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FROM THE VESTRY

Where there's smoke there's fire!

Stand a proverb on it's head and you begin to think ... perhaps about the words of Isaiah 42 v. 3.

"The smoking flax shall he not quench"

Christ's coming to our world, followed by His gift of the Holy Spirit has a way of kindling into a blaze the smoking flax ... or dimly burning wick of our lives ... and of the life of the Church.

The past year brought many signs of renewal among us ... we are more willing to pray - and to serve. Considered by reference both to our individual and corporate life of faith we should rejoice that the purpose of Christ's coming is to kindle into a blaze of glory the whole of His People. Do we burn dimly being in danger of going out? then His Spirit blows gently to awaken us to life.

"Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead: Love's fire Thou art, however could I be" is how Christina Rosetti describes her experience of Christ's grace in renewal. Isaac Watts writes: "He'll never quench the smoking flax, But raise it to a flame".

Charles Wesley sings:

"O Thou who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart"

He also prays: "Still let me guard the holy fire And still stir up Thy gift in me".

My New Year's prayer is that we shall truly know both of ourselves and of the whole Church that "where there's smoke there's fire".

"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire And lighten with celestial fire".

Stand a proverb on it's head - and you never know what truths are to be discovered ... and the world's New Year waits for this discovery in Christ.

Bless you all,

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Marriage 26.11.77 Edward Feaver
Tina Margaret Fortune

Engagement

23.11.77 Kevin Croydon Jennifer Whiting

"and the greatest of these is Love"

In Memoriam

Lilian Mannah Elliott d. 9.11.77
Stanley Herbert Arnold d. 19.11.77
Leslie Nicholas Phillips d. 30.11.77
Frederick Cecil Howard Clayden d. 2.12.77

"In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light; Thou it's light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our king"

Kim Reynolds is in hospital as also is Mrs. C.E. Cox. Our loving greetings are sent to them and to all sick friends. Mrs. Valerie Close makes good progress, and Mr. Stanley Smiles is looking better ... we remember Miss K. Attkins in the Caledonia Nursing Home.

We pray daily for all our sick and bereaved friends. Where we cannot mention every name here you may be assured that no name in the Prayer Request Book goes unseen. Thanks are give to God for His many Blessings to us.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Toms wishes to thank all her friends in the Church for their loving prayers during her recent illness. She will be spending Christmas with her daughter and hopes to be home, fully recovered, and amongst us again, early in the New Year. As a mother I would like to thank Chris and Janice Byerley who open their home every Monday evening to the over 17 year olds, and have preparation classes on Tuesdays for the following Sunday Junior Church. Grateful thanks to you both.

ANON.

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Mrs. Cuff on the occasion of her 100 Birthday, on 15th January. God Bless her.



HANDBOOK NOTICES

New Members:

*Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith 7 Castle Way, Worthing.

Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. S. Machen 53 Coniston Road, Tel: 40681

Mrs. A. Seaton Mills, c/o Mr. & Mrs. Marriott, see handbook

BIBLE VERSES

(for young people, making New Year resolutions)

Ecclesiastes 12, part of v. 1 Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

Pillm 37 v. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass.

Philippians 4 vv. 6, 7 (Living Bible) Don't worry about anything: instead, pray about everything: tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.

THE LATE MRS. MARGARET MILLWARD

It was a great shock to all who knew Margaret, to hear she had passed away. She did so much to help raise money for the building of the Church during Mr. Franks' ministry. She was a great worker at the Working Party, garden parties and Bazaars.

We missed her very much when she moved to be near her son in Cambridge. I saw her one Sunday this year, she was only staying two nights at a local hotel. Some people living near her were visiting friends and gave her a seat in their car. She looked very poorly and said she felt so. God bless her for all she did and gave her that lovely singing voice for our Choir.

From one who knew her well,

CICELY NODES

TOC H SOUTHDOWN HOLIDAY 1978 FOR THE NEEDY

We have booked accommodation at a hotel on Worthing Sea Front for a week's holiday from 8th - 15th April, 1978. This will provide a holiday for 20 adult disabled and elderly persons - part on the ground floor and the remainder up a flight of easy stairs to the first floor. Folk needing a holiday, and perhaps those who may be caring for them, will thus have a break.

We hope this opens up an opportunity for Branches and other friends in touch with someone in this sphere to sponsor a suitable person. We are asking sponsors to contribute £20.00 per head to our Project Fund.

We need 7 volunteer helpers and these will be asked to pay a registration fee of £1.00 per head. If they feel able to contribute towards their accommodation we suggest something in the region of £4.00 per head.

The total cost of the holiday, including our expenses during the week and petrol for the minibus, will be just under £1,000.

After deducting from this figure contributions from sponsors and the balance in hand and registration fees, we need to raise £400.00. This will permit a balance in hand after the week for a future project.

Please send the names of Sponsors and full details of the persons sponsored, including nature of disability and whether they can manage any stairs, and in the case of the elderly, their age (over 65) to:-

The Organising Secretary, 44 Chatsmore Crescent, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing.

Tel. W. 42611

Members of TOC H Goring-by-Sea (men) and West Worthing (women) Branches cordially invite our readers to a Coffee Morning on 18th January next at 10.30 hrs. until 12.00hrs. in St. Mary's Hall in aid of their Southdown District Project Fund, to provide a week's holiday in April, as mentioned above. There will also be a bring & buy stall. We do hope to have the pleasure of seeing you there.

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS

The government of South Africa is a brutally repressive regime. Its opponents are imprisoned without trial and tend to die in mysterious circumstances, while in custody. Action is taken to stifle criticism in the press and tristians who speak out against the regime are also likely to be subjected to severe persecution.

The government of Soviet Russia is a brutally repressive regime. Its opponents are imprisoned without trial and tend to die in mysterious circumstances while in custody and others die mentally in 'psychiatric hospitals' under treatment for non-existent illnesses. Action against the press has long since eliminated any open opposition and only 'underground' publications reflect anti-establishment views. Christians who fail to co-operate with the regime are frequently subjected to severe persecution.

As between the regimes then, not a great deal of difference, other than of scale - the first regime dominates a few million people and the second a few hundred million.

The contrasts are to be found in the attitudes towards these respective regimes of the World Council of Churches, the British Council of Churches, of most Bishops and leaders of denominations and of almost every 'established' Christian publishing house. For months now practically every public pronouncement you will have seen from these bodies has been in strong condemnation of South Africa. The latest issue of 'Reform' is very substantially given over to such condemnation, as are the two latest issues of the Baptist Times. If you hear any Bishop or other Christian leader being quoted on the radio it will usually be on the same subject. In many cases you will find that armed aggression to oust the regime is being tacitly approved if not openly advocated.

By contrast, you will be hard put to it to find any craticism of the Soviet regime from these sources and you will certainly not find anyone advocating its armed overthrow. If you find any comment at all it is as likely to be of qualified approval as of criticism (see the next item.)

I have never yet seen any convincing reason - or indeed any reason at all - why 'official' Christian attitudes to these two totalitarian regimes is so markedly different. Perhaps someone will tell me - I really would like to know.

BAPTIST UNDER FIRE (1)

Mr. Geoffrey Locks, Editor of the Baptist Times, appeared twice on this page in 1976, first as a suppressor of anti-Soviet views in his paper and later as an admirer of the late Chairman Mac. Recently he came out with the pronouncement that Soviet Christians want to remain' part of a socialist system. I wrote him a letter for publication in his paper but instead of publishing it he preferred to reply by post. The exchanges so far have been, omitting the conventional courtesies:-

- R.B. In your editorial of 6th October you appear to be asserting that Soviet Christians 'want to remain' part of a socialist system. May one enquire the source of that interesting and important information? It may or may not be correct but since the Soviet Christians, in common with the Soviet Jews and the Soviet Moslems and the Soviet atheists, are given no opportunity to express any political views against their regime, I find it very difficult to see how you could possibly know what system they want.
- G.L. The source of this information? The best possible source, personal contact. Perhaps it comes as a surprise to us, but the fact is, Soviet Christians are not massively impressed with what they see of capitalist systems, or indeed with the principle of a capitalist system. On the whole they seem to feel that a socialist system is intrinsically better than a capitalist one in which (it seems to them) the weakest are inclined to end up at the wall.
- R.B. So you have had discussions with a few Soviet Christians who are socialists. That there are such I never doubted. Your editorial however seemed to suggest something much wider that Russian Christians generally support their regime. Did it not occur to you that those to whom you were allowed to speak were the more likely to have been supporters of the regime? How many Christians in prison or in 'psychiatric hospitals' did you interview? If none, the 'sample' of Russian Christians was, to say the least, somewhat biassed you are in the position of the foreign visitor arriving in Brixton and reporting home that 80% of British people are black. Your friends' views are interesting but they fail to answer my question.

I invited Mr. Locks to continue the dialogue for our December Chronicle, but I have heard nothing further.

BAPTIST UNDER FIRE (2)

It was good to see in the local press that my friend the Rev. Bruce Hardy of Findon Valley Baptist Church is practising what he preaches in being prepared to turn out with the volunteer

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys Brigade (Term commences 9th Jan.)
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls Brigade (Term commences 10th Jan.)
Wednesda ys	17.30h	Anchor Boys (Term Commences 11th Jan.)
	19.15h	Boys Brigade (Term Commences 4th Jan)
		Youth Choir Practice
		Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Rd.
Fridays		Boys Brigade
		Choir Practice Prayer & Praise in Little Chapel
Saturdays		Youth Fellowship
		Badminton Club
OTHER MEETINGS AN	D SERVI	CES (the Minister will conduct ,
		all services)
1st Sunday	11.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship with Holy Communion Divine Worship
3rd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
8th Sunday	11.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship
9th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship "Meeting People" - Mr. J. Robson Turton
10th Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h	Women's Guild Social Afternoon Men's Fellowship - Members' Afternoon "Down Memory Lane"
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.
12th Thursday		Prayer Service with Holy Communion and The Ministry of Healing
15th Sunday	11.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship with Holy Communion and The Ministry of Healing

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20.00h Tuesday Bible Study Groups at 17th 37 Ashurst Drive & 1 Arun Close Thursday 19.45h Healing Fellowship at the Manse 19th 08.00h Holy Communion in the Little Chapel 22nd Sunday 11,00h Divine Worship Divine Worship 18.30h Monday Evening Fellowship "Experi-23rd 20.00h Monday ences of a Welfare Officer of 7 UNRRA" - Mrs. M.L. Palmer

14.45h

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08.00h

11.00h

18.30h

20,00h

Women's Guild

Elders Meeting

Divine Worship

Divine Worship

Closing date for submission of material for February

Chronicle will be Sunday, 15th Jan.

Bible Study Groups at

Men's Fellowship) "Christ's Hospital

Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.

Holy Communion in the Little Chapel

37 Ashurst Drive and 1 Arun Close

Mr. R. Goodchild

) Joint Meeting

in the twenties"

THE CHRONICLE: January 1978

Findon Valley firefighters. He received a few brick-bats, including a predictable one from another cleric, for his article in the Worthing Herald condemning the firemen's strike but I suspect that he spoke for most Worthing church members, if not for their ministers.

ROBIN BRUFORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, REPORTS

From the Minister An EXCHANGE HOME is required for a French boy aged 15 years during July or August. The boy is the son of a Barrister who lives near the French Alps, and he speaks some English.

Enquiries please to Mdme. Voisard 41 Clive Avenue, Goring.

Or to the Minister.

Monday Evening Fellowship Over the Christmas Season we have not only enjoyed our own Christmas Evening, which is always one of the most happy occasions of our year, but have joined in the Festivities of both Family Circle and Junior Church parties, by contributing with our culinary talents.

During the last months we have sought to increase our service and giving as a Fellowship, so before Christmas, most of us took part in visiting housebound friends.

Now we look forward to our Spring programme and hope to welcome new friends in the New Year. We start with a happy theme on 9th January, when Mr. Robbie Turton will talk to us about "Meeting People".

JANE BOND

Men's Fellowship Following upon the success of our "Souvenirs" afternoon in September we are having a similar subject to talk about at our opening meeting on 10th January, 1978. Members are invited to talk for 4/5 mins. on memories they have from the past. The title is "Down Memory Lane" and those wishing to speak should let me have their names in advance so that

I can draw up a programme.

In wishing you all the very best for 1978 may I express the hope that our Fellowship will flourish and our numbers increase.

REG GOODCHILD

Girls' Brigade 1978 is our Silver Jubilee year and we have many plans for celebrating and making it a very special year.

In June we shall be holding a re-union of past members of the Company and if you can help by supplying names and addresses of those once associated with the Company, we shall very grateful.

Our nine Brigaders are in the last stages of their Young Leadership exams and we hope to see them promoted at the March Church Parade. Please remember them in your prayers, for these girls are the Officers of tomorrow, provided we can keep their interest and win them for Christ.

Happy New Year and blessings to you all.

JEAN WEBB

Boys Brigade A very Happy and Peaceful New Year to you from the Officers and Boys of the Company.

Our grateful thanks to all those who helped us to reach our target for Boys' Brigade Week. We aimed for £300 and in fact exceeded this by a comfortable margin. The cricket theme we used in the effort seemed to inspire us to make 3 centuries. Namely, £100 plus was raised on each of the planned efforts, Coffee morning, Sponsored Walk and Games wining and the Jumble Sale. Part of the work involved hacking out and repairing windows in the early hours of the morning of fortunately the Police did not question our motives. Your envelope gifts did not pass un-noticed and we thank you all for the contributions ranging from 5p to £5.

I still regret the necessity of pulling at your pocket and purse-strings but you have my assurance that the money raised will be used in the best way possible for the extension of Christ's Kingdom amongst the boys.

Now my appeal for money has temporarily ceased may I appeal for your constant prayer support for Boys. Officers and helpers. I will have available soon a list giving names of everyone involved in the Company and also prayer topics. On receiving a list may I commend to you the method we use at our camps where we pray for each individual boy at least once in the course of a week. For obvious reasons I cannot disclose details regarding each particular boy, but can give you general items of concern. Anti-Social behaviour, Church and Bible Class attendance, Dishonesty, Drinking, Swearing etc. etc. you name it. and there is every possibility it exists in some form or another. We cannot close our eyes and hope it will go away. How well I know that I am not dealing with a band of angels! Needless to say it is from amongst our organisations in the Church we must find the youngsters of the future members of our Church.

DON STEWART

Women's Guild Unfortunately, owing to illness, Miss Evans was unable to be with us on 29th November, but her talk is only postponed. At very short notice, Miss Dobbinson who has just celebrated sixty years Guiding, gave us a most interesting afternoon talking about "Highlights of Guiding". It brought back many happy memories to many who had been Girl Guides. To look back on such a lifetime's work of fun, formation of character in her girls and true Christian fellowship, must now be to her a source of great joy. Thank you Miss Dobbinson. E.D.

Bethlehem - Jesus - and Us

Many would agree that the afternoon of 13th Dec., when the Men's Fellowship and the Women's Guild joined to celebrate the coming of Christmas, was the happiest such event within the memories of most of us. Was this perhaps in great measure because our Guild Secretary, Ethel Dearsley, once again drew on the great store of talent which exists among the members of both groups so that the afternoon's programme was entirely a 'family' affair? And we felt like a family in the warm atmosphere of our mixed company of not far short of one hundred.

The programme of readings of poetry and prose, two solos, and the excellent singing of the choir, recruited for this special occasion, interspersed with well-loved carols in which we all joined, was so well compiled that the theme "Bethlehem, Jesus and Us" was presented with growing impressiveness and it was with full and happy hearts that (led with such fervour by Rob Turton) we all joined in the closing (modern) hymn - "Living Lord". -

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you, Live my life for you, Son of God. All your commands I know are true Your many gifts will make me new, Into my life your power breaks through, Living Lord.

Friends absent through illness or trouble were remembered in prayer at the opening, and in closing Mr. Connelly expressed the thanks we all felt to Ethel Dearsley who with the support of Reg Goodchild, had devised the programme, and to all those who had in any way used their talents for our pleasure. All enjoyed the excellent Christmas cake made and decorated by Dulcie Jenkins and the cup of tea which went with it. A truly memorable afternoon with a message and a blessing for us all.

ETHEL GILBY

We start our new Session on Tuesday, 10th January with the party spirit and welcome you all to a happy social afternoon.

E.D.

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

lst Mr. & Mrs. Young

15th Vacant

8th Mrs. Boyce

22nd Mrs. Serjeant & Mrs. Epps

29th Vacant

As flowers are so expensive at this time of year perhaps some folk would consider sharing with others to contribute for a Sunday. Please let me know.

VI TURTON

HOLIDAY 1978

Remember Elwyn & Joan Jones, he was our Junior Section Leader of the Boys' Brigade for many years. Dennis and I spent a lovely weekend with them at the end of the season and the teather was beautiful. The address is:

see over

MONTON PRIVATE HOTEL, Bridge Road. Torquay. Devon. TZ2 5BA Tel: 0803 23718

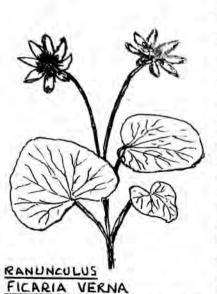
They do Bed & Breakfast, Evening meal and Joan who is an excellent cook, will give packed lunches on request. Elwyn is "Mine Host" and on one evening a week will entertain you on his electric organ playing any requests.

They have one ground-floor bedroom, the rest are on the first floor, so only one stair case to walk up. For those who know Torquay, it is very central for touring the county of Devon, a car is an advantage, although there are many coach trips. If anyone does think it is worth thinking of, we wish you a 'Happy Holaday'.

CONNIE & DENNIS GILL

LESSER CELANDINE

In the language of flowers, the Lesser Celandine means Joys to Come, so what nicer way is there to start the New Year than to look forward to the beauty of all the



wild flowers as they appear throughout the seasons. The Lesser Celandine belongs to the buttercup family and may appear as early as late January in a well sheltered place.

The flower is bright golden in colour, with between seven and twelve pointed petals forming its star-shape. enclosing a cluster of fluffy stamens. Its leaves may vary from those resembling the Ivy leaf to being heart shaped, and they are often marked with blotches varying from white to purplish brown.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises. Psalm 47 v. 7.

ROBIN BRADLEY

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Girls & Boys,

King Charles the Second did not like going to church and sermons bored him. He almost always went to sleep in his Royal Closet in the gallery, sitting bolt upright and facing the pulpit, as soon as the subject of the sermon had been announced. The Maids of Honour would whisper and giggle and try on one another's jewellery and ribbons, and wave their fans at the men in the seats below, while the politicians leaned their heads together and murmured in undertones, keeping their eyes straight ahead as though no one could guess what they were doing. Most of the older la as and gentlemen, who had been members of the court of the first Charles, sat attentively in their pews and listened with care and satisfaction to the warnings given again and again from the pulpit to the representatives of a careless age; but even their good intentions often ended in noisy snores.

One day the young clergyman who was to speak for the day had taken his place and was mopping his perspiring cheeks and forehead with his black-gloved hands. Unfortunately, the dye came off and he looked more and more like a chimney sweep. Titters went up here and there, and the young man looked more wretchedly uncomfortable than before, wondering why they had begun to laugh before he had even spoken a word. At last the sermon time came and he proclaimed the subject of his first sermon before the King and Court. "Behold!" he announced, giving another swipe of his black glove along his cheek, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made!"

Immediately the chapel was filled with laughter, and while the bewildered, frightened young man looked at his congregation, tears starting in his eyes, even the King had to bend down to tie his shoelace to conceal a smile. At last the chapel grew quiet again, the terrified clergyman forced himself to go on, and Charles composed himself to sleep.

I wonder what form his sermon took. I wonder if he realised the tiniest fraction of the real wonder of how he was made! I wonder if he realised what a complicated

machine the body is, its development, growth and the interdependence of all its systems, from the moment of conception to the moment of death. His text came from Psalm 139, verse 14, and it shows how the psalmist had pendered on the wonderful works of God. In the next few months we shall look more closely at the structure and workings of the human body.

"I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: wonderful are Thy works: and that my soul knoweth right well. My frame was not hidden from Thee. when I was made in secret and in Thy book were all my members written, which day by day were fashioned when as yet there was none of them." Psalm 139 vv. 14-16.

Have a happy year!

MARY CONNELLY

Little Arthur, four years old, was attending Sunday School for the very first time.

At the end of the proceedings, the teacher said "And now children we will kneel down and say our prayers".

"Please miss, I can't" said Arthur, "I didn't bring my pyjamas".

STOP PRESS

The Girls' Brigade are collecting empty match boxes. Please be kind enough to help with this, and give your contributions to any of the Officers or Girls. Thank you in anticipation. J.W.

A lot of gifts have come in following my appeal for Christmas and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the many folk whose gifts may not have been acknowledged. W. CONNELLY

We are indebted to Mr. J. Beckerton for making and fixing the fine Offertory Box in the Church. We hope that this Box wil prove to be very useful for people visiting the Sanctuary during the week. C.S. NODES (House & Fabric

Committee)

IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

ELDERS' ELECTION, 1978

It will be necessary to arrange for the next Election of Elders to take place at the monthly Church Meeting on 31st March, 1978.

The Elders who will retire by rotation are:

Mr. J.R. Beale

Mr. J. Blackwood

Mr. W. Perrett

Mr. G. Dean

Mr. G.E. Redman

Mr. R. Tuley

There are therefore six normal vacancies, but in addition it will be necessary to elect two further Elders, one to serve for one year, arising from the resignation of Mr. D. Mooney, and the other to serve for two years, arising from the resignation of Mr. G. Skirton.

Nominations, which should be in writing, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, but not needing the consent of the Nominee, should be in the hands of the Minister or Secretary not later than 30th January, 1978. Each person so nominated will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who have accepted will be announced at the Church Meeting on 24th February, 1978.

