felt that we were surrounded by friends.

The Act of Induction was very moving and Noel made his promises so earnestly and sincerely, that we felt that here was, indeed, a man of God, and that he would add richly to the Christian community in this area. The Charge to the Minister and the Churches was given by The Rev. Dr. Gordon Wakefield, Principal of The Queen's College, Birmingham, and it was interesting to note that his College is the only Theological College which professes to be truly Ecumenical in its training programme. His message was direct and challenging. The Choir sang "Here beauty dwells and holiness" by Eric Thiman and this set the tone of the whole service.

After worship we were invited to join the throng for tea in the Hall. Here we were shoulder to shoulder with friends of Ann and Noel from Sanderstead, Trowbridge and Birmingham. It was delightful for my sister Jane and myself to meet up again with Ann who is an old friend going back to our Junior Church days in Mill Hill, many years ago. We were glad to be among those representing Goring on this memorable occasion.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE

Editor's note: Littlehampton United Church is now a joint Methodist/U.R.C. venture where the Ministers alternately come from the two sponsoring Churches. Rev. Noel Shepherd replaces a Methodist.



On my joining the B.B. many years ago, I was told to memorize the following Bible passages taken from Ecclesiastes 12 vi and Proverbs 3 v6.

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths". I pass on these words to the boys who have decided to leave the Company. We wish them God's blessing for the future. I am just sorry that it would appear to be my fault for their decision. Anyway, enough said and rest assured the rest of us will struggle on with a little more loyalty, enthusiasm and a lot of God's help. Thank you very much to those of you offering various forms of help, it is very encouraging at this particular time. Thank you to Bob Read who, despite having a small company of boys of his own, comes along to help in Juniors when his duties permit. Did you spot the undeliberate mistake in the B.B. report for October? Actually, Frazer Finlay soon spotted it, which proves that at least one person reads our reports. Yes, the mistake was the date of the Jumble Sale being put in as the 19th and not the correct date of the 29th. We do hope that you will all come along to our events during our B.B. fund raising week efforts. The events being the Bazaar and Coffee Morning at 10.30am on Saturday 22nd November and a Jumble Sale at 2.30pm on Saturday 29th November. For the Bazaar we would appreciate any items you would care to spare for the various stalls. There will be Bring & Buy, Cakes, Books, Foreign Stamps & Albums, Bric-a-Brac, Jams, Trinkets, etc., etc. For the Jumble Sale we would be pleased to empty your loft or garage. Please ring 43787 if you would like me to collect anything at virtually any time. Thank you again. Please keep praying.

DONALD STEWART

Our first meeting opened with John Blackwood in the chair. Prayers were said by our minister and a silent tribute paid to the memory of George Latimer.

In "Memories of the Past", we heard how Ron Christopher was arrested when lost on a sight seeing tour of Jerusalem, taken to a fort and his eventual release.

Alec Head spoke of his experience in the Import/Export business, especially on the problems of Christmas goods arriving on Christmas Eve.

Bert Groves spoke about the life of a page boy amid the notables of the Carlton Club.

Ron Hurt witnessed Lloyd George and Winston Churchill carrying the casket to the Unknown Warrior's tomb.

Fred Telling recalled the shelling of a submarine off Beirut in the Lebanon.

Our second afternoon meeting had to be cancelled due to our early evening visit to the Swandean Telephone Exchange and Museum on the same day. We saw hand sets from 1901 to 1986, along with other outdated items. Finally a tour of the exchange, seeing the many operators at switchboards and how emergency calls are handled with the latest computerised equipment. The conducted tour along with refreshments covered two and a half hours. We thanked the Telecom Officials for giving up their leisure time for this tour of the exchange.

BERT GROVES

ADVERTISEMENTS

A HEATING ENGINEER and a PLAYGROUP have approached the Minister to advertise in the Chronicle. As it has been previously discussed in the Church Meeting and decided that the Chronicle will not carry commercial advertisements, we cannot oblige. However, if anyone is interested in either of the above undertakings, please contact Mr. Connolly.

I should like to thank most sincerely all my good friends and 'family' in the Church for their prayers, good wishes, visits and cards during my recent stay in hospital. Thank you to the Minister for his visit, to Mrs. Turner for the flowers, but my gratitude goes out most to my dear Girls' Brigade Colleagues for their love, care and very practical help and support throughout the time of my operation and my subsequent convalescence. God bless you all.

DOREEN NORRIS

I wish to thank the Church for the kind gifts from the Harvest Festival and the 25th Anniversary Cake; also the card from the Girls' Brigade in camp.