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

Ballot papers for those who, for good reason, are unable to attend the Church Meeting on 31st March, will be available on application to the Minister or the Secretary. These should be returned prior to the time of the commencement of the Meeting.

R.H. NEWELL

February, 1978.

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FROM THE VESTRY

EPIPHANY MEANS TO SHOW FORTH

The coming of the WISE MEN to JESUS, His BAPTISM and the miracle at CANA in Galilee were all signs of the glory of God in the life of Jesus Christ. The dark and chill days of winter provide a fitting backcloth to the celebration of Christ's Glory in the Church.

At a time when the earth seems dead, and when darkness and cold chill the senses we have opportunity to praise Him who is the light and fire of LOVE. We cannot warm our hands at the fire of earth's life! Then let us warm our hearts at the fire of Christ's love.

Come to worship in his expectation and your experience will exceed your hopes. It has been so good to see the Church filled Sunday morning after Sunday morning, and to know the smaller congregations at 8.00 and 18.30h to be filled with the same warm spirit of praise.

The Church lives and thrives on Praise, and without Praise we die ... and not all our social activities and works of love may rekindle the blaze of love to God which is essential to our personal and corporate life. Show forth the glory of God in Christ by your praise.

Robin Bruford's "World Church Page" has become very much a lalking point in some quarters. May I express my appreciation to him for disturbing us and challenging our minds to think more clearly about Christian witness in the sorle locar.

You have been very kind in your enquiries about our daughter Helen, we are most grateful for your prayers, and you may be interested to know that Helen and Natasha are staying at the Manse for a time of rest - we are all enjoying it!

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

In Memoriam

KATE ELIZABETH ATTKINS
GEOFFREY LEONARD DART
ELSIE MORGAN
GEORGE ALBERT LAMBOURNE
EDWARD HENRY BARLOW
FLORENCE MADGE BEESLEY

"Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word ... for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation".

A Memorial Service and Thanksgiving for the life of Katie Attkins was included in morning worship on Sunday, 15th January. A large number of Katie's friends joined in giving thanks for her life of faith. The words of Simeon (above) and Philippians 1 v. 12 "the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather to the progress of the gospel" formed the substance of a tribute to a fine and courageous Christian lady.

Frances Biggs is undergoing treatment at Seabrooke and our loving thoughts go out both to her and to "Pip".

Kim Reynolds is making splendid progress in which we all rejoice.

Many friends have been made housebound by colds and chills.... to them we send our loving thoughts.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Burrage are on a visit to Australia and Mr. & Mrs. F.A. Edis are on an extended cruise. We remember them and look forward to hearing of their exploits.

Welcome home to Mrs. D. Cozens-Walker and to Mr. G. Shave who have been spending Christmas with their families overseas.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Addition:

Mrs. D. Norris, 63 The Strand, Tel: 40955

Change of Address:

Mr. Wise, 76 Cheviot Road, Tel: 63117

Miss J. Boughton, Flatlet 3, 20 West Park Lane, Tel: 41227

AN APPEAL

I would like to appeal for used stamps and greenshield stamps. When redeemed the money is used to bring relief and the gospel to Communist countries. The charity concerned is Christian Mission to the Communist World. If anyone is interested to know more please get in touch with me, or write to C.M.C.W., P.O. Box 19, Bromley BRI 1DJ.

I would also thank Mr. Bruford for his most timely article in the January Chronicle. Like him, I find the attitude of the World Council of Churches unacceptable. I do believe that many Christians in the West are unaware of the attrocities committed in such countries as Russia, Romania etc. not forgetting China. Like Mr. Bruford, I have heard that Communist Christians wish to stay put, nor want to get lazy self-satisfied like the Church in the West. In fact they play for us because we are in such a sad, apathetic state. We do not need to be strong. We do not fear for our jobs, or families, or lives, because of our faith - but one day we might! Let us learn from them. I recommend Richard Wurmbrand's book "In God's Underground".

Please remember our brothers and sisters who suffer, in your prayers. "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it". I Cor. 12:26.

ROSEMARY KITTO

BIBLE VERSES

HEAR

Psalm 143 v. 8 Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning: for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Matthew 17 vv. 5-8 While He yet spake, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

3rd Epistle of John v. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

ACKNOWLE DOMENTS

Marjorie and I were very moved by the number of remembrances which we received at Christmas, and wish to thank all kind friends. I am much better, though not yet able to preach, and Marjorie is still enjoying her gardening, I am thankful to say. As there is very little hope of our being able to travel to Worthing in 1978 we do hope that anybody who is able to do so will visit us here. Our constant prayers remember you all.

WALLIS HAYWARD

A big 'thank you' from Robert and myself, for the many loving thoughts, gifts, cards and visits which we have received during the last few weeks. It does indeed give us great happiness to know that we belong to such a caring Church. God bless you all,

ROBERT & GRETA PEPPERDINE

I have been so overwhelmed by the kindness, consideration and help given by members and friends to my wife and myself during my stay in hospital, that I find it difficult to think of adequate words to express my gratitude. but I do thank you all most sincerely.

May I express my sincere appreciation of the gifts which I received from the Church Organisations this Christmas, including a beautiful plant, a most acceptable gift from the Monday Evening Fellowship, and a lovely gift from the Girls Brigade brought by Mrs. Webb. With best wishes to you all.

BETTY GREGORY

Would you please thank your Congregation for the lovely batch of toys which they so generously gave to our children. These will enable us to give each child a toy, as we did last year, through your kindness. Christmas is so very much for children, it is nice to know that your members help us to make our children's Christmas a little brighter. I understand from Mrs. Batchelor that some people gave some other things. We would like to thank you also for these.

JEAN SHOREY for WORTHING GINGERBREAD

"WHAT ARE GRANDMOTHERS?"

(From my friend Bet, a teacher in Vancouver)

Her class is 8-11 year old children comprising about 18 nationalities. The essay was on Grandmothers.

A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's little girls and boys. A grandfather in man-grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and stuff like that. Grandmothers don't have anything to do except to be there. They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the "pretend" horse is and have a lot of dimes ready. Or, if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They should never say "hurry up". Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

Grandmothers don't have to be smart, only answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?" Grandmothers don't talk baby-talk like visitors do, because it is hard to understand. When they read to you they don't skip it, or mind if it is the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grownups who have time for me.

PHIL SCUDDER

ARRAN HOLIDAY, SUMMER 1977

Far across the water, hills are looming in the mist, The raucus cry of sea birds fills the air. Waves are lapping gently on the rocks beside the shore, And the gannets turn and fly toward their lair.

A colony of plovers floats in chorus on the waves, While starlings swoop together on the cliff. A seal waves his flipper from a rock just out of reach; Two dogs embroil together in a tiff.

Steadily the gannets make their way to Ailsa Craig, There to feed their young before the night. But a shoal of fish is swimming underneath the water deep

And the gannets catch their movement in their sight.

With a sudden change of action each bird swoops above the prey,

Curves and dives and hits the water with a splash, Wings swept back at the last moment and beak far out in front

The fish are caught and swallowed in a flash.

From the noise and rush and bustle of the city far away American Here is peace and sights so lovely, air so pure;
Bringing tears of joy and strength again to weary nerve and limb

And readiness the winter to endure.

PAT WRAIGHT Stoke Poges Dear Lord,

I know your presence, feel you near, Know your love will calm each fear, But deep within my heart I long For human love to share my song.

Is it so wrong, this deep despair This longing for a need to share, For touch of hand and glance of eye, To share each beauty neath the sky.

Someone with whom to share the dawn And face together each new morn, Who never with a word being said Divines the thoughts within my head.

A dear companion who can see
The beauty hidden in a tree,
Someone with whom to share each note
That issues from the blackbird's throat.

A friend to share the rain and sun, To walk with me, and dance and run, To enter in my joy and bliss Feel my sorrow, share a kiss.

For solitary in me lives
This heartfelt longing Lord, to give.
I pray you please, before the end
To send me one to call my friend.

ROBIN BRADLEY

The Light of God surrounds me; The Love of God enfolds me: The Power of God protects me: The Presence of God watches over me: Wherever I am, God is.

"LET ME"

In 1978 and in all our tomorrows! -

LET ME - Praise the Lord, for His care for us all.

<u>LET ME</u> - Always be thankful for my life, - all its adventures.

LET ME - Be thankful for all my friends and their kindnesses.

LET ME - Always sing "Welcome" to friends who call to visit

LET ME - Always have TIME to listen to the sad, the worried, to be concerned, and have a shoulder for someone to weep on.

LET ME - Be able, to potter around my little patch of garden as long as possible.

LET ME - Be able to visit YOUR Church, the Church I love, so I can sing your praise with my friends.

PHIL SCUDDER

NOW here's your chance to prove the point. Do you like the controversial articles, such as those by Robin Bruford, or are you one of the Non-readers of the magazine. We would like you to take part in the argument. Write in to the Editor and let us know what you think about the controversies of our times.

Church magazines

I was very interested in Colin Evan's October editorial. I am afraid the kind of church magazine he complains about is the type the people want. I wrote a couple of what I thought were controversial pieces for church monthly, but alas, not one single co. ment, let alone any answer.

Our Anglican friends carried out a survey in the same area which came up with the answer that two-thirds of the people who bought their magazine never even read it. Reports of events and outings, meetings, etc., is what the people look for. A large percentage of our churchgoers do not wish to be made to think. Long articles on theology bore them, so what can one do to keep a magazine alive?

Albert L Fry Holdenhurst, Bournemouth

Reform January 1978

DAISY

Have you ever really looked at this modest little flower? Most of us go to great lengths to rid our lawns of these tiny flowers, and yet if they were as rare as orchids wouldn't we walk several miles to search one out?

They are so common there is no need to describe them, but do look more closely, they are truly beautiful with their pink edging, and have you noticed how perfectly

matched are all those slender white petals?

In spite of them looking so fragile, they flower throughout the entire year on the poorest soil, although they do prefer short grassland. They can survive the bleakest clifftop and severest frost, merely closing their faces until the sunlight opens them again.

"Could blow the bitter-biting

north
Upon thy early, humble birth;
Yet cheerfully thou glinted
forth amid the storm,
Scarce rear'd above the parent
earth
Thy tender form".

ROBERT BURNS

Daisy means: - Innocence.

ROBIN BRADLEY

BELLIS PERENNIS

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

WORDS,

One of the hazards of the life of any columnist is that he is sometimes likely to be misunderstood (though this is much better than being ignored). I would not like anyone to think as a result of last month's article that I am anti-Baptist. In fact the reason that I feel that I can be harder on the occasionaly Baptist foible than I can on, say, a Roman Catholic one, is that I am myself a Baptist.

....., WORDS,

As it happens, the Baptists and the Roman Catholics have both, separately and for different reasons, said No to some of the Ten Propositions which the Churches Unity Commission hoped would be accepted by the major denominations as abssis for their visible unity. It must be said that this was a highly optimistic hope and arguably an unnecessary one.

The trouble with all denominations is that they are run by bureaucrats, like most other large organisations. From the Vatican, through all the various Convocations, Councils, Assemblies to the F.I.E.C., each with their appointed secretariats, the Christian world is run by people with a liking for Creeds, Confessions and Constitutions and a love of semantic debate about the words in which they are expressed. So when they agreed that Unity was desirable the bureaucrats, who are incapable of imagining anything without a form, naturally spelt it UniFORMity.

As a practising bureaucrat, I will let you into a secret. These people will never - repeat never - find a form of words on which they can all agree. Fortunately, it doesn't matter, since many of the ordinary people in the pew and a goodish number of the ordinary ministers or priests in the vestry are on much better terms with members of other denominations than they have ever been before and are experiencing more and more of the real unity of working, worshipping and witnessing together.

....,, WORDS

Calling people names if often childish and often unpleasant for the victim. Until recently, however, no-one has sought to make it a criminal offence. The nefarious habits of Taffies are legendary and the parentage of Pommies is frequently being called into question yet no-one has been convicted or even tried for making these disparaging and no doubt unfair remarks. Why then should there be a widespread outcry for the dismissal of a judge for doing his duty in pointing out that certain epithets did not necessarily constitute a criminal offence in June, 1977? We should be q te clear that as soon as we allow anyone to dismiss judges who do not accord with their political whims, then we shall no longer be on the road to dictatorship - we shall have arrived.

Neither should we forget that it is the Jury and not the Judge which ultimately decides guilt in such cases. I have sat many times in the Old Bailey hearing a jury acquit when the Judge has summed up for a conviction and in another case I was amazed to find the Jury convicting when the Judge had virtually directed them to acquit. It was largely the refusal of enlightened juries to convict which brought about the removal of the death penalty from many trivial theft cases in the last century and the same commonsense (and indeed Christian) approach can I hope still be relied on to curb any tendency by the legislature to invent criminal offences where none exists in the minds of most ordinary people.

Before anyone rushes to denounce me as a racist or a Fascist I will mention that our Visitors' Book contains the names of Nigerians, West Indians, Sri Lankans, Jews, Chinese, Malaysians, Indians, Pakistanis and even some Americans and Australians; that for the last three years I have selected coloured people to work in executive posts in my section and in fact was prevented from appointing an Iranian in a similar capacity last year only by a decree of the present Government; that I have just taken one of Pamela's coloured schoolfriends home after tea with us; and that the only member of my former cricket club in London with whom I am still in contact is a West Indian, Stan, who used to assure

Helen and David that he was the original polliwog. Oops! - see you ir jail!

A PS VIA THE PASTOR

Mr. Connelly has kindly passed on a request for prayers for a Romanian minister, Josef Ton, who is being prevented by police pressure from exercising his ministry either in his own church or in any other. His offence is that his preaching has been particularly attractive to young people. Pray for him and all Christians similarly persecuted behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains.

ROBIN BRUFORD

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

I praise God for all who so willingly manned the Church hour by hour, on New Year's Eve for the Prayer Vigil and for those who joined us at various times throughout the 18 hours. Prayers were offered for the life and witness of this Church, for its members and friends individually, and for the needs of the world. To God be the Glory!

IRENE TULEY

TAPE RECORDINGS OF SERVICES

Recordings on cassettes of many of the Church Services held during 1977 are available on loan. Please contact Mr. & Mrs. R. Tuley.

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

5th Mr. & Mrs. Edmonds 19th Mr. & Mrs. Young 12th Girls' Brigade 26th Miss M. Hawke

The January Flower list was completed as follows:

Th Mr. & Mrs. Goodchild & relatives of Miss K. Attkins 29th Mr. Jones

Perhaps there may be ladies who would be interested in helping with the floral decorations for the Church, especially for special occasions and festivals. If you are interested in helping and would like help in learning how to do arrangements, please contact me and I should be only too pleased to be of assistance in this way.

VI TURTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Fellowship

At our first meeting of the Session on 10th January we were pleased to welcome several new members and were entertained by eight of our members who recalled interesting memories of the past.

In February we shall look forward to two meetings with speakers on very different subjects. On 7th Mr. Norwood, the Curator of Worthing Museum will talk to us and on 21st the Rev. Pakenham, Vicar of St. Symphorians, Durrington, will recall his experiences when crossing the Atlantic single-handed. An exciting prospect:

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild New Year Party

The Spring Session of the Women's Guild opened with a very successful New Year Party attended by nearly 60 members. Members absent through sickness were remembered by Mrs. Calsteren, our Vice President and Chairman, in her opening remarks and welcome.

Working in groups of seven we kept busy with competitions organised by our so versatile Secretary, and a miming competition based on book-titles called for ingenuity on the part of the groups, the resultant antics causing much merriment as we laughed at our fellow-members and at ourselves!

All this unaccustomed effort left members with a good appetite for the excellent tea laid on by the Guild Committee. In every way it was a happy start to the 1978 Guild programme.

ETHEL GILBY

On 7th February we look forward to a musical afternoon with Miss K. Harding, L.R.A.M. a relative of the late Mr. Nick Phillips of our own Choir.

Then on 21st February Mrs. Irene Dearsley will share her experiences as a missionary in Nothern Nigeria from 1952-72 when she introduces us to "Women of Nigeria"

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Christian Aid

The amount collected for December, 1977 was £17.60 and for January, 1978 £30.65

Many thanks for your continued support to this cause and with best wishes for the New Year,

HILDA HELE

Christian Aid's major effort in Worthing in 1978 will be a "Food Fayre" to be held in St. Paul's Church Hall on 23rd September. Groups of churches will, we hope, be responsible for individual stalls, and it seems likely that "Jams and Preserves" will be allocated to Goring and Ferring. The Committee would be very grateful if

ladies could remember this at the marmalade season, and make one or two extra pots, to be stored until September.

Girls Brigade

Thank you all very much for supporting the Blue Peter appeal for old keys. These have now been despatched and we are so glad, with your help, that we were able to help provide essential equipment for some of our country's deaf children.

During Girls' Brigade week, 5th - 12th February, there will be an exhibition in the east transept of our Church, which we hope you will find interesting as well as instructive.

On Saturday, 25th February, we are holding our Silver Jubilee sponsor day in the Church Hall from 10.00h - 12.30h and from 14.00h - 16.30h. The girls like singing and you like listening to them, so come along on that day for a cup of tea or coffee and listen to their day of sponsored singing. They will doubtless start waving their sponsor forms in front of you about the middle of February, and we know you will help us all you can. Please remember our cry for empty match boxes. We need about another 300 - we are using them for spiritual work in the Junior Section.

JEAN WEBB Captain

WTED - Garage to Rent for Car for six months in Goring or West Worthing Area.

CAROL WEBBER
Tel: 42027

Jean Butterworth School of Dancing had a "Teach In" on Saturday 21st January commencing in our West Hall 09.00h - 15.00h then transferred to Field Place. A total of 17 hrs. "Teach In" will be in Guinness Book of Records and £900 collected for Handicapped Children.

FROM THE BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Margaret was in hospital, awaiting an operation, uncertain what the future held, a little afraid ... "Here, have a look at this". The lady in the next bed offered a leaflet with attractive mountain scenery. "Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do not despair". As Margaret's eyes picked out the words from

Psalm 27 she began to find the confidence and hope she needed. That leaflet is one of many publications by the Bible Society. Parts of the Bible are reproduced in attractive style for people in hospital, Gospels with special covers for distribution in particular towns, large print Bibles for the elderly, the words of the Bible recorded on cassettes - all this is part of the work of the Bible Society as well as the massive production of Good News Bibles needed to keep up with present demand.

Mary Jones would no doubt be delighted by it all. You remember the Welsh girl who first grew to love God's Word by committing to memory what she heard read at Chapel. When she was ten she began to learn to read, spurred on by the promise of a neighbour, who owned a Bible, that Mary might read it for herself. And then the long walk through the Welsh mountains to Bala, after years of saving, to buy a Bible of her own. That girl's determination to have her own Bible sparked off the urgent appeal made by Thomas Charles of Bala to his London Committee, and the forming of the British & Foreign Bible Society on the 7th March, 1804 for the purpose of producing Bibles in a language people could read at a price they could afford.

Many of the first Bibles printed by the Society were in Welsh, but Bibles and New Testaments in French, German, Italian and Polish soon followed, and today complete books of the Scriptures are available in 1603 languages.

At the turn of the century travelling salesmen (called colporteurs) took the Scriptures to many parts of the world. People eager to have a part of the Bible in their own language would sometimes offer eggs or grapes or their services as blacksmith or water carrier if they had no money to buy.

Over the years Bible Societies have grown in other countries and in 1946 they came together to form the United Bible Societies - a world-wide fellowship which now has about 100 member Societies.

YOUTH PAGE

Dear Boys & Girls.

Maybe some of you were fortunate enough to watch a programme on T.V. some time ago called "The Incredible Machine". The most modern cameras, Xray cameras and microscopic cameras were used to show the structure and the workings of the human body.

There was one shot which looked like a deep and mossy ave, but it was no more than a pore on the human skin, magnified 3,500 times; and what appeared to be a coral reef, was in fact, the tip of the tongue.

The camera watched the movement of the vocal chords while a girl sang, and a cough - well, it looked like an earthquake! The tiny camera peered down glowing, breathing corridors into the depths of the lungs; each corridor or bronchial tube branching off into two smaller corridors until we reached the smallest and finest air-sac covered with blood capillaries. There are 6 million air sacs, and so many capillaries that if they could be made into a straight tube, it would extend across the Atlantic!

Those same cameras showed the different systems of the body in action - food in its passing from the mouth down through the digestive system; the respiratory system with the lungs expanding and contracting; the circulatory system, with the blood flowing through the veins, and their special valves working; the skeletal structure, with bones and the muscles and tissues on them. Each system was shown superimposed on each other, interacting and interdependent.

Not one could function properly without the correct functioning of the other.

The frame work of bone depends for its movement on muscles, used in a kind of lever system - using energy. The material for energy, growth and repair is supplied by food and drink. These are digested and assimilated into the blood which carries the energy in the form of glucose. The heat produced by muscular action accounts for a large part of the warmth of the body. In fact, during violent exercise, enough heat is produced in a short while to boil the person in action!

The skin acts as a beat regulator. Excess heat is radiated away from the network of small blood vessels near the series of the skin. also abrough the pores in perspiration.

The oc-ordination and control of the intricate activities of the body are achieved by the nervous system which includes the brain, spinal cord and connected nerves. The main sense organs are those of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, sending messages to the brain. What a complicated, incredible machine:

Paul - 1 Corinthians 12 v. 27 "Now here is what I am trying to say: all of you together are the body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and becousary part of it." All individual parts of bigger parts of systems which make the whole of the Christian Church, or body. Look in the Church Magazine for the growth and reproduction of organs or organisations and groups, the multiplication of the prayer circles or prayer and bible study groups, the growth of new Link-up schemes, the names of new Church Members, and the integration of all these members.

These are parts of our church which serve as hands, feet, eyes, ears, heart, lungs and the bones, the main stay of the body.

"Oh son of man, can these bones live?"

Breathe on me breath of God Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Phot does love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

> EDWIN HATCH (1835-89) C.F. 216

> > MARY CONNELLY

MARCH, 1978

No. 298

FROM THE VESTRY

EASTER IS EARLY

"Easter is early
Come hasten with Mary
His garden is bursting with Love
The sun's kiss is raising
The dawn to His praising
Come hasten to seek Him above"

How endlessly we discuss the question of having a fixed Easter as a firm date in the Calendar, when we really know that the Resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus is beyond time and space, yet fixed eternally in the lives of those who know Him. "For ye died and your life is hid with Christ in God" Colossians 1 v. 3. "That I may know Him and the power of His Resurrection" Philippians 3 v. 10.

One of the most thrilling things about the Gospel accounts of the first Easter is the haste with which the disciples responded to the hope of Resurrection. Mary Magdalene is early in the garden - seeing the stone rolled away she <u>runs</u> to Peter. A race follows between Peter and John which is won by John. How happy our own Easter when in anticipation of a Risen Lord we too - RUN. It reminds you of the shepherds who came in haste to see Jesus in Bethlehem. Christians should always be early in quest of their Lord and in His Praise. And this, not only a physical response! All our responses - heart, mind and soul - should race in their eager desire to welcome "the King in His beauty". A happy and early Easter to you,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

P.S. A Book missed from the Vestry - "A Theological Word Book of the Bible" - will you please check to see if you have put it by your bedside for a little night reading.

FAMILY CHURCH AND GIFT WEEKEND - 6th & 7th MAY

This year's theme for the Weekend will be "The Ministry". This seems appropriate since 1978 sees the 25th Anniversary of the Minister's Ordination. Your own thoughts on the planning of this weekend will be welcome. So far we have in mind: greetings from Mr. Connelly's former Churches and College - a Tea and Concert, and Festival and Gift Services. Your questions and comments please to Mr. G. Marriott on behalf of Family Circle or Mr. N. Dobson on behalf of the Elders.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. M.W. Hassall, Mrs. D. Cushing, Mrs. J. Archer and Miss E. Reavely have all been in and out of hospital. Mrs. P. Tye is still in hospital in Brighton. Robbie Turton and Gordon Wraight together with Mrs. F.L. de Pury have been ill at home, while many others have been ill with colds and 'flu.

We send loving thoughts to you all - and do please remember the Minister is glad to visit, and a call on 48259 brings a ready response from him or Rosemary. Mornings are best for telephone calls.

We rejoice with Matthew and Wilma Smith in the birth of their new baby daughter and anticipate other new members of the family very soon.

IN MEMORIAM

George Frederick STUBBS father of Robin Bradley

Kitt, ARNOLD

"so He bringeth them unto their desired haven"

MARRIAGE

Dennis William BARNARD 11.2.78

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members

- * Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Searle, 50 Chesterfield Road
- * Mr. & Mrs. J. Barnett, 11 Twyford Road
- * Mr. & Mrs. B. Bailes, 27 Coniston Road, Tel: 48693
- * Mrs. O. Jones, 10 Keymer Way
 - * Mr. P. Richards

Telephone No.

Miss E. Robertson - Wg. 49800

Change of Address

Mrs. R. Carswell (nee Paterson) 5 Horsenden Avenue, Greenford, Middx.

HYMN & BIBLE VERSES

1 am

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love.

Jehovah, great I am

By earth and heaven confessed;

We bow and bless the sacred name,

For ever blest.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty. Revelations 1 v. 8

I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, amen. Revelations 1 v.18

and Jesus said unto them I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

St. John 6 v. 35

THANK YOU LORD

For life - with all its ups and downs, Its light and dark, its thorns and crowns, Thank you, Lord.

For happy hours and memories bright, For sunlit day and velvet night, Thank you, Lord.

For friendly folk who warm my days In a thousand different ways, Thank you, Lord.

For heart and mind that I may live And feel, and see, and do and give, Thank you, Lord.

JOAN MOULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS &

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to express our grateful thanks to all the kind friends of the Church who visited and cared for Katie during her last illness. This was much appreciated.

HARRY ATTKINS

My grateful thanks for much kindness during my illness especially for the Minister's visits, the lovely flowers from the Church, and not forgetting a kind letter from the Secretary of the Women's Guild; Also a kind card from the Girls' Brigade. Thank you all,

KATHLEEN MILES

To have had the expression of so much kindly thought and concern shown to us by our friends at Goring has been an experience for which we are very deeply grateful. Thank you all! Though no longer able to be active members, we have very much at heart our interest in the Church's

work and are so glad, through reading "The Chronicle" to keep in touch with all that obviously is being achieved by the impact of Christian thought and care in the neighbourhood.

FRANCES & PIP BIGGS

I am sure that all Church Members and friends will wish to join with his friends in the Choir in offering Congratulations to Mr. Richard Colbourn on his recent achievement of A.R.C.O. May God bless him in his work and ministry of music.

EDITOR

Dear Church Members,

I should like to say "Thank You" for your support when I became a new member of the Church on Sunday, 5th February, 1978. I would like to say a few words about myself before I join your Church and the 5th Worthing Company of Boys' Brigade. I live in Bognor Regis with my mother, as my sisters and brother are all married. I was a member of Boys' Brigade since I was 11 years old at the Baptist Church, Victoria Drive, 1st Bognor Regis Company. After four years the Company packed up, moving to 2nd Bognor Regis Company at St. Peter's Church, Frith Road, because the Captain moved to Lymington and no one could find another Captain to run the 1st Bognor Company. I carried on with 2nd Bognor Company there and was appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer in 1976. After three months the Company closed because of accommodation problems and so I was out of B.B. almost six months.

While I was driving back from Brighton with my girl-friend, Julie, coming along the Littlehampton Road I just remembered about the school which our company, 2nd Bognor used to play with 5th Worthing, so I turned off to come over the bridge, and I remembered the Church, and stopped to think about the 5th Worthing, and wondered if Mr. Stewart was still the Captain. So I went into the Church and found a member of the staff and asked him if the 5th

Worthing Company was still running under Mr. Stewart, and this friend told me that it was and that Mr. Stewart lived in Palatine Road, so I went straight there to see him. And so I joined 5th Worthing Company on Friday, 1st October, 1976. Ever since then I have made more new friends and know most of the boys' parents. joined the Youth Club, and recently my family asked "Why don't you join the Church", so I saw Mr. Connelly and had a chat about it, and now I am very proud to be a member. I hope I shall carry on for ever, while I travel from Bognor to Church every Wednesday and Friday, and Saturday night, and Sunday mornings. The miles average 16 each way, both ways 32 and altogether the total is 138 miles each week. My mother and I are moving to Arundel in April when the cottage is ready (at present it is being decorated). so it will reduce the miles to 56 per week.

I hope we will meet one Sunday after service, and I shall get to know you all. I hope you all understand this letter,

Peace,

PAUL RICHARDS

P.S. I am helping Mr. Stewart with the Bible Class from last Sunday.

A FEAST FOR LENT

Fast from criticism and feast on praise,
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy,
Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace,
Fast from resentment and feast on
contentment.

Fast from jealousy and feast on love, Fast from pride and feast on humility, Fast from selfishness and feast on service.

Fast from fear and feast on faith.

(Quoted by Bishop Lichtenberger)
HANNY WEBER

THE CARPENTER

See the back bent lovingly, Watch the skill of hand and eye Move for man's and ox's weal. See the work of hand and brain Cut with saw and smooth with plane, Make together things of wood.

See the feet upon the shore, Hear the words of Life outpour To the hungry multitude. See the hands so quick to heal, Bless the snack to make a meal, Lift the sick from beds of pain.

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

See the body stretched with pain,

Skills of hand and eye now vain
Overcome by agony.

Look my soul! 'Tis Easter morn, Broken body now has gone -Sacrifice transformed by Love. Look you people, see and hear, The radiant form of God is near, Glorious vital Power for all.

MARY STEPHENS
(1971)

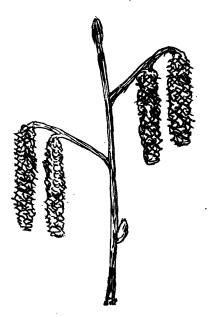
On behalf of the mothers of children who attend the Creche, Beginners and Primary Departments of Junior Church, we with to thank all the Staff who organised such a lovely Christmas Party for the little ones. May they be blessed for the love and care they show to our children. Our heartfelt thanks.

ROSEMARY & BRIAN READ JANE & PAUL ARCHER

CATKINS

Probably most of us don't realize that catkins are flowers or, to be precise, a collection of tiny flowers shaped like the tail of a cat, hence the name catkin.

Already they are appearing on the branches of hazel trees, and will be followed during the coming months by the catkins of the birch and willow. Most catkins appear long before the leaves on the trees, and are a sure herald of spring.



Each tree bears flowers of only one set. They appear as tight green clusters which open out to form a long fluffy tail shape which becomes yellow as it grows heavy with pollen, which, when shaken by the wind, is dispersed to fertilize nearby trees bearing flowers of the opposite sex.

The stems which bear the flowers on the goat willow are used to make our palms for Palm Sunday.

ROBIN BRADLEY

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Interdenominational)

The theme for this year's Day of Prayer is "Community Spirit in Modern Living". This will be held at the Church of the English Martyrs at 15.00h on 3rd.March. It is hoped that many women of the Church will attend this service if possible. There is also an eveming service to be held at 20.00h at the Durrington Free Church.

WORLD CHURCH MAGAZINE

SITUATIONS VACANT

AGRICULTURALIST required for fieldwork and Education by the

Church in Madagascar

NURSES urgently required for service in Papua.

New Guinea; also vacancies in Bangladesh and

Zambia

PHYSIOTHERPAIST needed for a CSI home for physically handi-

capped children in South India

SECRETARY urgently required by the Bishop of the Church

in Bangladesh to help with clerical and

accounting work; belief in historic episcopacy

not essential

TEACHERS required to help in training teachers in

Papua, New Guinea

Those interested in learning more about any of these vacancies

should write to:

The Rev. Iowerth Thomas, The United Reformed Church,

86 Tavistock Place, London WClH 9RT.

OBITUARY (?) THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Some observant readers may have wondered why this column has become increasingly 'general' and less 'missionary' over the past two years. I will tell you one good reason. The page was started about three years ago as the 'mouthpiece' of the then newly-reformed missionary committee and for a time some missionary activity and a supply of CWM missionary handouts were available to fill it. Unfortunately the missionary committee has for some time been defunct (indeed ministerial arrangements are in hand to give it a decent burial) and the supply of literature has all but dried up - so I have to rely on personal contacts, Reform, BMS literature, Bible Society circulars etc. for missionary information.

Now I find it difficult to understand why. in a church with a substantial and active (in some ways) group of evangelically minded people, there is so little interest in missionary affairs. Up to now I have always accepted the general observation that an evangelical church (or person) would be a missionary-minded church (or person). Yet the period of the growth of the evangelical sector in our own church has seen no corresponding increase in missionary activity - quite the reverse. The activities of our friends in this sector involve, as one would expect, a goodly number of prayer meetings and Bible study groups. One wonders how much - if any - mention is made at these meetings of the missionary interest of the church. Which reminds me that I was once a member of a very evangelical church where a man got up at a prayer meeting and asked the Lord to do something about the state of the church grounds, where the grass was growing about a foot high. In the shed there was a large motor mower in working order and the man praying was a fit 25 year old

All that is needed to revitalise the missionary committee is one enthusiastic, praying and active member. I'm sure that the Minister would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might become that one.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am grateful for several letters and comments on my comparison of the treatment by the Christian media of the Russian and South African regimes (January Chronicle). Two correspondents in particular have taken considerable trouble to try to answer the question I posed. They point out:-

a. that the South African regime claims to act on a Christian basis and therefore lays itself open to being discound and denounced by Christians when it conspicuously fails to live up to this

- b. and incidentally brings Christianity itself into disrepute by this claim;
- c. that the white electors of South Africa have it in their power to reverse or mitigate the policies of so-called Apartheid.

These are valid points which help to explain - though not in my view excuse - the double standards of which I complained. It remains clear that a good deal of the reluctance to criticise the Soviet Regime owes more to political than to Christian considerations. If anyone doubts this I shall be lad to show them the texts of two messages sent out at the same time to the Russian and the South African churches by the Baptist Union.

My thanks again to the Rev. Bruce Hardy and to Mr. Geral Eversfield, to those who have indicated their support and to the anonymous contributor who has kindly sent me articles on Rhodesia in various magazines; one of which reveals that a British Missionary Society has disowned a missionary for failing to take the 'party line' in opposition to the Smith regime.

ROBIN BRUFORD

A letter received by the Editor:-

Every month I buy and read the Chronicle and I always enjoy Robin Bruford's articles. My immediate reaction to his article in the February, 1978 edition was that I agreed wholeheartedly with what he said, but then I thought a bit more about it. Jews (Yids) have had to put up with insults from the natives for enerations, as have the Irish (Paddies, Micks and Murphies). I have not noticed that the Welsh and Scots have had to endure such prejudice although we Sassenachs have had to "turn the other cheek" many times in our own country. Why, therefore, should the coloured people be so sensitive and take such aggressive action when they are referred to as Niggers and Wogs? It is probably due to a sense of inferiority which we whites have injected into them ever since we penetrated their countries and treated them as inferior creatures.

I agree that the judge in question was right to point out that no criminal offence had been perpetrated but should a man

in his position have said to a member of the National Front "I wish you well"? Surely this was carrying free speech too far. Judges are not supposed to state their own personal opionions in court, although they frequently do, and in spite of Mr. Bruford's remarks about the jury reaching the verdict in nine out of ten cases, they are influenced by summing up which is often biased. No doubt on reading the transcripts of cases one could not find evidence of the law being broken, it is often a case of "It wasn't what he said but the nasty way he said it". See Romans 2 vv. 15 & 16 N.E.B.

MARGARET JOYCE

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE TREASURER

Total collections for six weeks to 5th February, 1978:-

Loose Cash	£295 ADVANCING TARGET		£ 354
Envelopes	£601	**	£630

With reference to the circular letter recently addressed to all members, the tear-off slip should be returned to the Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Miss L. Harris.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

FROM THE COVENANT SECRETARY

Will all members and friends who have covenanted their giving and pay weekly through the Freewill Offering Envelopes, please ensure that envelopes dated up to and including SUNDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1978 are received by the Church on or before that date, if valuable tax relief is not to be lost.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all who covenant in this way. At the present time every £100 covenanted becomes £151 in the hands of the Church Treasurer. It's that valuable!

CHRISTIAN AID

Result for February, 1978 - £10.95 Received with Thanks

HILDA HELE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This month we visit Lancing College on 7th and this should be particularly interesting in view of the recent completion of the rose window now the largest in the British Isles. I would like the names of all those wishing to go so that transport can be arranged.

On 21st we are pleased to join the ladies of the Women's Guild for a programme of Easter Music and readings which, like the Christmas programme, will be our own production. Rehearsals are in full swing.

REG GOODCHILD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Recent interesting and enjoyable evenings have included talks on Meeting People by Mr. R. Turton, Refugee Work in Africa by Mrs. M. Palmer and Chopin and his music by Mrs. M.K. Harding.

We are looking forward to hearing about LEPRA and a Spring Evening before Easter, and welcome all to these evenings.

JANE BOND

TOMEN'S GUILD

We have been delighted to welcome new members to our meetings in February and to hear that they have enjoyed them. It is always helpful to have members' ideas and suggestions for meetings. Please do not hesitate to pass yours on. A joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship was the sequal to our visit to Christ's Hospital School at Horsham last summer, when Mr. R. Goodchild gave his entertaining talk on "Christ's Hospital in the Twenties" when he was there as a scholar.

On 7th February Miss K. Harding entertained us with a delightful talk on Mendelsshon, illustrated with records of his music. On 7th March we again welcome Mrs. Yvonne Whitehead and our Easter Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

SALE OF WORK

The Youth Council are holding a sale of work at the Church Hall on Saturday, 18th March between 10.00h and 12.30h. This will be combined with a Coffee Morning and members of our Youth will be available for car washing.

All proceeds will go towards the New Building Fund. It is hoped to hold another sale just before Christmas. Our thanks to all members that have helped either to make or supply the necessary materials for others to make the goods for sale. Come along and enjoy yourself and help us build the new Hall.

ARTHUR RAZZELL

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE HYMN BOOKS

Most of the hymn books in the Church are now showing signs of considerable wear and tear. Some of the bindings are loose, and even pages are missing in a few instances. Several years ago the Church purchased 50 new hymn books, but to renew all the books (including those in the Church Hall) would now cost several hundred pounds, and finance of this amount is not available.

In order to give our existing hymn books a new lease of life it would be a great help if someone or possibly a group of people could offer to make covers for the books and refix loose pages. Any assistance will be much appreciated.

COLIN NODES
House & Frabric
Committee

CHURCH FLOWERS for MARCH

5th Mr. & Mrs. Mooney

19th Mr. J.R. Turton

12th Miss Ryde

26th Mrs. De Pury (Easter Day)

FOR THE DIARISTS AND THE YEAR PLANNERS

♣hurch Meetings will be held on:-

2nd March, 30th March, 4th May, 1st June, 29th June, 31st August, 28th September, 2nd November, 30th November 4th January, 1979.

Elders' Meetings will be held a week earlier on:-

23rd March, 27th April, 25th May, 22nd June, 24th August, 21st September, 26th October, 23rd November, 28th December.

ROY WEBB

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Thank you for your support during Girls' Brigade Week. At the time of writing this, money is still coming in, but in due course we will let you know the final amount collected also let you know the result of our sponsored 'hymn sing' ay. We are grateful too for your interest in our recent exhibition in the East Transept and thank you also for the many kind 'phone calls following Captain's broadcast on Radio Brighton. We were delighted to have the opportunity to talk about Girls' Brigade and have been invited back again later in the year.

Please note the date of our Silver Jubilee reunion weekend, June 10th/11th and put us in touch with any past member or officer if you can.

Isn't it grand to see an increase of Young Leaders amongst our Brigaders? We are going to need the help of these girls

too, as shortly after Easter, when 1st Worthing closes down, we shall be transferring about a dozen girls into our Company, bringing our numbers to 90.

We are looking for a new leader for our Explorer Section too. Janet is getting married in August and we shall miss her very much. We do need your prayers, they really do strengthen and support us. Bless you all,

> JEAN WEBB Captain

YOUTH PAGE

Dear Boys & Girls,

We give a great deal of attention to our hair and fingernails, but often forget an organ which usually keeps out of sight. It is only four inches long and weighs about two ounces - the tongue.

Although the eyes and ears for seeing and hearing are considered very important, the tongue and taste are generally regarded as of no particular importance. A little unfair to say the least! Have you ever held your tongue? You're told to often enough, I expect! Just try to speak while you clamp your tongue between your teeth. Can anyone understand you? Now try to chew without moving your tongue, try to swallow while your torgue is held down with a flat stick. How did you get on?

The tongue plays a very important and complex part in the action of swallowing. First, the front part presses against the hard palate in the roof of the mouth. Then the rear portion humps up, pushing food into the passage which leads to the food canal. It sounds very simple, but is a complicated action of nerves and intricate muscles. We know how to swallow even before we are born - which shows how important this reflex action of swallowing is to life.

The tongue's upper surface is studded with little nipples, called papillae, some of which contain taste buds. In the taste buds are taste cells which receive the sensation of taste through a chemical process.

The tongue tastes salt with the tip, sweet in the middle, bitter in the rear and sour along the sides. (these are four of the basic tastes, and just as the primary colours of red, blue and yellow blend into a thousand colours and shades, so do the basic tastes lend into thousands of taste sensations).

However, there are other taste buds in the roof of the mouth. The main tastes of sour and bitter are near the junction of the soft and hard palates in the roof of the mouth. Most of the buds for salt and sweet are on the tongue but there are a few in other places, particularly in the upper throat.

Food must be liquefied before any real taste emerges. Even ice-cream is asteless until it melts in the mouth, when the taste-cells begin to react and send their taste messages to the brain. The messages are blended and the brain broadcasts a message - "this ice-cream is super!" (delicious!)?

The tongue has to be trained for the very complicated neuromuscular feat of speech. Babies have to experiement with sounds for more than two years before they are able to form simple sentences. The tongue of colder child is adult is like a never-tiring acrobat, able to flex himself into a great variety of shapes for more complex expression. You can get some idea of his acrobatics by uttering a single sentence. As you speak, concentrate on Tongue's movements. You will be amazed at his activity! And so the tongue goes on quietly—or not so quietly(!) tasting and talking its way through life.

But remember - 'keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking grile'(Psalm 34 v. 13). 'And my tongue shall talk of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long' (Psalm 35 v. 28).

Lord speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart, And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

> Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79 C.P. No. 552

No. 299

FROM THE VESTRY

And after April, when May follows

Browning's praise of God in spring is well known to us. His poem "Home-thoughts, from Abroad" expresses his delight in God's gift of the Spring.

The Bible too - not least in the Song of Songs - echoes the same praise:

"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".

The coming of spring and summer is a great joy to us, and this year what happy celebrations are in store - two Jubilees - the Minister's 25th Anniversary of his ordination and Family Church Festival, and the Girls' Brigade 25th Anniversary.

And then Whitsuntide

"Surprised by joy - impatient as the wind". To what blessings we look forward! May Christ who is the source of all our blessings be praised in beauty, joy, and love within His Church.

Church Membership

A number of friends have already entered into the fellowship of the Church this year and after revisions, the roll stands at about 340. Do not hesitate to see the Minister about this for whether on profession of faith, or by transfer, we shall be happy to welcome you.

Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

2nd Mr. & Mrs. Beale 9th Miss Wharhirst 16th Miss Harding 23rd Mrs. Price 30th Miss Wingrove (Worcs).