DOROTHY HEDGCOMBE

I would like to say to you all how much I appreciate your kindness in sending me a 'little token' of the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 27th September. I also thought a great deal at the time of the 25th Anniversary Thanksgiving the previous Sunday. I still read from time to time, the booklet "Twixt Downs and the Sea" which was a history of our Church from 1940 to 1961. I was welcomed into the fellowship on Nov.1st,1962. That's a long time ago, but it is very nostalgic to re-read the history and look at the 1986 Handbook to find that I only know a very, very few of our present congregation. It was a traumatic experience in 1972 when my career ended abruptly (and painfully) for health reasons; even so, looking back I realise and accept that one can still be a 'busy' Christian even if one cannot lead the active life one had envisaged! Thank you all for your faithful remembrances.

JOAN CATT

**EDUCATION****RELIGION****CURRENT AFFAIRS****A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**

I wonder how many books our Pastor has in his library? On average a UK Pastor has 700 and in the USA, 1500.

But an Indian Pastor's average is 8 to 14 in his own language, so few being available. He has NOT ONE good Bible Commentary or Dictionary.

Now "Pillar Projects" is set up as a ministry and fund under the auspices of Operation Mobilisation. Bible Study material is urgently needed for Pastors speaking Hindi, Bengali, Kanarese, Gujarati and Oriya. Hindi is the world's most widely spoken language, (after Chinese and English) and Bengali the 5th.

Teachers fluent in their own languages and English will do the translating. Indian Church Leaders are really excited at the prospect. Work has started or is pending on a Bible Commentary, Bible Handbook, "Christian Basics" series and "100 Bible Studies". The potential market is amongst the poorer and small town Pastors, so the books need heavy subsidy.

Although Pillar Projects deals primarily with NON-English language material, many Pastors know English and would value good study books. In co-operation with LION/IVP, Pillar Projects can obtain New Bible Commentary, New Bible Dictionary and Lion Handbook for £15 (UK retail price - £56.85).

Several hundred Pastors and Bible students are already known to want a set. So any small Groups in our Church and beyond, looking for a small project - here's your opportunity to achieve a great deal for just £15!

More information from:- Pillar Projects, P.O. Box 9, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1PS (Tel: 01 464 9817).

And I have some brochures.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

CHURCH CALENDAR—NOVEMBER 1986**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

MONDAYS	17.00h Anchor Boys 18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h Girls' Brigade
FRIDAYS:	19.00h Boys' Brigade 19.30h Choir Practice 20.00h Men's Prayer Fellowship 20.45h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	08.00h Men's Prayer Fellowship 19.00h Youth Club
SUNDAYS:	09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

2nd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion 11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion 18.30h Divine Worship
3rd Monday	20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship—BRING & BUY SALE - Members Evening
4th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - History of Bosham Mrs. Bromley Martin 14.45h Men's Fellowship—'Putting Down' Mr. F. Telling (Road making)
6th Thursday	10.15h Contact Group at the Church
9th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion 11.00h Remembrance Day Service 18.30h Divine Worship
11th Tuesday	14.30h Bible Study at 12 West Park Lane 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
13th Thursday	10.00h Contact Bible Study at 26 Raleigh Cres. 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
16th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion 11.00h Divine Worship (Rev.R.Christopher) 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing

- 17th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship-
Mrs. Turner on her holiday in Mexico
- 18th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - The National
Children's Homes - Mr. K. E. Wright
14.45h Men's Fellowship - Illustrated talk
on Venice- Mr. Stringer
- 20th Thursday 19.30h Elders Meeting
- 22nd Saturday 10.30h B.B. Bazaar & Coffee Morning
- 23rd Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Divine Worship
- 25th Tuesday 14.30h Bible Study at 12 West Park Lane
20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
- 26th Wednesday 14.30h Missionary Prayer Meeting
- 27th Thursday 10.00h Contact Bible Study at 26 Raleigh Cres.
14.30h Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
19.30h CHURCH MEETING
- 29th Saturday 14.30h B.B. Jumble Sale
- 30th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Divine Worship

COVENANT CORNER

Having recently stepped down as Covenant Secretary, may I thank all those who have been willing to covenant their giving to the Church. I have been greatly blessed in this role and pray that Mr. A. Morgan will also find blessing and fulfilment as he seeks to serve our Lord in this new way.

The Bible exhorts us to encourage one another. May I therefore appeal to those who do not as yet covenant their giving. Please encourage Mr. Morgan and increase the income of the Church by joining the covenant scheme. It is simple, flexible and painless. To every £100 covenanted the Inland Revenue adds almost £41. It's that good!

RICHARD TULEY

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

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"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger. . . " LUKE 2:7



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FROM THE VESTRY

"How many days to Christmas?
 How many miles to Bethlehem?
 The gifts to prepare are Love, Peace and Joy,
 To give to each girl and give to each boy,
 For every day is Christmas,
 Here every day is Bethlehem."

One of the mysteries of Advent and Christmas lies in our need to be made immediately aware of that which is and is yet to be. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." Christmas is a celebration of the incarnation which is here and now, yet still to come. Perhaps Charles Dickens understood the mystery, when following Scrooge's awakening he writes of his new life.