IN MEMORIAM

ALICE EDITH DePURY 26.2.78

KATHERINE CONSTANCE SPURGEON 1.3.78

JONAH HENRY SMITH 8.3.78

"Now is eternal life
If risen with Christ we stand
In Him to life re-born
And holden in His hand".

Do please remember that the book of remembrance in the Little Chapel is for your use. A note with full details to the Vestry will ensure your loved one's being remembered in this way, and there is no charge.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

It is always a delight to visit Bob and Greta Pepperdine in their home. The way in which they have overcome so many setbacks in recent weeks, speaks eloquently of their faith, and Bob, who has been unable to join with us at morning worship for such a long time, is so pleased with the recordings of the services. Greta is now sufficiently recovered to be back among us.

We are sorry that Mary Stephens is so unwell at the moment and send our blessings both to Mary and Charles.

Rosemary Kitto is at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and so the Vestry is not quite the same ... it is quiet and dull ... how pleased we shall be to welcome Rosemary home.

Many friends have been ill in recent weeks and we remember them all in our prayers, especially Miss E.L. Dodd and Mrs. W.L. Coltart who are in hospital. Mrs. Doris Cushing is now looking so much better.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr & Mrs. M. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. J. Titlow
Mr. & Mrs. S.A. Webber

all of whose homes have been enriched by the gift of children.

WELCOME HOME!

Mr. & Mrs. W. Burrage from Australia Mrs. A.W. Hoy from Canada

They speak with joy of their recent visits to their families

We are always glad to have news of our travellers - & Mrs. F.A. Edis are presently on a world cruise.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

New Member

* Mr. R. Jones, 5 Winton Lodge, Arun Close

Change of Address

- * Mrs. A. Seaton-Mills, 24 Somerset Rd., Ferring Tel: 502394
- * Mrs. B. Lewis, 53 Coleridge Crescent, 501634
- * Mr. & Mrs. E. Pullinger, 51 Chesham Close, 42993

Amendment

* Mrs. O. Jones, 10 Keymer Crescent, 49658

OBITUARY

Mr. & Mrs. S. Arnold

I should like to pay a tribute to Stanley & Kitty Arnold, members of our dear Church, and very valued friends. They were dear Christian souls with heavy burdens to bear, including Kitty's blindness - a great sorrow to both. They carried their crosses with courage, gaiety and faith in God.

To all their friends and neighbours they were generous and kind, a great help in time of trouble, a true example of Christian lives. It is a beautiful thought that they are now re-united after a mercifully short time of separation. "In God's own keeping".

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold moved to Worthing the year our Church was opened under the Ministry of Mr. Franks and were soon joining in all its activities, assisting with transport where needed. Mrs. Arnold joined the Guild and Working Party, helping the catering committee then under the leadership of Miss Thomas, and Mr. Arnold enjoyed the Men's Fellowship.

It was a great blow when Mrs. Arnold became totally blind, a result of diabetes, but they carried on cheerfully. When Mr. Arnold's health failed, they had to go into a Home in St. Botolph's Road where their kindly help was much appreciated. They maintained their interest in the life of the Church, especially in the Girls' and Boys' Brigade and were greatly helped spiritually by the visits of Mr. Wallis Hayward, Mr. Connelly and many members of the Church.

Needing nursing attention, they moved to Pentlands Nursing home last year where Mr. Arnold passed away in November. We felt that Mrs. Arnold could not survive him very long, but she showed a brave face to us all and on 19th January went by ambulance to the Gorleston Nursing Home near her son, a long journey to endure in such severe weather, when she was so ill. She was settling into her new surroundings and enjoying her son's daily visits when she died suddenly on 11th February after saying "Hello, dears!" to the two nurses who took her breakfast in.

We must rejoice that she can now see her Lord, whom she trusted completely, and that she is with her Stan again.

E.M. RYDE

EVENING SERVICES

Can I add a plea to the notice given out today, 12th March? With the lighter evenings coming on how about a better attendance at evening worship on Sundays? The service is so helpful in the unhurried atmosphere of the ending of the day, and in April particularly, as you see from the notice, you can get the answers to some interesting appartions.

Now please do not say you have not the time, personally I find I get all my evening chores done as well as walking to and from Church, and think what good the exercise will do you, in more senses than one!

AUDREY STEWART

BIBLE VERSES

HOLY

Psalm 145 vv. 17/18 - The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

2 Timothy 3 v.15 - And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.

Romans 12 vv. 1/2 (The Living Bible) And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy - the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think.

Matthew 25 v. 31 - When the son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

ACKNOWLE DGMENTS

I would briefly like to say 'thanks' to very many members who have been so kind always, since the loss of our dear and close friend with whom we lived for many years, also their deep concern and prayers on behalf of my dearest husband who has been in Hospital since November last, at Chichester, not forgetting Captain Webb and her Brigade's kind thoughts and especial thanks to The Rev. & Mrs. Connelly.

EVA PULLINGER

May I say a big 'thank you' to all of you for your kind enquiries and prayers over the last two months. Physically I'm much better, but it is a difficulty in seeing clearly that has upset me most. I need a magnifying glass to read

the hymns. But Oh, how I miss reading the music. I'm very grateful to our Heavenly Father for all his benefits and hope to go on singing His praises.

ROB TURTON

Dear friends,

I enclose a small donation towards flowers for the church, and offer this in thanksgiving for the help and prayers of the congregation, particularly remembering the Rev. W. Connelly, Irene & Richard Tuley, Geraldine Green, and Robin and Brad Bradley, and three others who risited my daughter during her 5-week stay in Graylingwell, but whose names I do not know.

I am deeply grateful for all the U.R.C. has done, both spiritually and temporally, and will, from time to time, send you a donation to be used as you feel is best, as a thank offering for this help. God bless!

MAUREEN PRICE

I should like to thank everyone for their prayers and the love and kindness shown to Paul, the children and myself during and after my recent stay in hospital.

Thank you and God bless you all.

JANE ARCHER

I should like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Connelly and friends of the Church for their visits and thoughts of me during my recent illness. They were very much appreciated.

DORIS CUSHING

Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Mercer together with Colin and Lynda, are most grateful for, and conscious of, the prayers that have been offered for Emma Victoria who has undergone a series of operations to correct hip dislocation, these have proved very successful. Thank you all.

The Coffee Morning in aid of the Youth Club New Building Fund, which was held in the Hall on Sat. 18th March raised £130. We should like to thank all who helped us, those who made articles, those serving on the stalls, and all those who came along and supported us. We much appreciate all that you did.

YOUTH SECTION

My dear friends,

Sunday, 5th March

Today has been a very harpy day for me, you have received me into membership of your Church. Thank you all for the norm and loving welcome, especially the friends in Arun Close who have been so kind to me since coming here last May.

I was brought up in the Vale Congregational Church, Broadstairs, as a young man I was a member of Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells. On coming to Worthing some forty years ago I married a young lady and became a Baptist. I worshipped with the during the ministry of Mr. C. Franks.

Then two years ago my dear wife was called into the presence of her Lord since then there have been times of great loneliness, but I thank God for the friends in Arun Close, whose love has drawn me to return to you. I am interested in the London Emmanuel Choir; if you haven't heard them then do get in touch with me and I will endeavour to help. I work at Worthing Hospital and am not at home until after 5.0 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. I shall be pleased to hear from any of you. God bless you all. Yours in Christ,

ROBERT E. JONES

FROM THE TREASURER	<u>Finan</u>	oe 1978			
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(best of all:) glorifies Christ (John 16:13-15). Then shall we say "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us". (Phil. 4:13). Think on these words of Jesus: "My Father is still working, and I am working too" (John 5:17) - and pray about attending the regional GEAR Conference at Capel (Dorking) 27-29th October. * I recommend to you Tom Smail's book "Reflected Glory" (Hodder, 85p) available on our bookstall, for a Christ-centred view of renewal.

JEAN BOUGHTON

THANK THEE

For each new day, and with it strength anew To face the work Thou givest me to do, I thank Thee.

For eventide and welcome rest at last, For peaceful sleep when day-sweet day is past,

For every season answering Thy call-Thy loving wisdom that is in them all,

For Winter - which is but the sleep of Spring, The Summer sun, the Autumn colouring,

For all the wonders of the countryside, The songs of birds, the sea and changing tide,

For friends that I shall ever hold most dear -In body absent yet in spirit near,

For love itself and all that love can give And without which the spirit cannot live.

For hope which at Thy coming Thou didst bring -Life after death - the One Eternal Spring I thank Thee.

That I may ever find Thyself in these -In love, in friendship, flowers, birds and trees In joy, in sorrow, work and hours of ease I ask Thee.

With acknowledgments - E. Vinall

DORIS WRAIGHT

COLIN S MODES

A DAY ON THE FARM

A Day on the Farm at Pondtail Farm, West Grinstead. Mr. Ted Winstanley, on behalf of the Horsham United Reformed Church, invites everyone to this event which is being held on Saturday, 24th June, between 14.00h and 19.00h. I understand that there will be tractor rides for children, stalls and side-shows etc. Directions: From Worthing take the main A 24 road to West Grinstead. At the traffic lights by Buck Barn Garage, turn left onto the A 272 signposted Billingshurst. "Pondtail Farm" is the first farm on the right from the traffic lights.

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike,

Because he wasn't treated fair on things he didn't like.

If he had ever once sat down and said, "That's it, I'm through.

I've had enough of those on earth - so this is what I'll do.

I'll give my orders to the sun, cut off your heat supply.

And to the moon, give no more light. And run the oceans dry.

Then just to make it really tough and put the pressure on -

Turn off the air and oxygen till every breath is gone".

Do you know? - he'd be justified if fairness was the game.

For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain

Than God, and yet he carries on, supplying you and me

With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go.

But what a deal we've given God, to whom everything we owe.

We don't much care whom we hurt or harm, to gain the things we like.

But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

L.V. BEAMISH

An appreciation - THANK YOU Phil Scudder for those two most memorable contributions to the February Chronicle. It helps to know what other folk think and feel. 'Let me' was most movning, and 'Grandmothers' humerous but equally moving.

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

Refugee Problems in Africa Just as the last outpost of Western European colonial rule in Africa (each of the qualifications is deliberate) is giving way the World Council of Churches and its related social organisation Christian Aid are becoming much more open about the refugee problem which affects almost every part of that continent. We are told that there are something like 1,600,000 refugees from 27 countries and their numbers are being added to daily. All but a few of these unfortunate people have had to flee from oppression by 'majority rule' governments - which is why their plight has been largely suppressed until recently by the very agencies which are now drawing attention to it (and who further are blaming us western Christians for ignoring these problems!).

Whatever one's view about the causes - tribal, political and sometimes even religious hatreds - the sufferings of the refugees are real enough and should demand the same sort of attention and assistance of governments and churches as did the massive European refugee problems of the 1940's and 1950's. The African churches, some of them at not inconsiderable risk; are beginning to face the problems but they will need all the financial support they can get. Gifts can be made through Christian Aid or Oxfam in the usual way.

Steve Biko on the Rights of the Majority Readers of 'Reform' will have been interested to read the cogent arguments of Steve Biko, the unfortunate South African who was murdered, or at best injured and callously allowed to die, by members of the South African security forces. He makes it plain that in his view the 'integration' of different cultural and ethnic groups so often advocated by white liberals is no answer to racial problems. He does not see why cultural and ethnic majorities should be required to adapt their ways to accommodate the culture, religious etc. of minority groups. I am not saying whether I agree with these sentiments or not, but I hope that those who do will recognise them as being as valid in one country as in another.

Without Comment - House of Commons Motions That this House applauds the statements of the Bishops of Ripon and Lichfield in seeking to apply Christ's teaching to the problems of contemporary Great Britain; and expresses the hope that leading Conservative politicians, and especially those who are Christians, would do likewise, instead of exploiting such problems for party advantage.

That this House respectfully reminds some members of the Lords Spiritual that, ... if the Church is to fulfil its icial, reconciling role in the desperately important matter of immigration it must display as much concern for the anxieties of the indigenous population as for the welfare of immigrants.

ROBIN BRUFORD

PASQUE FLOWER

At first sight this month's flower might be mistaken for a purple crocus with a rather long stem, as it can grow up to 10 ins. high. On closer examination it will be seen that

the large bell-shaped flower is cupped by a circle of feathery fronds.

The large purple petals open to expose a cluster of golden stamens, so in one flower may be seen the two most common colours found among spring flowers.

The leaves are short, and rather fern-like and hairy. Unfortunate-ly this flower is becoming rare, but can still be found in some parts of the chalk downlands, during April and May. The name Pasque is derived from the french word Paques meaning Easter.

ROBIN BRADLEY

PULSATILLA VULGARIS

ATTOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

Christian Aid

Amount Collect'd for March, 1978 - 18.556

Received with thanks, HILDA HELE

Gring & Ferring Friendship Centre - This Centre meeta revery Wednesday in the Bure Drive Methodist Hall, and its helmore or dress from all the Churches in the Gering area. A lunch is provided for the elderly lanely of this district. We do need Cooks, Car Drivers Waitresses and Washers-up.

If you hould like to holp, please contact Mr. H. Morton (Rote Secretary) W. 44194 or Miss P.H. Stover (Secretary) W. 43050.

Men's Fellowship - We are grateful to Reg Hobbs for arranging our visit to Lancing College on 7th March. Thirty one attended and thoroughly enjoyed a conducted tour of the School. Our programme for April is in the Church Calendar and for our A.G.M. on 18th April I shall be glad to receive nominations for Officers and Committee as soon as possible.

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild - In spite of poor weather and much sickness attendances have been good. Mrs. Burridge has returned from her trip to Australia and after seven months' absence we were pleased to welcome back Miss Holmes and Miss Sexton. We all hope Miss Holmes will continue to make good progress.

Mrs. Irene Dearsley, who served as a missionary in Nigeria for so many years, gave us an inspiring talk illustrated by slides and Nigerian costume and trinkets, on her work with the Nigerian women. As an expression of thanks a collection of £11 was taken and given to the Sudan United Mission.

On 7th March we were delighted to have with us once again Mrs. Yvonne Whitehead who with song, verse and slides fascinated us with the programme "The Four

We are nearing the end of our Session and in May we have our A.G.M. when we elect officers and members of the committee. Will you give this matter your thoughts? ETHEL DEARSLEY

Family Circle - What a joy to see the hall filled with both young and old at the meeting held on 27th February! It could indeed be called a Family Circle meeting.

A very special thanks must go to Mr. A. Fillmore for the first part of the meeting, when he entertained us with music To suit all tastes. There had been much thought and many hours spent by Mr. Fillmore in preparing the programme. His wit and explanatory details of the various pieces of music were indeed greatly appreciated by all. We do offer our grateful thanks to him.

After refreshments, the younger members of the Fellowship gave us some superb entertainment, some of which was impromptu. There was ample laughter which is always a good tonic. The Fellowship is indeed blessed to have so many talented and dedicated young people so willing to give up their time and spread joy amongst us. We extend our grateful thanks to them. It would be unkind to mention any particular names, but Mr. Chris Byerley has been asked to say a special thank you to everyone who took part. I do think it should be specially mentioned that, although the meeting did not finish until quite late, it was a special request from our young entertainers that after they had rendered a special Christian medley of choruses the evening should close with a prayer. The whole Pellowship should offer its thanks to God for a loving and caring Church.

The next meeting of the Family Circle is on Monday, 3rd April, please note this in your diaries.

GREG E. MARRIOTT

Anchor Boys - There are now twenty four boys in the team, and this means that we are full up. A waiting list has been started, and names may be given to Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Batchelor. When the older boys join the Junior Section in September there will be places for at least twelve new boys so the wait will not be a long one.

SYLVIA BATCHELOR

Boys' Brigade - Owing to the impending arrival of a voungster in the family and pressure of work. Alan Flashman feels that he is not able to do justice to the work amongst the boys in the Junior Section and has therefore decided to stand down as Officer in Charge. We are grateful for the work he has done over the past three years and there is no doubt the boys will miss him. Alan is going to keep in contact with us and will consider returning to the Company in a year or two. We will obviously have some problems in dealing with this new situation, but will carry on in the strength that only God supplies. One problem that always seems to be with us is the lack of a pianist or someone able to deal with the Junior boys in their musical activities. If you have or know of anyone with the ability to help us out even for half an hour or so on a Monday evening do please let us know.

The boys have been enjoying reasonable successes in their activities recently including the winning of the Senior and Company trophies at the West Sussex Battalion Cross Country Competition held at Petworth. Our congratulations to Brian Easey on his appointment to Warrant Officer, Phillip Gill on his promotion to Sergeant, and Colin Easey on winning his President's Badge. Ian Morley, Paul and Adrian Harding, in the Junior Section, have gained their Gold Achievements.

We look forward to your support for two events this month, the first being the Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Stall on Saturday 8th, and the second - our combined Annual Display on Friday, 28th at the Sixth Form College. Besides the usual coffee and stalls at the Coffee Morning we are holding an Exhibition of Hobbies with a competition for the best in the three age groups, the three groups being 6 to 11, 12 to 18 and adults, the competition will be open to B.B. members and their parents also Church and Junior Church members, Prizes in each group rangeing from 50p to £2 and the fee is 10p per entry (limited to three entries). Entry forms available from the Officers.

The Girls' Brigade - Your generous donations in Brigade Week amounted to £68 and we do want you to know how grateful we are. Our sponsored bymn sing day was one of spiritual uplift, and those few who braved the rain and wind to hear us, joined in the singing and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The sponsor money is still coming in and we hope for a total of £200 from that effort.

On 4th April we have been invited to entertain our Women's Guild. On 6th April we have a jumble sale at 18.30h. (all equests for collection please to W. 40546) and on 15th ...ril we travel by coach to Horsham where we are to perform the final item in the West Sussex Girls' Brigade Display. We have recently had a "smartening up" campaign and introduced a new system for inspection and devotional times on Tuesdays. The older girls have expressed their thanks and approval of all these moves - God be praised for the guidance and wisdom He never fails to give.

JEAN WEBB Captain

A different Girls' Brigade Company - Whilst we rejoice in our own Girls' Brigade Company, can I ask for your prayers for another Company, they are the 1st Lingfield based at the Lingfield Hospital School, Lingfield, Surrey. All the girls are handicapped, mostly they are epileptic or spastic. Each year these girls go to camp, just like ours do, and we all know what has to be planned and prepared for normal camp. Imagine the extra problems when most of the girls are likely to have fits and are unable to do the usual chores. t they do enjoy their camp so much, and many of them have come to know their Lord through Brigade. The first time I went to help at their camp a small girl, with a bright smile asked me if I knew her friend Jesus, because if I didn't she would tell me about Him. Not many months later Bonnie met her Friend, because she died from a tumour. This year they are camping near Godalming, Surrey from May 1st - 11th and the main projects will be swimming and music. I cannot go to help this year, but they do need adult help very much, so will you pray that the help they need will be found, and as you pray for our own Girls, pray also for these less able ones who also enjoy Brigade.

SYLVIA BATCHELOR

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

WHAT BIG EYES YOU HAVE

The eyes are protected by the sockets in which they lie, the eyelids, and a packing of fat. Each eye is moved by six little muscles and kept moist and clean by water from a tear gland, which is drained away through a duct into the nose.

Near the front are the iris and the pupil, which are the most noticeable parts of the eye. The front skin of the eyeball is called the <u>cornea</u>, and it is curved, transparent and very sensitive to the touch of the slightest speck of anything that falk on it. This sensitivity is nature's warning so that the eye is taken care of. The cornea is like a curved watch glass on the front of a watch.

Between the cornea and the lens is a liquid called the Aqueous Humour which is a watery fluid. Behind the lens is the Vitreous Humour which is a jelly-like substance. There are often little marks in the Vitreous which we can see moving about when we read words on white paper or look at the sky. These specks are called the Vitreous 'floaters' and are quite harmless. If we look at a bright sky (not at the sun) and watch these floaters carefully we shall see a lot of minute bright specks moving all over the background - except just at the spot at which we are looking. These bright specks are tiny blood corpuscles running along the network of tiny blood vessels at the back of the eye. When we are standing and looking straight ahead in a dark room, the little blood vessels look like a lot of branches coming from one dark hole which is the blind spot in the eye where the optic nerve leaves the eye to go to the brain.

The <u>iris</u> is a membrane which opens and closes to admit more or less light. It is fully open in the dark and closes down to quite a small circle in the brightest sunlight. The shutting down of the pupil is nature's way of protecting the sensitive parts of the eye from

too much light. (Cats' eyes close to a slit in bright light). The pupil is the opening through the iris.

Behind the iris is the <u>lens</u>, which is convex but rather flat. Its shape is kept by a muscle all around the edge which keeps it flat for looking at a distance. If the muscles are relaxed the lens becomes rounder (more like a sphere) and the eye can then see objects near to it. Older people find they cannot see clearly at more than one distance because with increasing age man gradually loses his power to tighten and relax the muscles round the lens.

The light from outside comes through the pupil and is focused by the lens on the inside of the curved back part of the eye which is called the <u>retina</u>. The picture is usually seen near the centre. The retina (or screen) covers over more than half the back of the eye.

There are about 132 million cells sensitive to light on the surface of the human retina. The message they send to the brain is from nerve ends, called rods or cones from their shape. Rods are round the outer part and see well in a weak light and in a strong light look subconsciously beside and behind us, but they don't see a clear picture. The most sensitive part of the eye, the macula, is used in the brightest light. There is a very close bunching of cones in the macula and we can see very much more clearly with it than with the rest of the eye. This is because of the greater number of nerve endings and the fact that the cones distinguish between different colours.

When the light strikes each of the nerve points it sends a minute electrical signal to the brain. As the child grows it learns what these signals mean and interprets them as a complete picture.

To God who made all lovely things How happy must our praises be! Each day a new surprise He brings To make us glad his world to see. How plentiful must be the mines From which he gives His gold away; In March He gives us celandines, He gives us buttercups in May.

He grows the wheat and never stops: There's none can count the blades of green; And up among the elm-tree tops As many thousand leaves are seen.

He makes the sea that shines afar With waves that dance unceasingly; And every single little star That twinkles in the evening sky.

> C.P. 41 (J.M C. Crum 1872 - ?)

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

> C.P. 35 (John Keble 1792-1866)

> > MARY CONNELLY

GEAR 24-26 FEBRUARY, 1978 - "Power to the People"

Two-hundred and sixty-five of us, of all ages (including the General Secretary of the U.R.C.) gathered in Swanwick, Derbyshire, for the fourth National Conference of the Group for Evangelism And Renewal within the Unite. Reformed Church. For those who did not hear my Report at the March church meeting (and for those who did hear it and wondered why a weekend conference should leave one speechless), I write the following.

I summarise the Conference weekend in the one word "WONDERFUL"! Why? Was it because I love the Derbyshire countryside and the Hayes Conference Centre in its lovely grounds and February mists? Or because we had good meals (and second helpings!) and comfortable beds? Or that I met old friends and made new ones in the instant family which God provides amongst those who love Jesus? Yes.

all that! But, much more importantly, because Jesus stood among us - and what makes any day more wonderful than a personal encounter with the living Lord God?

Apart from telling you that we had superb talks from Tom Smail, in the ministry for 25 years and currently director of the Fountain Trust; that we met together in groups of about 20 for short morning prayer/Bible study; had workshops on such topics as dance and drama in worship, gifts of the Holy Spirit, church growth and the dynamics of spiritual leadership - I would like to pass on to you something of how God met with us, so that you can share personally, if only in a small way, in the message given and questions sed.

"Power to the People" - God's power to us. Tom Smail's message was one of hope and challenge. Our God reigns (Isaiah 52:7), He is Lord - Sovereign - Victor - Almighty - POWERful. "In the beginning God ..." What God said, happened. It was created (it had life). His word is reliable. His power gave Jesus new life from death and the grave. His Holy : Spirit gave life and power to the first disciples at Pentecost. He is still creative now. Father, Son and Holy Spirit - One God. Our God is forever the same. He is love: love gives. He still gives life and power today, in His immeasurable love towards us.

"God who made the earth
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Careth for me".

Careth for you. God offers a new life in Jesus Christ (His supreme gift) and wants to give you His gifts, His Holy rit (Luke 11:13), to channel His power and love through you. Ask yourself:- 1. Do we restrict God? He is mightily able. There is nothing He cannot do. 2. Do we have problems? Are our hearts cold towards God and one another? He loves us and wants to heal. It is His love which warms our hearts. 3. Who is it who ministers in the Church? Is it us, or Christ? Are the works ours, or God's? We must surrender to God, be open to Him, depend on Him.

He is able to give new life - renewed life by His Spirit in the Church through Christ Jesus. The gospel is not meant to make us comfortable. The Holy Spirit challenges and inspires us to deeper faith and commitment, empowers us and -P.7

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FROM THE VESTRY

Steps to the Throne

To those who follow the Christian year, and I commend the practise to you, these days after Easter ascend in glorious praise to Christ. "He is Risen" we shout with acclamation in praise of His Resurrection. "He reigns" we sing in joy of His Ascension, and we are wise to look up and worship on Ascension Day - this year our worship will be in Holy Communiat 07.30h.

The days following Ascension awaken us to love in expectation of Whit-Sunday. This means that the old name given for the Sunday after Ascension "EXPECTATION SUNDAY" has an important meaning. We look forward in expectation to Pentecost or Whit-Sunday.

Our present secular age possesses few hopes or expectations and is perhaps cynical of those who have. The fallen idols of Education, Full Employment, Social Security, mock us in an age of Violence, Doublethink, and political bankruptcy.

One is reminded of the present interest among theologians, in the use of words like "hope" or "expectation". In his book "Thinking about God" John Macquarrie describes the scene of a popular lecture in the Union Theological Seminary, York to be given by Jürgen Moltmann. It had been billed - "Leath of God Gives way to a Theology of Hope". The drawing power to fill the lecture room to overflowing lay in the word HOPE!

A true understanding of Him whom we worship has victory and hope both in this world and the next at its heart. Christ Himself ascended to God by the Cross, the Grave, the Resurrection; our own ascent to God follows the same path and He, Risen and Ascended Lord is with us in our ascent.

Let Whitsuntide possess these hopes in faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit will lead us, first to Christ in whom all gifts are centred - to whom all glory is given. And then in His fulness we are led with Peter and all the

Apostles to conquer a world by faith, hope and love.

Blessings & love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

BAPTISMS

Anthony James BAILEY 26.3.78

Kirsty Louisa CRAGHILL 30.4.78

WEDDINGS

Anthony Brian ALBRECHT 25.3.78
Susan Lynn BEACH

Steven John EXELL Stephanie Merial MARDON

15.4.78

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. A.E. FEARN who was with her late husband a member of this Church for many years. We are grateful to Mr. & Mrs. V.R. Grice for the words in appreciation of her life and work.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Redman on the birth of a son, Andrew John on 16th March, brother for Charmaine.

Many friends, including many children, have been ill during the past few weeks. Our loving greetings go to them all.

We remember Stalla Tye and Stanley Smiles in St. Barnabas;
Mrs. Mary Stephens who is making good progress at home; Kim
Reynolds who has undergone another operation; Miss Higgins,
Mrs. Coltart, and Miss Dodd are happily home again. Leslie
Burrage is still unwell - and we send blessings to them. Mrs.
Getheridge is now living in Rustington and we remember her
with affection.

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MRS. DOROTHY BUSSELL

Friends who remember Dorothy Bussell will be very sorry to hear that she passed peacefully away in her home at Maidstone last Tuesday, 11th April. She was a frail little lady and being in poor health, moved there to be near her son.

She loved Goring Church and was always willing to share her great gifts of music and elocution in the service of the Women's Fellowship and the Mayflower Club, of which she was a founder team member.

We thank God for her and give our kind sympathy to her son and his family.

GRETA PEPPERDINE

MRS. VIOLET PEARN

It was a great shock when we heard of the peaceful passing of our dear friend, Violet Pearn. For many years she and her husband, Arthur, were our near neighbours in Ferring and we were very grateful to them for bringing us to the Goring services and we often accompanied them to nearby churches where Arthur preached.

We were indeed disappointed when they moved to Rustington but we continued to visit one another. After losing Arthur, Violet eventually moved to Cambridge to be near her daughter, and we enjoyed receiving her cheery letters which we now miss. She often recalled the happy associations she had at the Goring Church and those who knew her then will doubtless join with us in sympathising with her daughter and family.

LOUISE & VICTOR GRICE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On Friday 31st March, the Choir Annual General Meeting took place, and it was with regret that we were informed that Miss Geraldine Green did not wish to be reelected as Choir Secretary. She agreed to serve in this office ten months ago, in spite of the fact that she had then been a member of the Choir for barely two months, and we should like to place on record our appreciation of her willingness to take on this not easy job after so short a time. Thank you, Geraldine, from your successor —

Dear Mr. Connelly,

Now that I have settled in at St. Barnabas after five weeks in hospital, would you please convey to friends at the United Reformed Church my sincere thanks for the kind messages, get well cards, including wishes from the Girls' Brigade and prayers, which have helped us both over a difficult time. We both very much appreciate the help it has been to us, and thank you for your own visits which have cheered me enormously.

Yours sincerely.

STELLA TYE

BIBLE VERSES

Whitsuntide The Holy Spirit Promised St. John 14 vv. 15-19 Living Bible

"If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him for it isn't looking for him and does not recognise him. But you do, for he lives with you now and some day shall be in you. No, I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm — I will come to you. In just a little while I will be gone from the world, but I will still be present with you.

St. John 14 vv. 25-28 Living Bible

"I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit - he will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you. I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is not fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubles or afraid. Remember what I d you - I am going away, but I will come back to you again."

Romans 8 vv. 26-27 The Holy Spirit is Active Today Living Bible

The Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how to pray as we should; but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts, knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

"FROM GRANDMA IN HER TROUBLE"

Although today your skies seem grey,
Tomorrow they'll be blue,
Remember, when your luck seems out
It's bound to turn without a doubt,
And dearst hopes come true.
Just do your bit and show your grit
Refrain from vain repining
When worries all around you loom,
Remember, somewhere through the gloom
God's star of hope is shining.

Reckon it isn't the job we do,
But the faith and hope to carry it through,
That count at the fall of evening dew
As wearily home we plod.
And it's never the learning we display
But the smiles and the help we give away,
That figure a deal at the end of the day,
When we square accounts with God.

Contributed by ELSIE EVANS



VISION FOR THE NEW BUILDING

Most of you will have heard of the plans for the New Building to replace the hut. The question is how far have we considered the possible scope of this venture. The present plans appear to be no more than an extension of the church premises and we wonder how far it has been remembered that the primary purpose behind these plans was to provide some form of coffee bar for the young people. Considerable thought has been given to this project over the past few weeks and we should like to share some of these ideas with you.

Firstly, if the building is to be just an ordinary extension then for the large part of the week it would not be fully used. We invite the question - to what extra use could it be put? It may be that God is inviting us to think of a more ambitious project. needs of the community around the church suggest that there is need for some form of Christian centre to be of benefit both to the church family and also as a friendship centre and form of Christian outreach to the rest of the population. Many young people have no link with the Church during the week and need somewhere to meet other than the pubs and Sports Centre. You may well ask - what do we mean by a Christian Centre? The scope is limited only by the way in which we respond to God's leading. All kinds of things are possible. especially if such a centre could be open during most of the day and evening. Our own thoughts are that such a Centre could be based around a Christian coffee bar and then any of the following ideas could be incorporated:-

- 1. Christian Counselling
- 2. Prayer, praise and bible studies organised on various evenings
- 3. Provision for the sale and lending out of Christian literature, cassettes, records etc.
- 4. A belping hand scheme which when working in conjunction with the Contact Scheme could help in giving advice or practical

service to the community.

5. Some form of mid-week youth club where young people could meet for games within

a Christian atmosphere.

These are just a few of our ideas which we hope you will think about and comment upon, either directly in Church Meeting or through this magazine. Your own ideas would be greatly appreciated and whilst the project we see it seems to be an ambitious one, we believe that the Church takes such a step of faith, then anything is possible.

MICK BASS CHRIS CHATFIELD

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

SUMMARY CONVICTION It was good to have the rare opportunity to see and hear a real live missionary in Church on 9th April, when Miss Blenko of the S.U.M. (Sudan United Mission) provided the occasion for a question and answer session on her work in Nigeria (yes, Nigeria!) The questioners were reasonably widespread and the questions varied, though few of them extended Miss Blenko (except, in one case, her comprehension). One of them was neatly turned by her into an opportunity to present her own testimony to her conversion - in brief but terms - and her calling to her work. Her joy in that work and her conviction of God's sufficiency and power shone Tough the limitations of the occasion. Let's have more such occasions and - please - when we do, do we really have to go through the entire weekly programme - I nearly said 'weary rigmarole' - of 4 hymns, 1 chant, 2 readings, etc. etc. thus reducing the time for the special feature to 12 short minutes?

HE FELL AMONG THIEVES There are many dangers in taking the details of Jesus's parables and teaching stories too far.

After all, out of some of them one could make a very good case for capitalism - even its 'unacceptable face' (for example, the Parable of the Talents) - but unlike some others, I would not dare to try to appropriate Jesus to any 'ism'. This thought occurred to me when yet again the story of the Good Samaritan was being cited in connection with attitudes to the

immigration question. If one must play this not particularly enlightening game it could be pointed out that the Samaritan did not take the victim back to Samaria nor did he invite him to take up residence there. He provided for him to be cared for in Judea.

INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE On an allied subject, that same night the first in a new series of TV religious broadcasts was shown. 'Can Christians be Conservatives' was the question. One expected that the BBC in its allegedly balanced way would follow up with 'Can Christians be Liberals' (Socialists, Communists) etc., but at the time of writing there is no sign of these. Perhaus though they thought that all this was being covered in the first programme, since the very activist and presumably far-left Friar deplored our democratic system as being a choice between *the conservatives of the Conservative Party and the conservatives of the Labour Party!. He did not choose, and was not presded, to say what form of government he as a Christian would favour, if any. He failed to mention that far more Christians are suffering under so-called revolutionary regimes than under reactionary ones. These comfortable clerical armchair revolutionaries have a lot to answer for. Most of them would not themselves touch violence and they express surprise when other less academic people turn their theoretical violence into the real thing.

LAW AND ORDER The secular side of BBC TV is doing its best to undermine any remaining respect for the police by alleging in a series of 4 plays (with explicit backing in the Radio Times) that nearly every detective is 'bent' and 'on the take'. If I or anyone else were to write a series suggesting that nearly all TV playwrights and producers were engaged in a crypto-communist conspiracy to overthrow our democratic system and replace it with a revolutionary dictatorship it would be at least as true - rather more so, in fact - but it would certainly never be given screen time.

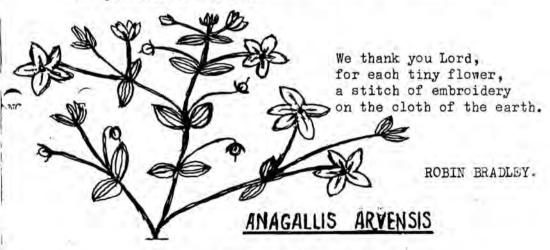
PIMPERNEL

On almost any piece of waste ground, the tiny flowers of the Scarlet Pimpernel are to be found. It is the most common of the pimpernels, which belong to the same family as the primrose.

The leaves always grow in pairs on opposite sides of the stem, and the flowers grow on the end of a long slender stalk. Although it is called Scarlet Pimpernel the flowers are not uncommonly blue. Yellow Pimpernel 13 a pointed petal, and only grows in wooded land, and is much less common.

In wet marshy land the funnel shaped pink flowers of the Bog Pimpernel creep to form whole beds of colour. Because of its wet habitat, the leaves of this flower are thicker and more fleshy.

When the petals of the Scarlet Pimpernel fall, a capsule develops which splits leaving a tiny cup, rather like half an acorn or elfs cap. The nickname for the Scarlet Pimpernel is Poor Man's Weather-glass, because it opens or closes its flowers so quickly according to the presence of the sun.



CHURCH FLOWERS FOR MAY

7th Lr. & Mrs. Calsteren

21st Miss Hedgcombe

14th Mrs. Townsend

28th V. Mills &

M. Mortimer

NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE SYNOD

This was the first time we had attended the Southern Province U.R.C. Synod meeting, and we had admittedly wondered whether it might be a typical, somewhat boring business meeting. We were therefore pleasantly surprised to find it very relevant and full of life, with considerable spiritual depth. Many subjects were discussed throughout the day, and we shall now attempt to outline some of the main points raised.

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The morning was divided between two main reports - Church Life, and Finance & Administration. The Church Life report (by Rev. Arthur Macarthur & Rev. Robert Latham, General & Deputy General Sec. U.R.C.) was particularly interesting and gave a preview of matters to go before General Assembly. Mission was mentioned, with the future possibility of people from overseas coming as missionaries to help us, since there is much we can learn from them. It was asked how motivated are we to communicating the Gospel, or are we just building up the faith of the faithful? Nationally there does seem to be an increasing interest shown towards Mission and Evangelism, with much discussion of methods and convergence of ideas.

The Ministry was reported on, with the whole question of auxiliary ministries (i.e. a part-time ministry which can take various forms) which seem likely to play an important part in the future. There is at present an increase in people enquiring about the ministry, with a total of 73 students at present in training, which is the largest number since the formation of the U.R.C. It is hoped that this increase in humbers will eventually close the gap between ministers lost each year (30-33), and new ones ordained (25-26).

Youth work was also discussed and concern shown at the tremendous fall in children in the U.R.C. in the last five years. However, growth is evident in certain areas, and these situations are being studied. There is a total of 80,000 young people in the U.R.C., a large proportion of whom are in the uniformed organisations. The question was asked as to how involved these are with the Church and how much do they give a Christian Education.

Membership Enrichment was raised with the point that there needs to be an increase in stewardship so that it means more to belong to a church. A booklet "Being an Elder in the U.R.C." has been produced and was recommended.

During the afternoon an application from Whitfield Chapel (Congregational) Dover, to join the U.R.C. was received. This will mean there will be no Congregational Churches left in the Canterbury District, since the only other one has closed.

A report from the Synod Executive spoke of the plans for E-vincial Day which is to be held on Saturday, 9th June, 1979 at Canterbury. Everyone is invited and transport is being arranged. The theme is to be "Pilgrim People" and ideas requested for this theme. It is hoped that we can get a group to go from Goring so please book this date now.

Disappointment was expressed at the indefinite postponement of the U.R.C.'s Union with the Churches of Christ.

However, much has been gained from the discussions, with new ideas produced in the areas of initiation, auxiliary ministry, and weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Several interesting points were raised in the report from the Church & Society Department. Mention was made of nuclear energy. Health Services, and racism, but it was the unemployment problem which caused mest discussion. Individual churches are asked to reconsider Christian attitudes towards work, and also to support pastorally the unemployed. A broadsheet on 'work' has been produced which will be pinned up in the Church Vestill We.

In all, the Synod was a most interesting meeting, and very rewarding in every way.

CHRIS CHATFIELD & MICK BASS

NOTICES & REPORTS

Hayward House Coffee Morning The Management Committee of Hayward House are arranging a Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Stall in the Church Hall on Saturday, 20th May between 10.30h and 12 noon. All members of the Church and congregation are invited to support this fund-raising effort.

F.J. LOCK

The amount received for April was Christian Aid Many Thanks, £23.85p

> HILDA HELE

Christian Aid Week 15th-20th May Help is needed for the House to House envelope collection. We are responsible for the area between the railway and Goring Road. Some extra roads have been allocated to us, so more collectors are needed. Offers of help to Mrs. Batchelor Tel: W. 67961.

Men's Fellowship As at Christmas, we were very pleased to join the Women's Guild on 21st March for the Easter Programme of Music and Readings. Thanks to the excellent direction of Mrs. Dearsley, who also arranged the whole programme, and the support given by Mrs. Hurt on the piano, a full house enjoyed a memorable afternoon. Regrettably, Robbie Turton had been unable to conduct the Choir of ladies, supported by three of our men, but Ethel proved an able deputy. For those who participated the afternoon was a fitting reward for several weeks of rehearsing which they had put in. On 4th April we enjoyed hearing about the History of Buses and welcomed two very young bus enthusiasts who found the talk and film very instructive.

At our A.G.M. on 18th April our President, Rev. W. Connelly, was in the Chair and after the formal business he gave us an interesting insight into his 25 years with the Ministry. All the present Officers and Committee were elected for the coming year.

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild Our combined meeting with the Men's Guild on 21st March prepared us for Easter. I would like to thank all those who had turned out week by week, sometimes in bad weather, to help make this afternoon a success. 4th April was quite a highlight in the Session, when we welcomed Captain Webb, her officer. Mrs. Norris and members of the Brigade. The afternoon showed what an enormous amount of work goes on each Tuesday Evening when the Brigade meets. Questions were

answered and many learned for the first time what is entailed in the running of a Company the size of the 5th Goring Brigade. The final item by the Girls was beautifully done and was most moving. On 17th May we visit Fen Place the Home for retired ministers. We shall be taking with us gifts for their Annual Fete and Garden Party. If you would care to contribute something for any of the stalls please put your gifts in the box which will be placed in the Church Vestibule for that purpose an Sunday, 14th May, and we will see they are delivered.

Thank you so much,

Monday Evening Fellowship We are looking forward to our Summer programme which will include interesting meetings and visits. Do watch the Church Calendar for details or ask one of us for a programme. As we meet during school terms we have a programme that continues longer than the other men's and women's meetings.

We start again on 24th April with Mrs. V. Turton showing us flower arranging, followed on 8th May by Mr. Milne of the Christian Publicity Organisation showing us a film. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. We have two projects in progress at the moment as part of our desire to serve; one in our Church - to Spring Clean the Cornwall Room where we meet; and one in the wider Church supporting the work amongst Lepers, by collecting 10p at a time to buy Dapsone tablets to treat children. We hope to treat several children for one year at £5 each.

those present were delighted by the musical entertainment presented by Judy Bruce-Hay and Simon Gosnell, assisted by their piano accompanist and drummer. Then followed a short Annual General Meeting, with the President, the Rev. W. Connelly in the Chair. After his opening remarks, followed by Reports by the Chairman and Treasurer, the following were elected for the forthcoming year: President: The Rev. W. Connelly, Chairman: Mr. Ray Shelton, Vice-Chairman: Mr. G.E. Marriott, Treasurer: Mrs. Carol Webber, Secretary: Miss M. Hawke, Committee: Mrs. Jean Shelton, Mr. Reg. Goodchild.

After refreshments, there was a Beetle Drive, organised by Drond Reg Goodchild, which ended the evening on a note of hilarity.

MOLLIE HAWKE

A Film An amazing film is being shown at the Piccadilly Hotel in London, which all Christians should see. It is "The Silent Witness" - a film showing the detailed investigations recently carried out on the Holy Shroud of Turin by Scientists in various subjects - anatomists, betanists and others. Already the film has converted unbelief into belief.

DORA BRIDGER

A request I would be grateful for any magazines, catalogues (flower & fashion) pictures or articles, thoughts and prayers, which may be of interest or use to teen-age girls. (women's magazines, fashion, mothercare, parents etc. etc.)

MARY CONNELLY

Worthing & District Torch Fellowship Group (Torch Trust for the Blind).

It is proposed to hold an Area Rally, on Saturday, 3rd June, at Worthing Tabernacle, Chapel Road, with meetings at 14.30h and 18.30h. The Southern Evangel Chorale will be taking part. Tea will be available for blind and partially-sighted people and for any who come from a distance.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Any who may be interested in the Torch News Letter, please get in touch with the EDITOR.