"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present and in the Future". Now Dickens was no theologian and his somewhat simplistic view of Sin and Redemption will not do for us...but his picture still holds. Those in whom Christ is borne are joined to the purposes of God since before time began; in Him they may live with confidence and hope all their days. Through Him the eternal Victory is secured.

"And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
 John 1 v14.

"For whatever is borne of God overcommeth the

world" 1John 5 v4.

In this spirit, let us enter into the happiness and holiness of Christmas.

Yours with every blessing and love.

William Connelly

A MEDITATION

'Where the heart of the Father beats strongly in Christ's love toward His home, He is then the Head. Wife, Children rejoice in His care and affection and Christ is glorified.'

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'To re-introduce the practice of prayer in the home, at table; in giving thanks, at the beginning and the ending of the day would be the beginning of new life in many a home. Surely Jesus Himself first prayed with Joseph and Mary in their home in Nazareth. May Nazareth's holy prayers be heard again in your house.'

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(From the Minister's recent sermons .. by request.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Gavin David READ

26.10.1986

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ann VERRECK

9.10.1986

"Rest in the Lord"

Yvonne Jean DAVIS

10.10.1986

"Many daughters have done virtuously
but thou excellest them all"

Raymond SELLARS

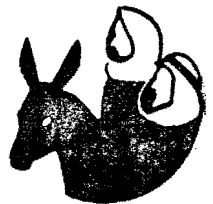
14.10.1986

"many waters cannot quench love"

Hilda HELE

28.10.1986

"whose leaf also shall not wither"



Friends may be interested to know that the texts given in these In Memoriam Notes are the ones from which the Minister spoke at the funeral service.

We extend our love and sympathy to all who are bereaved.... do please remember that the Book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel is kept up to date and the pages turned every day. Hilary Redman keeps the book as a service in beauty and love.

The Ministry of Healing embraces all who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing home. The Prayer Book in the Little Chapel is for our use in inserting the names of the sick and as a guide to our prayers of intercession. Please continue your use of the book in reverence and hope.

REMEMBER Bill West, whose son has died so suddenly in the far east. May God bless the family and friends of Brian, called to be with his Lord. Bill has travelled to California to bewith his family for the funeral service and will remain there for a few months.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear Friends,

I was deeply touched by the generosity of your gift in appreciation of my service as Secretary for the past nine years, which was presented to me by Simon Craghill on your behalf at the October Church Meeting. I did not expect any such gesture, nor did I recognise as myself, the paragon of virtue and excellence very generously portrayed by the Minister before the presentation. Thank you all very much.

It has been a privilege and sometimes a pleasure to have served the Church as its Secretary. My decision not to stand for re-election this year was not motivated entirely by selfish reasons. I think it is time for a change in the best interests of the Church.

I continue to serve in this capacity until a replacement is appointed and I wish to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted and supported me in my task in so many ways over the past nine years.

It is my hope that my successor will be blessed as I have been by the support and friendship I have experienced.

RAY NEWELL

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for all your collective and individual prayers to God, for visits and gifts from so many members. I can never repay the kindness given to me after a succession of accidents and four months in hospital and three operations. I am glad to tell you that I am now on the road to recovery. But of more importance, which I wish to share with you, came early one morning, when Jesus Christ came and took me into His kingdom in spite of the anger and rage of Satan's minions; I was born again and ever since have experienced the peace of God, harmony and joy, God be praised! I am now a new man and have forsaken man's world for that of Jesus Christ. It was and is a gift, never earned and never deserved. Jesus Christ is now my Saviour and Redeemer. He is my Lord.

BERT GREWCOCK

We all wish to thank Mr. Connelly, the Girls' Brigade and the entire congregation for the lovely Christening Service, with gifts, flowers, prayers and welcome into the Church family for our new son, Gavin David.

EVELYN AND BOB READ AND FAMILY

On behalf of all the Davis family Warwick and Carole would just like to thank everyone who upheld them with their prayers and love during the months of Warwick's Mum's illness and following her death.

There are not enough words to express how we were sustained by love during this time and we can only thank God daily for the fellowship of the Church and the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

WARWICK & CAROLE DAVIS



Peace
on Earth

How beautiful our Church looked for our Harvest Festival. We know that Dorothy had Nora Groves and Carol Webber as helpers - there may have been many others - but to all of them, our thanks. What a wonderful idea to combine Harvest with the 25th Anniversary of the Church building, for as our Minister said 'not only crops but people are there for the harvesting'. How many souls have been safely gathered in over the twentyfive years of Ministry in our Church? We take for granted the labour of love that goes into the arranging of flowers - not only on special occasions - but week by week. Grateful thanks Dorothy, to you and those who assist you, for the joy that the congregation receive Sunday by Sunday in the Ministry of Flowers.