U.R.C. WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT SPRING MEETING FOR THE CHURCHES OF THE DISTRICT

Goring-by-Sea U.R.C. is host church for the above meeting for the Churches of the West Sussex District which this year will be held on Wenesday, 24th May, 1978. Details are as follows:— Time: 14.30h, Chairman: The Rev. Clifford Charlton, Chairman Sussex West District, Speaker: The Rev. Kate Compstan M.A. of Gosport, Subject: The Ministry of the Whole Church. (A collection will be taken to cover incidental expenses, any balance will be devoted to Christian Aid). Tea will be provided and in order to assist with catering please let the organisers know how many from our own Church will be attending, not later than Sunday, 14th May. For this purpose a list has been placed in the Vestibule.

GIRLS BRIGADE

We recently had the pleasure of visiting our Women's Fellowship and performing a spiritual item for them - we did enjoy our afternoon ladies, and "thank you" once again for making us all so welcome. During February we entered our Juniors in a District Handwork Competition and to our delight we won the Trophy and brought it back with us from the District Display held recently in Horsham.

We had a marvellous jumble sale adding £92 to our appoints and we know this particularly pleased our Treasurer who is now in America with his wife on holiday. He left instructions not to spend it all before his return! On 6th May 28 of us are off to London on the O8.30hr. train for our Silver Jubilee outing to the Royal Albert Hall Girls Brigade Rally. Some of us will be back at a reasonable hour, others much later! This is our Minister's Jubilee year too and May is his month for celebrating. Dear Chaplain, may the Lord strengthen you, protect you, direct you, fill you, guide you and love you.

JEAN WEBB Captain

BOYS BRIGADE

God's Blessings on our Church, our Minister and to the Girls Brigade Company as they celebrate their respective anniversaries at this time. We envy not, for whilst others enjoy their various triumphs and financial successes, we refer to 2 Timothy Chapter 2 verses 1 - 8. It gives us time to raplect on where we have failed and as to whether we forgot the prayer and relied too much on human effort. Why did we lose that boy from the Company? Was it us, or was it him to blame? Would we have lost him if his parents had given us more moral support? Will we lose more boys if we raise our standards and insist on regular attendance at Junior Church? Do we expect good response from a boy when our response is I was very surprised when my January letter seemed to shock no one into positive action. Are you looking for that chink in our armour because you saw two BB officers smoking, or did you refer to the instructions in Ephesians 6 verses 10 - 18?

For the first time we ventured into a Band contest held this year at Crawley on Saturday, 18th March. We didn't win, but it was a worthwhile experience. The band that won in our particular section had twice as many bandsmen with four bell lyras costing about £80 each! We are still trying to afford only one!

Thank you to those of you who found time to join us at our recent Coffee Morning and thank you to those unable to come but nevertheless made a contribution towards the £50 raised. We lost out a little through holding the Hobbies Exhibition and Competition at the same time, but once again it was a well worthwile venture. It was good to see the various talents displayed and to know that people from the age of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 77 years took part. We do hope to repeat the idea again soon and hope to see more Church Members participating.

We will be camping and canoeing in the Pulborough area during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Why not join us, or pay us a visit, especially at Sunday teatime? Thank you again for your support,

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

What big ears you have!

When Bing Crosby first started on his singing career, making more and more public appearances, he was very much aware of his protruding ears, and wanted to improve his image! They did all sorts of things to make his ears lie down, but they wouldn't, so eventually they gave up the taping, sticking and pressing, and let them grow as they would. We remember Bing for his voice and not his ears!

The real work of the ear - or as we should properly say, the outer ear - is to catch waves of sound. There are three muscles attached to the outer ear by which it ought to be pulled in various directions in order to make the most of the sound that comes to it - gathering up the sound-waves and channelling them and making them more intense, and help decide where a sound comes from. But however much you can waggle your ears, they are not

half as efficient as those of most animals. We have to move our heads to catch sounds, but a horse or cat merely has to move its ear flaps. This 'ear-trumpet' collects the sound-waves, which pass along a tube (about an inch long and lined with hairs and wax to help stop dust particles passing in) to a delicate membrane or ear-drum (tympanum) stretched across at the end. Behind the drum is the middle ear - a little chamber hollowed out inside one of the bones of the head. This bone is called the petrous bone (from the Greek word for a rock) because it if the hardest bone in the body, and a hard bone conducts waves of sound very much better than a softer one.

The middle ear is filled with air and is connected with the back of the mouth by the Eustachian tube. The ralls of the tube are pressed together, but when the air-pressure is rapidly changed, as when we go a long way up or down in a lift, air passes through to adjust the pressure. It forces the walls apart and causes the click which we sometimes experience. It is a very important thing for the safety and health of the ear that the air-pressure on both sides of the ear-drum should be the same.

From the ear-drum the sound vibrations pass along a linked chain of small bones - the smallest bones in the body - the hammer, the anvil and the stirrup, across the middle ear. That is why it has to be filled with air, for otherwise they would not vibrate freely. Every time a sound-wave causes the drum of the ear to vibrate it sets in motion the hammer bone which is fastened to it and so to vibration goes on to a small membrane-covered window on the inner ear. If the joints between the bones become fixed the hearing is spoiled in some degree. This may happen when people reach old age. When you get a cold and the lining of the eustachian tubes become swollen, they cannot keep the correct air-pressure. The drum is then strained and cannot vibrate as it should do.

The inner ear is a labyrinth of passages embedded in the skull and filled with a clear fluid. There is a small and large chamber. The small chamber contains a spirally coiled tube called the cochlea because it is shaped like the coils of a snail's shell, lined with auditory (hearing) cells and connected with nerve endings.

Sound vibrations cause disturbances or waves in the fluid, to which the cells respond in various ways and send the messages received to the hearing part of the brain, where they are translated or interpreted as different sounds.

Think how wonderful it is that a great musician can conduct a big orchestra, and can hear every instrument separately, and know whether it is in tune or not! The larger chamber contains three semi-circular canals filled with fluid, and when the head is moved, the fluid changes its pressure on the walls of the canals. These differences in pressure are transmitted by sensitive cells in the canals to the brain, where the direction of movement is learned by a comparison of the three pressures and messages are sent out for the correction of balance. This job is not always done perfectly. When we spin round rapidly and then stop we get a sense of spinning in the opposite direction, which makes us giddy and sometimes fall. The reason is that while We are spinning round, the fluid moves with the canals, but when we stop, the fluid tends to go on moving for a little while, the lag causing pressure disturbances in the opposite direction.

So - having ears, we should listen, and keep a sense of balance!

"Master, speak, Thy Servant heareth!"

Eyes to see and ears to hear God's good gifts to me and you, Eyes and ears he gave to us So help each other the whole day through.

MARY CONNELLY

N.B. Closing date for the June Chronicle will be Sunday, 14th May.

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FROM THE VESTRY

The Age of?

Past ages have had names, however inadequate, to describe their principle features. We all remember from our school days the "Ice Age", "Stone Age", "Bronze Age", "Iron Age", or "Middle Ages", "Dark Ages" - the Age of Reason or of Elegance. You might almost invite a competition to put in the date after the Age. Of course, all these ages had both their relationship with the past and emergence into a new age of present or future. To what extent it were possible or is ever possible to know that we are living in an age which posses? Is such clear characteristics as to merit some special name is difficult to judge, and yet some kind of judgment must be made or else we are in danger of being out of step with the meaning of our own day and made largely irrelevant in relation to it.

What then will others think of the present age? Will they see it as an age of Despair - the new ice-age when reason and education failed? Or will they see it as a time when the Christian Church failed to have insight into its own vocation within the age?

The Church too has had its <u>ages</u>. An Apostolic Age - an age of Ecclesiastical expansion into a Holy Roman Empire - an age of Renaissance, of Reformation, of Missionary Renewal - of Revival, of Decline, and so on. Perhaps Herbert Butterfield's "Christianity and History" is a fair summary of what I have said.

Someone recently said to me - and he is an academic of drinction in the Church, and not known for hasty judgments - "This is the Age of the Holy Spirit".

What an awe-inspiring and uplifting thought - even frightening to people like me, yet I had rather live in fear of reality than die in unreality. Maybe this is how we are to live in this age - to Christ, to each other, to the world - heing gladly afraid of a new age and venturing into it in humble faith and fear.

Yours with every blessing,

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

Grace Ansell	*
William Horace Miles	8.4.78
Ailsa Hogart	*
Margarat Hanna Scott	20.4.78
Florence Lilian L. Frankham	20.4.78
Irene Ethel Reid	28.4.78
Stella Tye	*
Stanley W. Smiles	9.5.78
Thomas Howe	12.5.78
Phyllis Milborrow	15.5.78

"and His servants shall serve Him and they shall see

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (* date not advised)

Do please remember that names of all friends may be recorded at no charge in the Book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel. Full names and dates in writing to the Vestry please.

Miss E. Harding has now moved to "Gratwicke Lodge" 29 Gratwicke Road, and we remember her in our thoughts and prayers.

Will all new friends in the Church please accept my invitation to make themselves known to me. There are a number of friends whom I do not know as well as I should like.

We remember Mr. E. Pullinger, Mr. A. Cleverton, Miss G. Dymott, Mrs. P. Milborrow, and our old friend Mr. George Brockis, who are in hospital and loving thoughts and prayers for their healing go to them, to their families and all who care for them with devotion and skill. Do please remember our anxiety is to care - and so names for inclusion in prayers for the Ministry of Healing are always invited. We apologies for any who may seem to be forgotten - please inform your Elder or Minister in this event.

Warmest thanks to all who made my own Ministerial Silver Jubilee such a happy time. Mr. A. Mercer's cake was wonderful as were all arrangements in catering.

flowers, and organisation. Thank you for your gifts.

Francis Wills was remembered for his pioneer work in Aerial photography when reference was made in the current number of "The Photogrammetric Record" to the book published by him and C. Winchester in 1928, on this subject. After 50 years Francis is still flying high!!

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members

* Mr. & Mrs. F. Jay, 11 Dover Road, Worthing * Mrs. F. Moody, 20 Bruce Avenue, Tel: 48778

MRS. GRACE ANSELL

A tribute to a charming little lady who was 101 years old when she died on 24th April.

Mrs. Ansell was involved with the early set up of our Church when the worship was made in Elm Grove School. Her faith kept her steadfast and she was an inspiration to all who were privileged to know and meet her. She was always thoughtful for and to others. Blessings for her long life; how happy she will now be in the arms of her Lord.

Much comfort to her daughter, our beloved Dorothy Cozens-Walker.

"BUTCH"

STANLEY W. SMILES

Stanley Whitely Smiles came among us as an Associate Member shortly after the death of his wife in 1975 when the ministries of the Church took great care of him. On 9th May, 1978 he followed his Beloved and throughout his time of illness he was constantly cared for by the Minister who, miraculously, as it seems, was present at the hour of his passing. Not many knew Stanley but he was a devout man and a partner in Business of great integrity for some forty years with Charles Stephens.

CCNGRATULATIONS to David Lawrence on his marriage to Susan 27th May, 1978. Address: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Jackson, Gowy Cres., Tarvin, Nr. Chester.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Marjorie Cleverton and her family thank all the kind friends in the Church who have helped them recently during the sickness of Arthur. The prayers, flowers, messages and visits, and offers of transport have been much appreciated. Thank you to the Minister for his especial care.

Tania and Jim Hunt would like to thank everyone concerned for the kindness shown to them in their recent bereavement. The knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with them helped at a difficult time.

Mary and Charles Stephens have now experienced for themselves what so many, in former issues of the "Chronicle" have recorded, namely, the wondrous love and care of the Church which surrounds those who, for any reason, have fallen into need of a combined work of prayer. We give our profoundest thanks to all the friends who have joined in this ministry to us whether expressed or unexpressed. As always, the Minister has been marvelous to us. All this has contributed so much to the rapid progress to recovery which Mary has enjoyed.

"I AM THE TRUE VINE" John 15. v.1

In an agricultural college a group of students decided to test the lifting power of a pumpkin. They constructed for it a harness of iron so keenly balanced that it would register on a scale exactly the power of the tiny pumpkin as it grew. As the days passed their astonishment increased. At first it lifted twenty pounds, then fifty, then one hundred pounds. As the plant continued to grow, the scale registered five hundred pounds, then one thousand. Still its lifting power expanded the harness until it reached five thousand pounds. Surely this is the limit, they said. But it continued, and then they cut it from the vine. In an instant the power was gone. The scale dropped to zero. Separated from the vine it was powerless. "Abide in me, and I in you". John 15 v.4 FROM SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS J. Oswald Sanders.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Special Feature

Give! as the morning that flows out of heaven; Give! as the waves when their channel is riven; Give! as the free air and sunshine are given. Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give.

For twenty-five years now many people have given, lavishly, utterly and joyfully to our Girls Brigade and those of us who are privileged still to serve in this Company want to say "thank you" to them. It's all been so well worthwhile as we shall hope to show on 10th and 11th June. On 10th June Margaret Dobson will be our hostess as we meet again pair officers, girls and helpers and we are looking forward to this re-union with great excitement. On 11th June we shall offer our thanks to God for all His mercies as we lead the morning worship, and we hope you will all join us on that day, not only for the morning service, but for coffee and a chat afterwards.

Brenda Brunton is to be our new Explorer leader as from September. Meanwhile she joins us now to learn all about her new charges, and we are so glad that she wants to come and work with us and teach our Explorers how to seek and to serve and to follow Christ. And as Brenda joins us, we shall be preparing to scatter confetti on Janet; it's a long time since we had a wedding in Brigade! So far, we've had a busy and an exciting year and included this month are some contributions from the girls. The Brigaders are answering the needs of many as they work for Christ and their joy and enthusiasm is wonderful to see.

Give praise and thanks to God for answered pravers:

We hope our Jubilee year will continue to be one where givat things are attempted for God and that at its close we may all feel that it has been something worthwhile to offer to Him. As for myself, at this very special time, with a humble and thankful heart I pray that I may always remember that

His strength is great
My strength is small
But if on Him I daily call
I'll find in Him my all in all.

Bless you all,

At this year's Display at Horsham, an item was performed by 2nd Bognor Girls Brigade, a company which appeared to be well established. but little did we know. It wasn't until a few days later that we found out the truth. Mrs. Webb was telling the Brigaders about her trip to Bognor, and how much the Company needed our prayers. The Company had only six weeks to get itself organised or else it would have to close down, and as Mrs. Webb is the District Commandant, it is her job to help companies in that state. When we were told about them. four of us volunteered to go along the next Monday and try to help. When we arrived the following Monday we saw what Mrs. Webb meant - the Company did need our help. After we had been introduced to the Company, prayers were said and then the real work commenced. The Explorer section started the evening by making booklets "Learning with Jesus", while the Juniors did handwork and the Seniors, skipping. During the evening the programme changed and the Explorers and Seniors did different types of handwork, while the Juniors did skipping. All too soon the evening ended and after a few songs were sung, which were accompanied by one of the Lieutenants playing his guitar, and some of the girls playing their tambourines, in true Salvation Army style, the girls left to go home, and we were left with a feeling of satisfaction.

When we think of 2nd Bognor and compare it to 5th Worthing we thank God for the officers of our Company, and a great Captain like Mrs. Webb, and we pray that all our efforts to help our sisters at Bognor may succeed and that the Lord will give to the officers there the wisdom, guidance, patience and knowledge that He alone can give.

SHEILA JOHNSTONE

A Brigader

THE GIRLS SPEAK

WE WANT a personal introduction to Jesus Christ as
Saviour

WE WANT FREEDOM to make our own decisions - to make mistakes - to be independent of over-protectiveness which hurts our growth.

WE WANT RESPONSIBILITY not too much, but just enough to give us room to grow.

WE WANT AUTHORITY in a framework of love and understanding, but firm lines beyond which we cannot go. We want absolutes which cannot be changes. The Truth of God's word, God's changeless Love, His absolute laws of justice and mercy.

WE WANT STIMULATION to achieve, to be actively interested in new fields.

WE WANT RECOGNITION for a job well done or better done than last time.

WE WANT LOVE an Officer with a big heart who is not in Girls Brigade because she needs the love of the girls, but because she has love to give without asking for anything in return.

WE WANT ENCOURAGEMENT To stick to a hard task.

WANT TO BELONG to become an equal part of a group, for this is security.

May LOVE control the way I live, May all I do display

THE OFFICERS PRAY:-

Real care, concern and helpfulness for people day by day.
May JOY deep rooted prompt a smile when life is hard to bear,
May inner radiance disperse anxiety's dull care.
May PEACE remain when all around is turmoil, so may strife,
Be overcome by confidence and poise in daily life.
May PATIENCE quietly bear the strain, restraint withstand
duress, May tolerance bear with people's faults and ease
nerves taut with stress.
May GENTLENESS rebuke abuse; soft answers quieten rage;

Each turning of the other cheek defuse this violent age.

Let GOODNESS, love of all that's fine, beautiful and true,

Displace degrading, false ideas. All noble thoughts renew.

May FAITHFULNESS and loyalty stand fast. May no force alter

The ir strong resistance to each urge to compromise or falter.

May MEEKNESS and humilty throw off the world's parade,

For he who stoops the lowest in true glory is arrayed.

May SELF-CONTROL give mastery of weakness and dissolve

All apathy and foolishness that hinders firm resolve.

Let Holy Spirit power indwell my life. This will aford

Resources that enable me to emulate my Lord.

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TO THE 5th

- The Girls Brigade is wonderful Or so our Captain says And Yes! we think it's wonderful In many different ways. The trouble is - a lot of folk Have never heard of us "The Girls' Brigade?" "D'you mean the Guides?" It really makes me fuss.
- No Madam! I don't mean the Guides 2. Oh Sir! please understand The Girls' Brigade is what we are An organisation planned To seek and serve and follow Christ And that we aim to do Our Officers help us in this work They week, serve, follow, too.
- 3. It's not too serious and strict, On Tuesdays when we meet. We work quite hard to gain awards The tuck-shop then - a treat! There's 'Care of pets' and 'Baby care' And 'Menu planning' too 'Choral singing' - 'Country dancing' Always such a lot to do.
- 4. Devotions are important. Midst all our work - we pray. Our heartfelt thanks we give to God Each and every day. Dear Lord, thank you for our Girls' Brigade

For fellowship and fun The laughter, sharing, caring,

That fulfils us - everyone.

LT. MRS. D. NORRIS

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PRAISE THE LORD

Praise the Lord for Mrs. Webb And all that she, our Captain does Praise the Lord for our uniform And every girl well-dressed.

Praise the Lord that Mrs. Webb Keeps us looking smart. Praise the Lord for the discipline That keeps us as we are.

Thank you Mrs. Webb and all our Officers and helpers!

ANITA LUCKIN

THANK YOU!

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE RALLY

On Saturday, 6th May, 1978 twentyfour girls and four officers left Durrington Station at 08.15h to travel to Victoria Station. The weather was cloudy and wet. Arriving all Victoria we went by underground to Kensington as we were going to the Natural History Museum. On arrival there we split into small groups having arranged to meet at the entrance hall at 13.30h. We ate our lunch in the Museum at 12,00h and so we still had about one hour to spend there, so we made our way to the Human Biology Section where there were many interesting gadgets, experiments and films to explain how the mind and body work. Later we split up with Juniors and young Seniors going to the afternoon performance of the Rally with two officers, whilst the rest of us went to Harrods. We spent ages just looking around: the great food hall was a real sight - We'd never seen anything like it before. There were folk from all over the world, French, Germans. Americans - it was more like United Nations!

After our tea in Hyde Park, at 18.00h we entered the Albert Hall for the evening performance of the Girls' Brigade Rally. It was the best one we'd ever seen. The Brass bands were very good, and the Explorer Section of the 1st Isle of Wint District who started the Rally with their idea of a Säturday night at the Proms was very "lifelike" and the whole assembly was eventually singing "Rule Britannia". Unfortunately we had to leave before the Finale had finished and only by running to the Station did we manage to catch the train. We were all very tired, but happy and only too glad to discuss the display that we had just seen. All this is due to four people, Mrs. Webb, Lts. Norris (1), (2) and Lt. Easey - so "Thank You" all for a really good day.

ANITA LUCKIN JACKIE BRAME

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade	
Tuesdays:	17.00h	Girls' Brigade	
Wednesdays:	17.30h 18.15h 19.15h 20.15h	Youth Choir Practice Boys' Brigade	
Fridays	19.15h 19.30h 21.30h	Choir Practice	~
Saturdays:	19.00h 19.30h	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
OTHER MEETINGS AND SERVICES: (The Minister will preach at all services)			
4th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h		
	18.30h	Divine Worship	
5th	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship "I Collect" - Members' Evening	
8th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing	$\overline{}$
10th Saturday	10.00h 22.00h	- Girls' Brigade Jubilee Re-union Weekend	
11th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel Parade Service (arranged & conduc- ted by the Girls' Brigade)	
	18.30h		

30th

Friday

19th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship Visit to Swandean Telephone
Exchange (arranged by Mr. G.
Redman).

22nd Thursday
19.30h Elders' Meeting
25th Sunday
08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Divine Worship
29. Thursday
19.30h Church Meeting

Please see Orders of Service each week for Tuesday Bible Study gatherings.

18.30h

Closing Date for Summer Magazine (July/August together) will be Sunday 18th June, 1978.

Please ensure that your contributions are in the hands of the Editor on or before that date. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

4th Mr. & Mrs. D. Gill llth The Girls' Brigade 18th Mr. & Mrs. Munday 25th Vacant

Boys' Brigade JUMBLE SALE

Mrs. Howe

GIRLS' BRIGADE - Special Feature continued

G.B.