I would like to thank all who had a share in the most generous gift handed to me by our Minister at the Church Meeting in October on the occasion of my retiring from the Associate Ministry in the seventh year of that association, which has been a very happy one. Mr. Connolly has always been encouraging (and there have been times when I needed that encouragement) in the Outreach at Durrington and in the founding and continuance of the Durrington Community Centre Church. I have been asked to continue to serve on the Steering Committee of that Church and to take my share in bringing about the creation of a Local Ecumenical Project for Durrington.

At Goring I continue to serve as an Elder. I shall continue to represent the Free Church Federal Council on the West Sussex Education Committee. I am relinquishing the chairmanship of the Provincial Church and Society Committee. I hope to continue to serve the churches in the conduct of Worship including Goring and Durrington. Once again, thank you for the tokens of affection and appreciation. It has certainly been a bonus ministry. God be praised!

Elsbeth and I send you all our greetings for the Christmas Season. May God's blessing be on all our homes with the Christ Child in the midst.

RON CHRISTOPHER

What a lovely surprise I had when I was sent some flowers from the Harvest Festival. Thank you all very much. I'm sorry that I haven't written before, but what with my moving to a bungalow and decorators in, I couldn't find a chair to sit on or paper to write on. So please forgive me. Many thanks, God bless.

ELSIE MORGAN

WOMEN'S GUILD



WOMEN'S GUILD ANNIVERSARY October 21st.

Dates!...could you remember them when you were at school? Probably not, but we all have our special dates, our anniversaries, that we do remember. October marks the Women's Guild Anniversary and it is a date we look forward to with much happiness. It brings friends from other organisations in our own church and from other churches. There were members from Sompting, St. Columba's and Petworth U.R.Cs, from Littlehampton United Church, from Bury Drive Methodist, St. Mary's C.O.E. and St. Richard's C.O.E., many of whom were friends we had welcomed for many years and with whom we have shared happy fellowship in their churches. It is this exchange of ideas that is so very valuable in the life of any church.

No church anniversary of any kind is complete without its minister and we not only had Bill Connelly with us but we were happy to welcome William Lewis also.

Mrs. Elsie Flack, whose husband has just retired from the Hounsom Memorial Church was at last able to be our speaker, a pleasure we had looked forward to for some years.

The two readings she chose on which to base her talk were 1 Kings 17 vv8-17 and John 4 vv1-14 showing that from the little we have, God can make much, if only we trust Him and leave room for Him in our lives. Through her talk, we were led to look at ourselves with all our faults and weaknesses, as if one by one they were dropped into a glass until nearly full, leaving little

space for God. The two songs she sang to her guitar added to her message such reverence and prayer that we have much to remember.

After the service over 100 sat down to tea provided by the committee and the members, during which our President, Mrs. Marsh, announced the collection for St. Barnabas had amounted to £65.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

OLD BOSHAM

We were invited to look back into history at the first meeting in November when Mrs. Bromley-Martin came to give us an illustrated talk on "Old Bosham".

She told of historical finds in the village, including a flint tool of the neolithic age, a Roman Head in stone and a Roman gaming marble, found when a new kitchen floor was being laid - all found at different times over the years.

She told of the great fishing industry, especially shrimping, at one period and a very flourishing milling period, when Bosham ranked one of the highest in the land.

In past years also, the harbour was much larger and very busy with trading ships entering and leaving.

The Church has a long and very interesting history, especially for Saxon King Canute and his daughter who was buried in the Church.

Mrs. Bromley-Martin stimulated our interest in wanting to visit this lovely old village of Bosham as it is today and compare it with the historical pictures she showed us for which we are indebted to her.

KATHLEEN FLORY

Our meeting of 4th Nov., started late because several of our members were attending the funeral of our dear friend Hilda Hele. We shall miss her very much as she was for so many years our jolly stall lady, with a smile and a cheery word for her customers.

But we know that she is now free from all her aches and pains and safe with her Saviour.

JEAN MARSH

FINANCE - AUDIT

TREASURER'S NOTES

Our Auditors, Mr. N. F. Redman and Mr. T. Plank, would again like to make an early start auditing the Church Accounts. Would Treasurers of all organisations please ensure that their accounts are available by Sunday 18th January 1987. The account books should be placed in the Elders vestry and collected from there when the audit is completed.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY



SYNOD REPORT



Because our accredited representatives to Synod were unable to attend the last meeting, I undertook this role and in company with Rev. Ron Christopher travelled to Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks on Saturday 25th October 1986, to attend a meeting of Synod.

The meeting commenced at 11.00am with a short service, followed by the usual formalities of approving the minutes of the previous meeting, etc.

Then followed an address by Mr. Roy Heritage, moderator of the General Assembly, under the title "To Minister and Administer". This was a most interesting talk about his recent visit to Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the southern part of China (Canton).

He told us about the repressive regime in Korea, which allows no freedom of protest to members of the Churches, which had been split by new members "planted" by the new authorities. This developed to the stage where the 'planted element disrupted worship to the extent that the true fellowship was prevented from gaining access to the Church and has, since 1983, been meeting and worshipping outside the Police Station because it has been unable to gain entry to the Church building.

A similar kind of repression affects the Church in Taiwan. Any protests are regarded as being communist inspired. Leaders have been arrested and some brutally murdered.

In Hong Kong his impression was of a Church which was self satisfied and apathetic, whereas in Southern China, where he talked with Christian Ministers and people who are just beginning to move back into their own buildings, following the evacuation by their users during the Cultural Revolution. There is abject poverty, but the Churches are self governing and self supporting.

Following the reception of new Ministers, guests and tributes to Ministers Emeriti, Mrs. Pamela Pavitt spoke about her embroidery panels (some of which are illustrated in the U.R.C. book "Leaves from the tree of peace" - £2.50) on the theme "Towards Peace", which were on show in the hall.

The panels are designed to be used as focal points in meditation and have been warmly received and widely acclaimed.

The morning session ended with a welcome from the Headmistress of Walthamstow Hall Girls' School (Mrs. J.S. Lang, M.A.).

The afternoon session opened with an impassioned address on unemployment by the Rev. Douglas W.J. Bale, B.A., (City Church & Urban Chaplain, Cardiff).

Alan and Sheila Cruchley of Carshalton introduced in humorous verse the subject of a meeting for Youth Leaders on the theme "We're in this Together" to be held at East Croydon U.R.C. on 28th March, 1987 from 10.00am. until 5.00pm.

The Finance & Administration Dept. introduced through Mr. John F. Ford, FRIBA., Provincial Architectural Advisor, a paper proposing the setting up of a scheme for quinquennial surveys of church buildings and halls. The programme of reviews will be drawn up from suggested lists supplied by District Councils. I asked whether the scheme was mandatory and was told that it was not so intended. A subsequent speaker considered it essential to make it mandatory. I made the point that whilst I applauded the motives behind the scheme which is to preserve our buildings, I suggested that it be borne in mind that many urban churches have professional people with appropriate qualifications who would be prepared to perform survey work at no, or cheaper cost, than "imported" specialists.

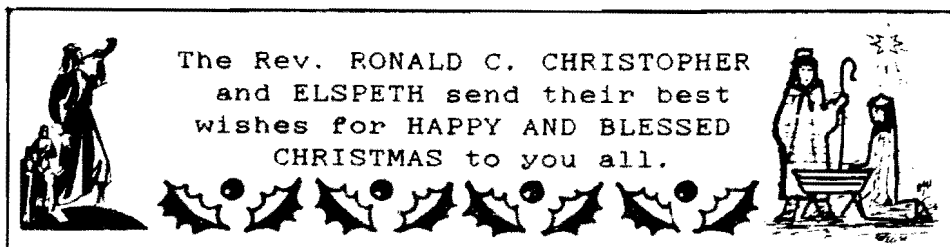
The daughter of our District Council Chairman, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Welch, B.D., addressed Synod on the Milton Keynes appeal to be launched throughout the denomination. This was a lively, humorous, but very sincere and moving address, high-lighting the need for a good deal of finance to provide buildings for ecumenical use in Milton Keynes, whose modern planning sadly neglected the need for buildings to be used as churches.

The President of the North Normandie Region of the Reformed Church of France (Monsieur le Pasteur Jean Arnold de Clermont) spoke in the most fluent English about the present position regarding Ministry in their Church.

Finally, the Moderator introduced "Growth for their Sake" an evangelic project which the Province under the leadership of its moderator is to enter into. You will hear more about this in the very near future.

Thus, after a cup of tea and a biscuit, ended a full and enjoyable day of fellowship meeting many old friends and acquaintances and exchanging news was an added bonus. Beryl Chatfield was one such who asked to be remembered to you all.

RAY NEWELL





The first African country to receive the Gospel was The Sudan. "Oh no," you say - "it was Ethiopia, taken by the Ethiopian eunuch after he met Philip". The answer is that that part of Ethiopia is now part of Southern Sudan.

We learned this at The Sudan United Mission Fellowship coffee morning held at the Church on 25th October, when Mr. Trigg showed slides of his 3½ week visit to The Sudan, and related his experiences. Northern Sudan is mostly Muslim and the South Christian or Animistic. For over 80 years missionaries have tried to enter the Moslem area and (through ACROSS) were allowed in for a while then expelled because of Moslem pressure on central Government.

Here are a few impressions gained through the slides and commentary:-

Church services held outside in all weathers.

People queuing for basic needs for 3 days -
all their time taken up just existing.

Even anthills opened to find grains to eat.

A very crude clinic constructed of cardboard, etc.

Women seem to do all the work, apart from the donkeys, one of which carried two large churns of water plus a man!


An outbreak of cholera which involved 400 cases and 37 deaths. the camp improved later and the T.V. team thought it "not newsworthy" for that reason!