Going out to Brigade tonight In all seasons what a sight Running and skipping in the sun Laughingall the way - what fun! Suddenly we stop, we've reached the hall Brightly we enter to Captain's call Reading and writing, glueing too It's all included in what we do Games and singing we all think fun And there's always many things to be done Doing God's will is everyone's aim Even if they don't think quite the same Loving each other it is a must Inside and out we all must trust For belonging to 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade Everyone would like to help the aged

> LINDA BAKER A Brigader

Since joining the 5th Worthing Company of the Girls' Brigade in 1962 we think we can both say that we have known many very happy years. We have both enjoyed outings and the fellowship of camp. During the years we have learnt about many different aspects of life. Safety, cookery, handwork, but most of all we have come to know Jesus Christ and through Girls' Brigade we are able to serve Him. We both have a great many things to thank Him for. We also have a great many things to thank the officers and helpers for who have taught us.

To Mrs. Stratton, our first Captain and to Mrs. Dobson, but most of all to Mrs. Webb who we would like to give a special 'thank you' to for the love and help that enabled us to take and pass our exams. to become officers ourselves.

LT. CAROLINE NORRIS
LT. LESLEY EASEY

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BIBLE VERSES

I Proession

I Timothy 2 vv. 1 & 2 I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Hebrews 7 v. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Teter Intercedes I Peter 5 vv. 10 & 11

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

A NEW CONCEPT OF CHRISTIAN CARE

A very small group of members has been meeting, occasionally, with the Minister, to consider the need for a Christian Nursing Home in our area. "Oh dear", you will be thinking. "Another scheme needing money!" We realise that nothing can be done in a practical way without money, but agree with the maxim: "Nothing venture - nothing have".

Having talked about a Nursing Home, we digressed to a "Retreat" where needy folk could convalence or be given shelter. Are any of you readers interested? If so, will you join us in the Cornwall Room on Thursday, 15th June at 19.30h? We should like ideas and suggestions. Our Minister will chair the Meeting.

Returning to the vexed question of finance, it is a fact that elderly folk, without relatives, are often perplexed when making a Will. A gift of a house to the Church would be a wonderful start to our venture.

FAY BLAKEY

DID YOU KNOW?

that the Church has a Bookstall, selling a wide range of Christian literature - from Bible-reading notes, children's books, paperback biographies, devotional works, hardbacks, Bibles, as well as records, cassettes, etc. Did you know that the Church benefits (by a 10% commission) when you buy direct from the bookstall, rather than from the Christian Book Centre (who supply us)? Please do ask me if you would like a particular item.

There are many excellent new, and not so new, Christian books available. I know I am not alone in being greatly helped and challenged by such literature (Richard Wurmbrand's "Tortured for Christ"; Catherine Marshall's "Something More"; "The Holy Spirit and You" by Dennis & Rita Bennett; etc.) If you too have been helped in this way, you will want to pass books on to others.

May I draw your attention to what is really a bargain - a large print Bible, bound in black imitation leather, with gold-edge pages and the words of Jesus in green. It costs only £5.95p and is a really lovely book. Perhaps you know of someone with poor eyesight who would really value it? Please ask to see the Bible (it is too large to leave on the stand). There are only a few left in the Bookshop. Also available are Bible reading notes in giant-size print.

JEAN BOUGHTON Bookstall Secretary

BOOK CORNER

Life in the Overlap by Jean Darnall

Drawing on a vast resevoir of personal experience, hundreds of counselling sessions and a superb understanding of God's Word, the author outlines effective and practical ways to successfully resolve inner conflict. She explains the nature of the Overlap, how we cross over and exist in it, how to live victoriously between the old life patterns and new life goals.

Also by the same author - Heaven here I come.

A personal testimony of her exciting discovery of our Lord. and a sharing of her vision for Britain which she received in 1974 - "An awakening that will bring thousands to Christ. to shing every part of this pagan society and changeing the destiny of the nation. It is part of the vision that the "Come Together" musical has kindled the fires that the Holy Spirit has been lighting. They are glowing brighter with joyous worship burning warmer with fervent love. Barriers are melting as the body of Christ comes together". - Jean expects to see the final part of the vision begin to be fulfilled in the New Owen's musical "Witness" which visits 21 cities this year and will be in Brighton on 7th, 8th, 9th September. "I am expecting to see a generation aglow with God's glory and apostolic ministry streaming like rivers of fire from the top of Scotland to Land's End and nothing will stop the flow of God's power".

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord stoll raise him up" - James 5:15.

The Lord is blessing the Ministry of Healing in this Church and the following testimonies were written to the glory of God and with thanks and praise for His hand upon us. Let us share with them in their joy and also give thanks to God.

ROSEMARY KITTO

Ron and Jean offer thanksgiving for the baby, who was born ten weeks prematurely to their niece, weighing only 2 lb. 4 cz. The nurses held out no hope for survival, now at six months she is 12 lb. a perfect little girl -- Praise the Lord!

Let me burn out for Thee, dear Lord,
Burn and wear out for Thee,
Don't let me rust, or my life be
A failure, my God, to Thee.
Use me, and all I have, dear Lord
And get me so close to Thee
That I feel the throb of the great
heart of God
Until I burn out for Thee.

This has long been my daily prayer, "To burn out for Thee", but so many times I try to do God's work at my pace and then come the headaches. When I asked to have my name put on the list for healing I had no intention of being present for the laying on of hands. I don't

think I had sufficient faith - until it happened. Two days after the laying on of hands the pains eased and if I remember to pace myself and only "burn out" as and when Christ himself directs, then the headaches stay away - the odd day here and there, when I have to stay in bed, is entirely my own fault.

JEAN WEBB

Since she was very small Damaris has been deaf, the severity of it varying according to such factors as her state of health and the weather. Her sister was also very deaf for a whole year, when small. Through a group of loving Christians praying for her, one morning, she was healed so permanently and thoroughly that she discovered she had a good musical ear and I don't think has had a cold from that day to this.

When Damaris showed signs of deafness my frequent visits to the ear specialist began. Last year he suggested operating on her ears and I felt prompted to bring her to a healing service. She was prayed

for with the laying on of hands, which she thoroughly enjoyed! As I put her to bed that night I could hear she was breathing through her nose and not her mouth for the first time for months. Her grandparents, not knowing that we had been to Church, remarked the next morning on how well she could hear!

My next visit to the ear specialist that week brought a temporary reprieve but an appointment was made for September. Since then Damaris' hearing has been much better for most of the time, though it is not yet perfect. Jesus prayed for the blind man twice and I feel Damaris needs to be prayed for again. I really praise Jesus that He is the str., yesterday, today and forever. His power still has its ancient touch, let us pray for greater faith in believing God for even more miracles in our fellowship. To Him be the Glory.

ANGELA SEATON-MILLS

Are there some people in the Congregation who feel unable to take an active part in the life of our Church? Those who, because of age or infirmity or home ties are unable to attend any of the many groups which form the life of our Church?

Would you consider spending a few minutes each day in prayer for the many people in need, known to us. Each week the list of people whose names are entered in the book in the Little Chapel grows longer.

Whether you feel called to pray for just one person daily, or several people, you can become an essential link in the chain of prayer which must be the heart of any C. Such's growth. A telephone call to the Vestry, will give you the names most recently written in the little book.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man, availeth much" - James 5:16.

ROBIN BRADLEY

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

FOUND - A NEW MISSIONARY SECRETARY

At a recent meeting of the Missionary Committee Mrs. Dora Newell kindly agreed to take on the job of Missionary Secretary for our Church. Since the work has been in the doldrums for some time this will be no easy task and Mrs. Newell will need our practical as well as our prayer support.

WANTED - MATERIAL ON SOUTH AMERICA

The Missionary Committee aim to center a service or meeting on South America in the Autumn - more details will be given in later issues. In the meantime background details on any aspects of life in any part of South America will be very useful. Among those associated with our Church there must be a large handful (at least) of people with knowledge or experience of South America and Mrs. Newell will be very glad to hear from any of these - her phone number is Worthing 40086. Even a phone call from Ronald Biggs will be acceptable - provided the charges are not reversed:

LOST AND FOUND - AN INDIAN VILLAGE

Missionary workers have always found it necessary to be able to turn their hands to all sorts of work, even in these days of specialism. The Indian floods at the end of last year provided the opportunity for members of the Vellore Christian Medical College to show talents (and concern) beyond their normal medical care and teaching.

One of the villages entirely swept away by the flood was Karapalayan, a community of Untouchables, who were made destitute by this disaster. Their plight was reported back to the College and a team of workers from there went out over Christmas and built a cluster of 25 simple huts, one for each family, and a larger hut as a community centre. The College team showed their full commitment not only to the task itself but also to the people they were helping by camping on the site during the construction work rather than returning to base each night. This - to a community of Untouchables, remember, was as convincing a demonstration of their Christian love and concern as the actual rebuilding of the village.

ROBIN BRUFORD

A REQUEST Mrs. Connelly would be very grateful, still, for any printed items, posters, cards, magazines, etc. concerned with Home, Gardens, Sewing, Babycare, anything suitable for her girls to use in project work and for their bedroom walls. These girls are needing rehabilitation and preparation to take part in a normal life. Remnants of material would also be useful.

NOTICES AND REPORTS

FROM THE TREASURER

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed towards the Gift Day total of £1136. This was an excellent result, but it was disappointing that the target of £1500 was not reached, as it could so easily have been if all the envelopes which were distributed had been returned. 202 envelopes were received, containing sums ranging from 20p to £100, and it is hoped that some at least of the outstanding 178 envelopes will still be returned.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

BOYS' BRIGADE

So y not to have seen many of you at our recent Display—we feel you missed a good show of what your B.B. Company can do. Fortunately a good number of parents and friends attended and several of them expressed their pleasure at our turnout. Obviously one grandparent was so pleased, he made an immediate donation of £30 towards our funds! We do hope that by the time you read these notes the weather will have greatly improved as so far it has curtailed our summer activities. Planned for this month we have the Battalion Sports at Crawley on 17th and a Jumble Sale (see Calendar). We will only be too pleased to clear and collect any jumble you may have—just ring 43787 or 66812. We are still looking for storage facilities such as a garage or large shed for which we would pay a rental if required. Thank you for your continued interest.

DONALD STEWART

PROPOSED DRAMA GROUP

An inaugural meeting will be held at 19.30h on 21st June at 27^{Me} Joniston Road, Goring, in connection with the proposed formation of a Drama Group within the Church. If you are interested in acting, helping backstage, or just generally interested in the project please do come along. If sufficient time is available a play reading will take place.

The Minister will be in the Chair and all attending will be welcome. Please telephone 48693 if you interested but unable to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

VERA BAILES

CHRISTIAN AID - Amount collected for May - £31.45 received with many thanks,

HILDA HELE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Just a small correction to my notes in the May Chronicle. Mr. Ron Briggs expressed his wish to withdraw from the Committee and our grateful thanks were expressed to him for past services. In his place, Mr. Bill Searle has been elected. The opening meeting of the Autumn Session will take place on Tuesday, 26th September.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD

The work of the Samaritans was the subject for the Guild on 18th April. Three of their workers told of the various aspects of their organisation and then answered the many qestions members asked. It proved a most interesting and informative afternoon. A collection taken for their work amounted to £15. The common idea that members do not attend their A.G.M. proved wrong when on 2nd May 58 members of our Guild attended. Our Vice-President next year responsible for conducting our meetings is Miss Mann and Mrs. Cozens-Walker her deputy. Two new members were elected in place of those who had to stand down, these were Miss Hawke and Mrs. Young. We should here once again like to thank Mrs. Calsteren, our retiring Vice-President for so ably steering us through our last two sessions.

BOOK NOW ... STRAWBERRY TEA ... 11th JULY, 1978. 15.00h - 17.30h - 50p

This with a Bring & Buy Stall all in aid of Hayward House. Obtain your ticket from Guild Committee members. Do come along and spend an afternoon with us and help the funds of Hayward House. If anyone would like a conducted tour of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Ave. during the afternoon we can arrange this.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

As I conclude my term of office, I do want to thank you all most sincerely. When I commenced it was my fervent desire that the Guild should be a friendly one with a warm welcome for everyone, and, in this, I think and hope, I have succeeded. But this has only been possible with the help and support of the officers

and Committee members. I must mention especially Mrs. Dearsley, who has been a veritable tower of strength. Thank you Mrs. Dearsley. Last, but not least, it is because of the efforts of you all that the Guild has been so successful. It is my earnest hope that Miss Mann will enjoy her term of office, as I have done. Bless you all.

FREDA CALSTEREN

DANDELION

This month our fields, and lawns are golden with this most prolific of flowers, of which there are almost 100 species. If it weren't such a common sight, we would be mising coach trips to our Downs to see such golden glory.

The common dandelion is so well known, it is hardly worth mentioning its tooth-like leaves, and flat flowers composed of many yellow petals.



OFFICINALE TARAXACUM

(DANDELION)

Nowadays it is still commonly used to make both wine and beer. The name dandelion is derived from the French name dent de lion, meaning lion's tooth, because of the length of the roots.

One of the nicknames given to the flower is children's clock. because of the tradition of telling the time by the number of puffs required to blow the seeds from the seed head. It may be a gardeners' nightmare but is there any more dainty sight than a dandelion gone to seed? As well as the common dandelion, the most commonly found other species are the lesser - which can be distinguished by its more divided leaves, and red fronds beneath the petals - and the bog - which has a red midrib to its leaves.

The milky substance found in the stalks was used for many years as a cure for liver disease. The roots were dried and used as a substitute for both tea and chicory.

ROBIN BRADLEY

No. 302

FROM THE VESTRY

There is a Lad Helb St. John 6 v.9

How quickly Andrew spots the lad who is simply gasping to give himself to help Jesus. Andrew may have done many other things in his life but two of the greatest were, to bring his brother Peter to Jesus, and to spot the willingness of one young boy to offer himself to the Lord.

There is great need at the present time for Andrew's attitude to children and young people. We ought to be excited about the prospect of bringing young people of all ages to Christ. Are you excited? Then we need you with your care, love, skill, enthusiasm in Junior Church and the uniformed organisations. Whatever gift you have will serve - can you offer to teach, to visit, to inspire music and drama? All these gifts are badly needed in Junior Church where the Staff are seeking fresh inspiration, new hands, ideas - to help them in the work they do so loyally. Most of all we need those with the knack of bringing the best out of children and young people and the ability to bring them with their gifts to Christ.

The coming months will present us with ever increasing opportunities to follow Andrew's example. West Durrington is rapidly becoming a new housing district, but how ready are we, or the Council of Churches to accept the opportunities to serve Chront among His people there? We ask God's bleasing upon all who have moved or are preparing to move into West Durrington. Let us know how we can serve you.

I roust that some will respond practically to this appeal for help - perhaps those who are led to respond will see me first in order to share these opportunities in a personal way. You will remember that not a small part in the mirable of the feeding of the five thousand was owed to Andrew's perception in bringing the girts of one lad to Jesus; who knows but that a mirable today awaits the same attitude.

To all who are to go on holiday we send blessings and hopes for a happy time of rest and reflection. For all whose responsibility for others precludes such an opportunity we invite prayers.

We expect to be away in August this year and look forward to rest as a prelude to Autumn and HARVEST!!

Every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

'Pop' Edmonds is unwell and we send our love to him.

Welcome home to all who have travelled far and wide in the past few months... we are glad to see you home again.

Our friends in hospital - Arthur Cleverton, and Gladys Dymott - continue their progress. Mr. & Mrs. Calsteren have been unwell and we are glad to see them with us again. Miss E. Dodd and Miss A.M. Vines are both well again in "Leaholme". Kim Reynolds continues his progress and Owen Willmott is greatly improved. Mr. & Mrs. H. Johnson are remembered with affection and it is good to see them with us on Sunday evenings again after their time of suffering. To all the sick, sorrowing, and lonely we send our Christian love ... please remember Rosemary or the Minister are usually at the telephone to receive messages Tuesday till Saturday mornings. Tel: 48259.

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Robinson

22.5.78

"In heavenly love abiding"

MARRIAGE

Chris Lovett Michelle Gray

2.6.78

Wilf Brookes

Christine Searle - 17.6.78

"and this I pray, that their love may grow yet more and more"

CONGRATULATIONS

to Alan and Diane Flashman on the birth of their son "Christopher" on 20th May.

to Mrs. Daisy Sceales on her 90th Birthday on 24th May.

to Miss Jean Boughton and Mr. Edward Symmons on their engagement, and also

to Mr. Graeme Gill and Miss Valerie Luckin on their engagement — both these happy events were announced on 2nd June.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

As so many friends in the Church have asked to be reminded when Janet is being married, I thought this would be the easiest way of telling them! The marriage is to be at the Goring United Reformed Church, on Saturday, 5th August at 13.00h. Mark's family may only use about three rows of seats, so please may I ask any visitors to help fill up his side, and then it won't make Janet's family seem so large!!!

MARY LUCKIN

FAREWELL

and every blessing to Miss Frances Wharhirst on her removal to Westcliffe-on-Sea. We shall miss her gentle and faithful presence in the Church and in the Choir.

HANDBOOK ADDITIONS

WHILIS, Miss J., 68 Chute Avenue, Tel: 63415 LAES, Mr. & Mrs. D., 32 Palmers Way 63257 SYMMONS, Mr. E., 100 Bruce Avenue 40792

ACKNOWLE DGMENTS

We should like to thank all our friends at the Church for their kind concern during Pop's recent illness. The cards, flowers, messages, and especially your prayers have all been a wonderful comfort. The Girls' Brigade brought us celebration cake which we enjoyed very much. Especial thanks to the Minister for his constant care.

MR. & MRS. EDMONDS

My husband and I would like to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' for the cards and lovely flowers which we received during his recent stay in hospital. Unfortunately he cannot attend Church very often, so he felt very deeply touched. Goring U.R.C. is indeed a caring Church.

KAY NOWELL

Mrs. M. Connelly and the girls at Shermonbury Grange wish to thank all the kind folk in the Church who have supplied them with magazines, cards, and especially the material which the girls are using to great advantage. These are proving to be stimulating for their project work, and any further gifts of material will be most useful. Some of the girls are doing sewing for the first time, when only a short while ago they were turning up their noses at such activities!

BIBLE VERSES

Ephesians 6 vv. 11-18 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Soldiers of Christ, Arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

THOMAS A HOWE

Tom's many friends will miss him and cherish his memory. was always ready to provide information or be of service, and was a very devout and regular worshipper. Tom's first love was Classical music. He kept himself extremely well informed in his study of reviews on recitals and performances of famous artists and orchestras.

Since retiring he had his own record player specially designed to produce perfect musical renderings. Many of his Church friends would consult him and he loved turning up references for information on musical subjects, and if visiting at his home, he would produce for one, chapter & verse from his cuttings library, that extended to shelves in his garage! His second love was gardening, plants and flowers, in spite of the work involved.

His 'slave' was his cycle, which always brought him to Church and to do all the shopping for Frances, and many errands for his close friends, providing the goods fitted in the front basket or back carrier! He was an outstanding appanion to many of his friends at Church.

Our sincere sympathy and condolances are extended to his Wife, Frances, and may God give her strength and courage to face her bereavement. F.L. WILLS

WORTHING COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Special event

Advance notice

JUST LIVING - A new-style festival of praise and fellow-ship - is being arranged by the Worthing Council of Churches in connection with ONE WORLD WEEK. You may join in and

explore the meanings of JUST LIVING, through quizzes, displays, photo-play, Bible reading, poetry and drama, music and dance. Or, you may watch from the balcony. Note the date now! Thursday, 19th October at 19.30h in the Assembly Hall.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

Co-ordination of Events in the Life of the Church

The following will be discussed at the Church Meeting to be held on Thursday, 27th July, 1978.

At present the Church Year is punctuated by several events, all of which are related in some way but which are not co-ordinated. (The present Financial Year for the Church is excluded as there may be good reasons for the present arrangement of which we are unaware).

Certain of these events, which appear to be in need of a greater degree of co-ordination than exists at the moment, are as follows:-

- We elect our 'new' Elders at the Church Meeting in March. Within a matter of days they are ordained, inducted and possibly serving at Communion. This is undesirable as the time-span is too short in duration.
- 2. The various groups and organisations within the Church prepare their Annual Reports for different 'years' and these are published in June.
- 3. The effective 'year' for most organisations lies between September and June of the following year.
- 4. We publish the Handbook in July, requiring preparation by early May. It is out-of-date by July because many organisations elect their Officers at the end of a year in preparation for the next. The Communion rota is not up-to-date for the period April to July.

The foregoing events could be better co-ordinated as follows:-

- (a) Elect the Elders to serve from September at our Church Meeting in June (with Ordination at the first Communion in September). The retiring Elders would cease to be Serving Elders from the end of August. The existing arrangements for the Election of Elders by complete circulation of Ballot Papers to members would overcome objections on the grounds that June is in a holiday period'. The period between the election and September could be used to induct Elders-elect and to familiarise them with their duties and responsibilities. Our Secretary would not then be initiating the procedure for the Election of Elders just before Christmas! Furthermore, by deferring all related matters for three months, members of the Nominations Committee would be able to canvass for nominations at a better time of year.
- (b) Publish the Handbook in August for the period September to August of the following year.
 The Handbook would then carry up-to-date
 information on representatives, officers of
 organisations and the Communion rota would
 be complete. This would be made possible
 since Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone are prepared to
 print the Handbook and August is the best
 time for this; there being no Church Chronicle
 in August.
- (c) Reports for all organisations to be given for the period September to July (inclusive) and reports to be printed and circulated for presentation at the Church Meeting at the end of September.

E.C. BOND

R.H. NEWELL

E.W. POPPLESTONE

RESPONSE TO CARE

Our Meeting on 15th June was attended by 23 interested people and it was very encouraging to hear so many view-points and suggestions. Mr. Beale and Mr. Jones gave

advice as instigators of the Hayward House Scheme. Mr. & Mrs. Young were able to give first hand practical information about running a 'home'. Miss Robertson reported on the Worthing Council's attitude to new homes in the district. It feels that there are enough Nursing Homes, but insufficient residences which give "part-care" such as Abbeyfield.