The hunger and poverty was caused not by drought but by the Civil War. The rebels are gaining ground and people are fleeing into Uganda and other countries.



Mr. G. Dearlsey then spoke of his forthcoming visit to the Sudan to sense God's will for the Mission. Whatever Islam may say, God is sovereign and there is hope. In Isaiah 45, 2 & 3 God says: "I myself will prepare your way, levelling mountains and hills."





I will break down bronze gates and smash their iron bars ..." Obedience to God's will and call will mean seeing the fruit one day.

Meanwhile, workers are preparing themselves and going out in faith that the door will be opened in answer to prayer.

PHYLLIS WHEELER



WORTHING AND DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Spiritual Concern Committee of the Council of Churches is presently preparing a Lenten Study Course for 1987 on the theme of PRAYER. It is intended that these 'Study Groups' should be ecumenical, as they have been in past years. The West Sussex Churches are not producing (as last year) a Lent Course for 1987. Past 'courses' however have been so popular in Worthing and District that your own Council of Churches is preparing a Course specially for you.

Five discussion papers are being prepared for the five weeks of Lent:-

- 1) Prayer and Worship
- 2) Christ our example and Teacher of Prayer
- 3) Praying as individuals
- 4) The Prayer of Silence - Meditation
- 5) Praying through difficulties - Questions

This is an early 'Announcement' so that Study Groups and any desiring to take part, can plan ahead and enter fully into an 'Ecumenical' experience, welcoming friends from other Churches or joining in their groups, as convenient.

A scheme is being worked out which will offer a simple procedure for setting up these groups throughout the town.

More details will be available shortly.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON



FREE WILL OFFERING

Envelopes for 1987 will be available in the vestibule for current subscribers on 7th December. If you know of any member who is unable to get to Church, it would be helpful if you could take his/her envelopes for delivery.

May I again recommend this method of giving to Church Funds if your are not already a subscriber? It is of great help to the Treasurer if he can rely on a measure of assured income in meeting the ever increasing costs. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

If you would like to take your giving a stage further by covenanting, may I also remind you that further information on this scheme can be obtained from Mr. Morgan.

PAT TYE

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1987

No prayer	-	No blessing
Little Prayer	-	Little blessing
MUCH prayer	-	MUCH blessing

PLEASE JOIN US in praying for the life, work and witness of this Church in 1987, on Thursday 1st January.

YOU MAY SHARE in this time of blessing by:

1. Coming to the Little Chapel in the Church any time between 8am and 10pm.
2. Being responsible for a particular period during the vigil. (Names to me please)
3. Praying at home, using the Church Handbook if unable to join the vigil in person.

"Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never be discouraged." Luke 18 vl.

IRENE TULEY

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First we must bring our thanks to the Lord for His many blessings upon our Bonfire Party. Much to Liz's amazement her house swelled to accommodate twenty children and about a dozen adults. Many thanks to Chris Byerley who ensured that the bonfire was safe, but kept well supplied with wood. A good time was certainly had by all - praise the Lord.

The next morning we all met again at the Church to continue our study of the Armour of God and once again we felt the Lord's presence and received His blessings.

On December 4th we will be welcoming William Lewis as our guest speaker in the Harris Room. As always we extend a very warm welcome to anyone in the church who would like to join us.

Although our meetings are detailed in the Church Calendar as usual, please note that there will be only one Bible Study this month and our meeting at the Church in January will be on the second Thursday of the month.

May we, as a group, take this opportunity to extend to the whole church family every blessing for a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Please contact either Liz Stilwell(504359) or Julie Ward (501949) for any other information.

LIZ STILWELL & JULIE WARD

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

NEW MEMBERS:-

15b * GREWCOCK Mr. H., 19 Craddock Place	62228
14a * HARRIS Mr. L., 74 Shelby Road	691764
13 * CRAGHILL Mr. S., 5 Athelstan Road	208192
14a * MERRITT Mr. & Mrs.A., 25 Tavy Road	62609

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:-

5 * HILLIS Miss J., 18 Balmoral Court, Grand Avenue	506205
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TELEPHONE NUMBER:-

6 * MORTIMER Miss M., 4 Maynard House, Shaftesbury Avenue	501289
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FRED MARSH

On Wednesday Nov.12th, four ladies from the Guild visited the Nissan Centre at the invitation of the West Sussex teacher for the deaf and blind. It was a very enlightening experience. Nissan has spent many thousands of pounds on this centre. The equipment and amenities are first class. It is for the use of children with all kinds of handicap, physical, mental and environmental.

We were especially interested in the teaching of the deaf and the deaf/blind after a talk given to the Guild some weeks ago, when we were informed that new equipment was available to help a blind and deaf baby. This equipment cannot be provided by the County Council until the Child is of school age. The Guild decided to give the proceeds of our Bring & Buy stall to help raise the £600 needed to purchase this equipment, so that the child can be trained in its pre-school years.

We came away convinced that this was a very worth while cause and we hope to raise the amount required in the near future.

JEAN MARSH



CHRISTMAS TEA

Family Circle invite you to a Grand Christmas Tea at 5.00pm on Sunday Dec.21st. to be followed by the Carol Service. There will be no charge, but a collection will be taken to buy some new teaspoons for the kitchen.

JUNE BATER

GOOD WISHES
for the CHRISTMAS SEASON
to all our friends
from the OFFICERS and BOYS
of THE BOYS' BRIGADE

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Our Bible Study Group was recently reading the second chapter of St. Matthew, which reminded us of the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We would like to share some of the thoughts we had on these verses.

The birth of Christ puts meaning into history. It broke history into two - BC and AD - and every event since then has been dated in relation to Christ's birth. His birth was part of God's timetable; "when the time had fully come God sent forth His Son, born of woman..." (Gal.4.4). God is always punctual. Never early, Never late. The coming of Christ was the climax of the divine scheme of salvation - the unique experience of the creator manifest in flesh.

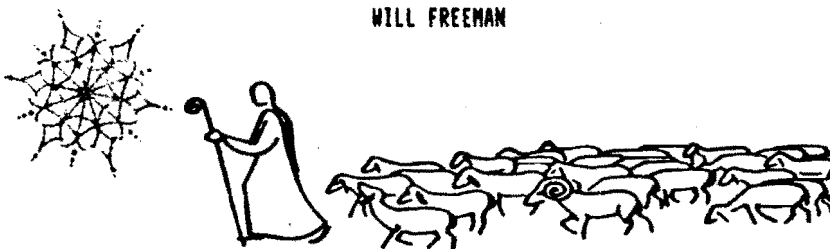
Later, When Jesus stood before Pilate He could say "For this reason was I born and for this reason I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth". This is a remarkable statement - He was born and also came into the world from another sphere. He came beyond time and space into time and space. His birth was unique, He was born of a virgin and also came from another sphere. This was part of God's great plan of salvation for sinful man. For Jesus it meant suffering and death on the cross.

The wise men had seen His star in some distant place in the east and had followed it to Jerusalem. They were enquirers. They asked Herod "Where is he that is born King of the Jews". Their enquiries led them to a totally unexpected place - to Bethlehem. They were also followers - they followed the star, not their own ideas as to where the child Jesus should be. Many so-called wise men today do not follow the star - God's guidance - they think they do not need His guidance, but can do well on their own.

The wise men came to worship. They told Herod "we have come to worship Him". They had followed God's lead in the star; they had had their problems, but had enquired, searched and followed and God had led them to Jesus, as He always will those who really seek Him. When they saw the child Jesus they bowed down and worshipped Him and their worship expressed itself in sacrifice. They opened their treasures and gave Him of their substance, they gave themselves before the Son of God. They found the King and He demanded their loyalty and love.

The scripture says the wise men "returned to their own country by another way". They had found the Saviour and their lives had been transformed and redirected. If we have found the Saviour and given Him our worship, love and loyalty, this will mean a change of direction in our lives. We follow Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

WILL FREEMAN



Christian Aid



The terrible plight of millions in Africa hit by repeated drought, receded from the headlines as the great emergency food operation of the last two years took effect. That operation was mainly concerned with feeding the starving; the longer term work of preventing future famine is a lot slower. But a further cruel blow has been dealt the struggling regions: a plague of locusts.

Millions of these destructive creatures have swarmed across the Red Sea, gathered in the Sahel and have been devouring everything in their path. This is a plague of Biblical proportions striking an already stricken region of Africa.

An emergency grant of £100,000 has already been sent to the Eritrean Relief Association for chemicals, portable spraying machines and pesticides. More will have to be done because experts have warned that unless these pests are destroyed, they could cripple Africa's fragile recovery from years of food shortage. Crops already destroyed by locusts also have to be replaced.

THIS IS WHERE WE COME IN.

As is our custom at Christmas, we are asking you to give generously to Christian Aid. Envelopes will be available on Sunday 21st December for your contribution.

This is the last time I shall be appealing as your Christian Aid Secretary. Thank you for your encouragement and generous giving during the past six years. Dr. A. (Sandy) Clark has kindly agreed to take my place. Be generous in your support to both him and Christian Aid.

Grateful thanks for £60 received in October.

RON JORDAN





It is with regret that I have to report that Batemans are no longer willing to accept bulk deliveries of used spectacles because the task of sorting and grading them is too time-consuming. Therefore the Missions Committee have no choice but to abandon the collection of spectacles, at least for the time being. In doing so, we wish to thank all those who, over the past eighteen months have helped to provide over 1200 pairs. Perhaps our enthusiasm was our undoing.

SIDNEY HIDER

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER



7th Mrs. Bulstrode
14th Mr. & Mrs. Brunton
21st Mrs. Cozens-Walker
& Mrs. Turner
28th



FLOWER FUND

Grateful thanks for generous support for the fund. Thank you for £55 contributed in October/November.

CHRISTMAS

Assistance will be appreciated on the 19/20th December to decorate the Church for the festive season. Holly, Ivy & greenery will be needed please.

FLOWER ROTA

The list for 1987 will be ready in December and found in the vestibule. Please place your name on the list if you wish to donate flowers on a given date.

Any difficulties please contact me 43843.

Christmas Greetings to all.

DOROTHY TURNER





THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our Annual Display and Awards Evening will take place on Saturday December 6th at 7.00pm at West Park School, Marlborough Road. Do come along and share the evening with us. Entrance is free, but a collection will be taken in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

As a gift to the Church from money raised at our recent Bonanza, it has been decided to purchase a flower stand for use in the Lord's House. Using money given to us in memory of Muriel Hurt, we have purchased, for the Company, music stands, some percussion instruments and 30 pairs of very nice scissors. We also also wish to put the record straight re money said to have been left to the Company by the late Miss Burrows. The beneficiary is, in fact, the Girls' Brigade Headquarters.

On December 19th, we shall once again be visiting the Blind Home at Newland Lodge, to sing carols and chat to the residents. These visits are very much enjoyed by the girls as well as the folk at Newland Lodge.

Thank you for your interest, your prayers and loving care of us all during 1986. May love come down upon us all this Christmastide.

JEAN WEBB



MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Just two meetings in December, on Monday 1st, Mrs. Luckin will show us how to Marzipan a cake, and on Monday 15th is our Christmas Evening, which is always a special occasion and really is the start of Christmas for me personally.

The day I write this is still mild, but weather forecast said it would be ground frost tonight. So I picked our nasturtiums, just five and a bud. What a delightful flower it is. My mother used to say that if they were rare, we would prize them so

much more highly. They come in a lovely range of colours and some are even scented. Once the frosts start we all think about our various preparations for Christmas. We shall all be very busy, but it is all part of the festival, so I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

AUDREY STEWART



Peace



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Those who desire to give in money or in food and toys for those in need, please remember that there are sometimes special needs of which the Minister may know.

PHOENIX HOUSE, a home for recovering alcoholics is in need of food, adult games and money to give to the residents some Christmas Cheer. Gifts please through the Minister or Mr. Eric Bond.

The Minister or Mr. Fred Marsh will also be glad to hear of any need to which we may make a Christmas Gift.

TOWARDS PEACE OF MIND

Several months ago, our Minister inserted in the Chronicle a replica of a form which he desired members to complete and return to him for safe keeping in the vestry. He has copies which he will gladly give out as requested. This especially applies to the elderly, like myself, who now have few, if any, relatives.

It is a most simple form, which I was only too glad to fill in as soon as I saw the details in the Chronicle, and it has given me considerable peace of mind.

A week or two ago I spent the week-end with my next of kin, a cousin who lives in Dunmow, Essex. When I told him what I had done he said how glad he was.

For your own sake and that of the Minister, I do urge you to give this your consideration.

MOLLIE HAWKE

(I think you would find this form helpful - W. Connelly).



We have had two most interesting meetings. At the first, Mr Hill gave us a most absorbing account of the work of the Christian Publishing Organisation based in Worthing. He found his former job unsatisfactory, which was printing for many Whisky Distillers, so he looked for more rewarding work. On reading about C.P.O. he contacted Mr. Milne and as a result came south to help with publicity. From having plenty of money, he now gets only enough to clothe and feed his family and cover his expenses, but he finds great satisfaction in the work he is doing. The C.P.O. were praying for someone to do this job when Mr. Hill rang up from Scotland. We were shown many samples of the work of the C.P.O. and were impressed. He reminded us of the statement of Winston Churchill - "we are the only Christian country with no foreign churches" and pointed out that we now have 1500 mosques with a larger membership than the Methodists.

C.P.O generally do their printing at cost and they only make a profit from selling to other groups. They also receive donations.

Our own member, Mr. Telling provided us with the second talk, which was on the jobs he had engaged on in demolition, building roads (even the roads round our Church), making compression units and designing roof tiles. In this, the problems associated with patenting new methods of manufacture and design and showing us examples of this work. A number of photographs on display showed the places and jobs: Silos at London Docks, the old Bedford Hotel, Brighton after the fire, removal of war defences on the south coast, some of which were used to build our local railway bridge.

An amusing incident which Ted recalled, was being given instructions to remove an old army tank which had sat, as a rusting eyesore, on the edge of the beach of a south coast town. As it weighed about 20 tons it was impossible for them to carry it away for disposal, so they dug a massive hole alongside where it had sat for so long, and buried it. He thinks that a bungalow might now be built on that same spot. A truly entertaining afternoon, enjoyed by all present.