There was lively discussion on the concept which would be best. The outcome being to suggest approximately 12 residents in a Christian Guest House - 9 of which would be elderly permanents and 3 to be of any age needing convalescence or refuge for a short stay.

The financial side of any scheme must be of paramount importance. A house left as a legacy to the Church would trigger things off and convert our prayers and thoughts to reality. Even a small flat or bungalow could be sold to start the fund. Our Treasurer suggests 'units' of £10 which anyone could hold as a loan or gift. Please contact any of the following if you can help in any way. We need your ideas. - The Minister, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. J. Young, Mrs. F. Blakey.

FAY BLAKEY

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS - CAESAR DOING BETTER THAN GOD?

W.C.C. IN THE RED - Inflation and like economic ills are no respecters of persons and Christian bodies like others are placed in danger by the failure of income to keep up with rising expenditure. One such body is the World Council of Churches. Now many Christians have, for differing reasons, serious misgivings about the activities of this organisation but few I think would be happy to see it disappear altogether. Many of us would shed no tears if it were compelled to curtail its political activities; and if it were forced to flee the fleshpots of Switzerland and base itself in, say, Africa it might gradually obtain a more balanced view of events in that continent - and indeed in the world generally.

CHURCHES' COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING LACKS BACKERS - At home it is reported that the Churches' Committee on Gambling is being disbanded. The spreading rash of raffles and the malaise of municipal lotteries, as in our own town, are symptomatic of the unwillingness of most people to support good causes unless they stand to get something out of it. Gambling can and often does become as addictive as drugs or alcohol and it is particularly unfortunate that the one Christian body that has done so much to investigate the effects of gambling and present sound advice on its control should be closing its doors.

P.S. - Your own favourite charity, missionary society etc. almost certainly feeling the effects of inflation and even of the fall in income tax, which unfortunately makes charities worse off. Have you increased your giving to compensate for these losses?

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - SENSE ON MOSCOW, NONSENSE ON MECCA

Since I have sometimes criticised the Baptist Times in these pages for their tolerant attitude to the repression of Christians and other dissidents in Russia, it is only right to record that they have taken a much tougher line on the Orlov affair and come out with a forthright condemnation of this particularly cynical example of Soviet two-facedness.

The furore worked up in the media over the corporal punishment of British citizens in Saudi Arabia should get no support from Christians. The Moslems in their widom (and in their Law) regard alcohol as the dangerous drug which in fact it is. Just as we, rightly, have penalties, sometimes severe, peddling heroin they have penalties for peddling alcohol. Those people who don't like that situation don't have to go there; or if they do, they don't have to break the Law.

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CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps and green shield stamps. Please keep saving them. Also please continue to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters behind the iron and bamboo curtains.

In the last issue of 'Voice of the Martyrs' there is an article about the son of George Vins. George Vins is a Baptist

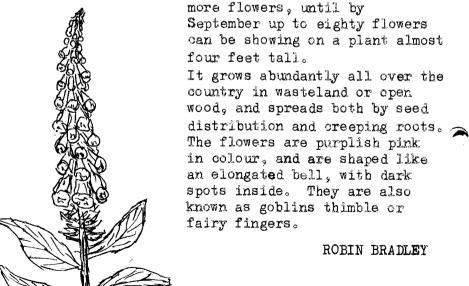
pastor sentenced to 5 years impristonment and 5 years exile for his faith. His father died in a labour camp. How his son Peter Vins, aged 21 years, has been sentenced to 1 year in a labour camp for 'parasitism' - He has been unable to get a job for various reasons. He is a Christian, that is his crime. If you are interested, the full report is in their magazine. If you would like to receive this magazine (no subscription necessary) please write to C.M.C.W., P.O. Box 19. Bromley, BRI IDJ or contact me.

ROSEMARY KITTO

FOXGLOVE

It is surprising how many of our wild flowers can be used for medicinal purposes.

Although every part of the Foxglove is poisonous. the leaves, when dried, have been used to control the heartrate for several hundred years. The first flowers appear as early as May, but they open low on the stem. As the months pass the stems grow, producing more and



ROBIN BRADLEY

DIGITALIS PURPUREA

DO YOU ENJOY

hearing the "Good News" in Church? If you do, please support - either by prayer and/or by your attendance - the Open Air Witness at "Splash Point"* on Sunday evenings (19.45h - 21.00h approx.) between now and the end of September - so that others may have the opportunity to hear the good news in the invitation of Jesus Christ Himself Who has come to save them from their sins, in order that they might enjoy life everlasting.

It is probable that our singing group "Exodus" will be at Splash Point* on Sunday, 6th August (after evening a vice). Why not join us?

* Splash Point is at the eastern end of the Promenade by Denton Gardens.

EDWARD SYMMONS

A HOLIDAY WITH OUR 'TWIN'

Our former Church, St. Andrews U.R.C. in Leeds, is 'twinned' with a German Lutherkirche in Frankenthal and in 1971 we were hosts to two of the German party which visited Leeds. The following year we joined a group going from St. Andrews to Frankenthal and stayed with 'our' German couple. Since then exchange visits have been made each year and even the younger element of the Leeds Church have stayed at a special Youth Centre near Frankenthal with young people from the Lutherkirche. 'Our' couple have stayed with us twice since that first meeting, once in Leeds and again in Worthing.

This year it was the turn of St. Andrews to visit Frankenthal and we were invited to go along too. 33 people went from Leeds, including 5 children. We made our own way there by car - and what an incredible but wonderful experience - to meet so many of our old friends from Leeds on German soil:

What a glorious week followed! The German folk overwhelmed us with their generosity and marvellous friendliness. The weather was superb - temperatures in the 80's most of the time. On Sunday there was a special combined German/English Morning Service - with hymns sung together in two different languages! We had coach trips most days with members of the Lutherkirche, and visited Worms, Speyer, Castle Trifels, high up in the most glorious countryside, (where Richard the Lion-Heart is said to have been imprisoned). We were welcomed by the Oberburgermeister in the Rathaus ('Lord Mayer in the Town Hall') and by the Head of the Protestant Church in Speyer. We visited well-designed new Churches in Frankenthal - one designed for use by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Most provided kindergarten facilities during the week. One lovely warm evening we went wine-tasting with warm bread rolls, pretzels and cheese, served under an awning: we visited a modern biscuit factory and tasted samples freely! We had walks through beautiful forest areas; visited a magnificent Baroque Castle at Bruchsal and wonderfully preserved Monastery buildings at Kloster Maulbronn

A 'wunderbar' Church social was arranged one evening - and the buffet defies description - it just had to be seen to be believed! We were entertained with musical items by both Churches - including a Toy Symphony given by St. Andrews!

The whole experience of this 'twinning' has been wonderful. We keep in correspondence with our German hosts and a real bond of friendship has developed indeed, we feel we have many friends in Frankenthal now. 'Twinning' with a Church in another country is a great idea — how about it, Goring?

REG & DO GOODCHILD

NOTICES, REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Witness"

This Christian Musical by Jimmy & Carol Owens is the follow-up to "Come Together" & "If my People". It is based on the Life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Peter, and it is coming to the Dome at Brighton on 8th & 9th September. It is proposed to organise a group to go from G.U.R.C. on Saturday, 9th. If there is enough demand we may be able to hire a coach, or otherwise we will go by train. I will put further details up in the Church Vestibule when they are available, along with a list for you to sign if you wish to come.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

Christian Aid

The result for June, 1978 is £43.00 received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

Leprosy Mission

The amount collected in May for the Mission was £32.40p. I have received a letter from the local Treasurer, and she has asked me to express her gratitude on behalf of the Mission.

MARY LUCKIN

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR JULY/AUGUST

JULY

2nd Mrs. Gilbert (Wedding)

16th Mr. & Mrs. Bradley

9th still vacant

22nd still vacant

30th Mr. & Mrs. Dean

AUGUST

h Mr. & Mrs. Luckin (Wedding)

20th Mrs. M. Wood

13th Mrs. & Miss Kitto

27th Mrs. D. Langridge

VI TURTON

P.S. Please note our change of address: 3 Chesham Close. Tel: 40028

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We have enjoyed a very varied summer session benefitting from the expertise and skill of our own Church Members largely: from real flowers with Mrs. Vi Turton to artificial flowers with Mrs. Betty Razzell (which we all had a hand in making) and learning about telephones and visiting the Swandean Exchange with Mr. Graham Redman. Each evening has been fascinating.

We are looking forward to no less an enjoyable session in the Autumn when we commence with our Minister, talking on "The Music of Words" on 18th September, followed by a talk on "Rock Jewellery" on 2nd October. We hope to see many new friends and all our members again then.

JANE BOND

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our visit to Fen Place was blessed with beautiful weather, and the ride through the Sussex countryside was most enjoyable. All the trees which had, like us, been waiting for sunshine had burst their buds at last, and were full of the freshness of Spring.

We were made so welcome, and served with a wonderful tea. The gifts we took towards their Annual Garden Party were greatly appreciated, and I here wish to thank all who contributed. It was good to learn that although Fen Place is sold the present inhabitants will continue to live there.

Have you obtained your ticket for our Strawberry Tea on Tuesday, 11th July? Details were given in the June issue of the Chronicle. Do come along!

The programme for our next Session is complete and we begin on 12th September, when we look forward to Mr. Connelly opening the Session.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

THE I.B.R.A. SPECIAL MISSIONARY APPEAL

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As you may have gathered, the I.B.R.A. Secretary has asked that donations usually made in September should now be made in April.

In thanking all those generous members who have already contributed, may I suggest to any others, accustomed to giving in September, that their donation be kindly made in the near future in accordance with the Appeals Secretary's request. Thank you.

E.F. SHEARMUR Local Secretary

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (GORING BRANCH)

Following Mr. Hinderwell's retirement as Treasurer, a collection was made and an Angle-Poise Lamp and paint pigment were bought. Mr. Hinderwell has asked me to thank the members of all the Churches connected with the Friendship Centre. He said - "It is an exceptionally nice gift and extremely useful".

Sadly, since then, Mr. Hinderwell has been admitted to Southlands Hospital and undergone a major operation, so please remember both Mr. & Mrs. Hinderwell in your prayers.

PAM STOWER

GIRLS' BRIGADE

How will you know unless I tell you. How will they know unless You Tell Them. That was our theme for our Jubilee Aday and once again we want you to know how much we appreciate all you do for us. Bless you all for sharing that special day with us. Thank you too for all your gifts, greetings cards and good wishes.

The long summer holidays will soon be here, but even so we shall still remain busy. There's the ladies cloakroom to be decorated, the garden to be kept neat and tidy and an early start to be made on our Jubilee Display. We shall return in September starting, as usual with a jumble sale. The sale will be on THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER and we shall be happy to collect from you after the end of August. W. 40546 or W. 40995 should

bring a response to any calls you make.

Please remember us as we go to Woodford Green for our camp on Saturday, 12th August until 19th August. We leave at 10.00h on August 12th if you would like to come and wave us off.

May we ask you please to join your prayers with ours for our three young officers. Janet Luckin is to be married on 5th August and we pray that as she leaves us to start a new life with Mark, the Lord will richly bless them both. Pray too for Lesley Easey in her new job at Fairfields Old Peoples' Home in Tarring. Through her training in Brigade may she be blessed in her ministry and work among these dear folk. We seek your prayers too for Caroline Norris. Caroline feels that it is necessary for her to find a new job and a new place to live and this may well take her away from us too. Pray that the dear Lord in His wisdom will guide her aright. We love dearly these young officers and in our prayers we seek only the Lord's will for them.

May the summer months be a time of spiritual refreshment for you all.

JEAN WEBB Captain

BOYS BRIGADE

Despite having to switch our camp site at very short notice from Fittleworth to Washington, we had a most enjoyable camp over the Spring Bank Holiday. Thanks to the helpful farmer and the boys and officers working together everything went reasonably smoothly, apart from the 'thick' officer who insists on making thin custard! The boys enjoyed their canoeing on the river at Greatham Bridge even if part of the time they were not in their canoes! The mud on the river bank seemed to hold its attraction for some to indulge in mud larks!

Time was taken to gather together to thank the Lord for His goodness to us. Instead of asking a blessing on our mission offering after it was given, we asked God's blessing on what we were about to give and it certainly increased the giving! - we should try the idea in Church sometime!

The weather held good and we had a good turn-out for the West Sussex Battalion Sports, held at Crawley on Saturday, 17th June. The Seniors won their event, the Company Section came third and the Juniors joint 1st. We were sure that if the tug-of-war had not been cancelled we would have fared even better. Thank you, boys, anyway for your noble efforts. Sorry the Sports finished later than was anticipated.

We were very pleased to hear of God's gift of a son to Dianne and Alan Flashman. We rejoice with them even though Alan assures me he has put down Christopher for the Cubs (whoever they may be!)

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CAMP

Our 1978 Whitsum Camp took place at a farm a mile outside Cuckfield, starting on Friday, 26th May until the following Monday. Despite threatening clouds on the Friday evening, the weekend's weather was superb, with hardly a cloud to be seen from Saturday onwards.

The crew of thirty left in a series of cars and minivans, some even on bikes, to arrive at about 19.00h to start erecting tents, and within a few hours all was set up, coffee made, and an early night was had by all, with some level of chatting drifting on until the early hours!

Bright and early next morning the more adventurous rose, while the rest of us slept on until the promise of breakfast finally brought us out of our tents. After breakfast most of the morning was taken up by a long walk to Victoria Park near Haywards Heath, with most of our party needing lunch before exploring the various park entertainments, such as Golf (well, pitch and putt) a model train, etc. Soon it was time to walk (or stagger) back to camp to recover from this walk. It was soon time for supper, and later on a camp sing-song ensued, followed by a rather original chase game in the pitch black field alongside our tents. Once again to bed.

On the Sunday morning all were soon awake or woken, and after the fermalities of breakfast and washing, our little party descended on Cuckfield U.R.C. to join with both members of their congregation in worship before returning to camp for lunch. A much shorter walk later, with an hour's sunbathing, and our party leasurely returned home for supper, accompanied by the usual blair of radios. Sunday evening was spent in various pursuits such as; football, spot the medallien, card games, followed later on by a midnight walk in which most participated.

Monday morning it was soon time to leave, and after clearing up the tents we returned in a series of cars and vans, thanks to the generosity of those drivers involved, for which we all express our thanks.

Despite a few knocks and bumps, a good time was had by all - has anyone got a cure for blisters?

A MEMBER OF YOUTH CLUB

STOP PRESS re. Press!

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Council of Churches is fortunate to have in the Worthing Herald a free space each week to put the Christian point of view on any topis. So far thin year there have been very few contributors, especially regulars. If you could help, even by suggesting a subject and outlining some points to make, please get in touch with Mr. Ron Roper, 31 Richmond Rd. Worthing, (tel: 39103), who helps the Rev. R. Bacon supply these articles. They are particularly welcome if topical or of local interest. They may be hand-written and should be about 230 words in length. This feature, formerly Christian Comment, now appears as CROSS-POINT.

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FROM THE VESTRY

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish has work ... Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh barvest"

I often hear friends speak of the work that awaits as in the Church after the summer "break". It is sometimes referred as "The winter's work!" We argue, the summer months and holidays are over and so now with the approach of Harvest Festival and Autumn we must put our backs into our work. Our own organisations will be re-assembling in September and the Church will be humming with activity every day of the week.

Now this is all very fine, and worthy of the highest praise, especially to those chairmen, secretaries and committees that have worked so hard to prepare a programme of worth and interest for us - and I want to add my own word of appreciation to all who have worked so hard.

Perhaps though, you will allow both a word of caution and encouragement on the eve of our winter work. The word of caution is this - do not forget that the work we do is to glorify God and to bring men, women and boys and girls into that happy and full life which is Christ's desire for them. In encouragement of all your work let me add that when people are willing to receive the Gospel they bring great responsitity upon their Ministers. What greater encouragement then than this, to know that the work we do is Christ's work, and to live in the joy of being called as Christ's fellow-workers. In this spirit of hope all our work becomes light ... and we have joy in it.

May God give you joy in His work,

With every blessing,

IN MEMORIAN

George Brockis	9.6.78
George McIntyre Scott	10.7.78
Maurice Tanner	12.7.78
Marjorie Alice Barlow	12.7.78
Kerr Wilson Balfour	15.7.78
Ernest George Pullinger	16.7.78

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

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.

In this faith and hope in Christ we offer the Gospel to our bereaved friends.

BAPTISMS

Naomi Grace Titlow	25.6.78
Lesley Anne Smith	2.7.78
Andrew John Redman	16.7.78
Claire Michelle Webber	30.7.78

MARRIAGES

Robert Roy Short Daphene Lily Georgina Gilbert	1.7.78
Mark Anthony Oakes Jamet Mary Luckin	5.8.78
Geoffrey Charles Shave Renate Giertz	8.8.78

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Warmest congratulations to Chris and Roz Bater who rejoice in the birth of a daughter to be named AMY LAURA.

Belated congratulations to Chris Brann and Margaret Bunker on their engagement celebrated on 8th April.

Miss F. Wharhirst has now left us to be with her family in Exe. Loving thoughts from her many friends go with this loyal and gracious member of the Church and Choir.

It is expected that Mr. & Mrs. Allman will be removing into Surrey following Mr. Allman's promotion and new appointment in his bank. We shall miss them and their two daughters. Every happiness in your new home!

Mrs. F. Moody has written and being much recovered from illness hopes to be home again very soon. Mrs. L.G. Boyce is home again after a time in hospital. Mrs. Doris Cushing is making good progress now and we rejoice with them. Miss K.M. Walden and Miss J. Catt are both unwell at home, and Miss K. Miles is still at Heaton House. Mr. A. Cleverton and his wife are in need of all the prayers and friendship we can offer in encouragement of Arthur in his fight towards health. Mr. R. Briggs and Joan have had an extended visit to Canada and we welcome them home again. Mrs. D. Coulson is unwell in hospital.

We were all shocked to hear of Jean and Ron Courtnadges accident whilst bycycling in Findon. Jean is still in hospital, and Ron is now out of plaster. Blessings to you both. Mr. Fred Edis has been in hospital and we pray for his recovery, and we also especially think of Mrs Turton who is at present unwell, God bless her and all these friends who need our constant prayers.

BIBLE VERSES

2 Samuel 22 v. 29 For thou art my lamp, 0 Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

Psalm 119 v. 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Isaiah 62 vv. 1 & 2 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

St. John 1 vv. 6-9 There was a man sent from God. whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

St. John 8 v. 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying: I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Light of the world with us abide, And to Thyself our footsteps guide At morn, at noon, at eventide. C.P. 276

HAN DBOOK

The new issue of our Church Handbook is now available and I hope that all members and friends will find the new presentation up-to-date and useful.

For those of you not present at the July Church Meeting, we are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone for printing the Handbook this year which has considerably reduced the cost of publication and resulted in our

having an index which is not out-of-date before it reaches you.

Although we are grateful to our advertisers, who I hope you will support, their contribution does not cover the cost of the book, and therefore we ask you please to make use of the envelopes provided to make a contribution to cover materials.

For those of you who miss the Covenant, History of Church, and other information found in previous Handbooks, we hope to publish a separate booklet which will include these pages shortly.

Please continue to give me your changes of address, comments and amendments as before. Inevitably, revision for next year's Handbook will commence immediately.

JANE BOND

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

"JUST LIVING"

- and entertainment sponsored by all the Churches.

On 19th October at 19.30h in the Assembly Hall the Rev.

Alec Gilmore and David Hotton are organising an entertainment as a contribution to "ONE WORLD WEEK". The theme is "Just Living" and will be explored in 3 sections as follows:

- JUST LIVING: Those who barely survive such is the slenderness of their resources; those whose resources are adequate or even considerable, but who lack any spiritual life.
- 2. JUST LIVING: Living a just life; how God would wish us to help those we have met in Section 1.
- 3. JUST LIVING: Having a wonderful time putting into practice what we have learned from Section 2 helping, co-operating, living in harmony, savouring and achieving unity.

The themes will be illustrated by mimes, sketches, songs, choruses, hymns, and photoplay.

This is not an evening of passive entertainment. All can take part, but those who feel happier 'just watching' are very welcome, and there will be seats in the balcony for them. There are no age barriers, but it will be an evening most suitable for the older teenager upwards.

YOUTH CLUBS and SINGING GROUPS may well find this a splendid opportunity to entertain in our Lord's name.

If you can help, and would like to take part, and wish to obtain a ticket, please contact David Hotton (W. 30473) Tickets are 30p each.

If it is a BALCONY seat you require please contact Patience Fetherston (W. 42088). It is expected that there will be a tremendous demand for tickets, so get yours early.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

THE LORD ANSWERS PRAYER

This is a Testimony of how I was healed of the most terrifying fears.

For 20 years I have suffered from the most terrifying fears. These fears affected my whole life, housework, cooking, gardening, even my work. I sought help from psychiatrists but they did not seem to be able to help. I began to think that there was no hope. Then my husband died, there was nobody to help me do things. I was terribly lonely and afraid. Nobody seemed to understand about my fears. I just did not want to go on. Then one day the Minister visited me, he had had a telephone call from somebody saying that I was in need. We still do not know who that person was. The Lord certainly heard my cry for help. The Minister persuaded me to come back to Church. I did

not want to mix with people so I sat at the back of the Church with a friend. Gradually I started to speak to people. A group of loving and caring Christians started to help me through my panic attacks. They also prayed continuously. With this group of Christians I went to different meetings and during these meetings I really learnt how to praise the Lord. During any healing meeting I would go forward for the laying on of hands.

I read many books on healing but was unable to find what I was looking for. One book I read which was by Oral Roberts we about the seed of faith; I put into practice some of the things he suggested.

On my way to work I would recite parts of Psalms that would protect me against harm or evil, also I would sing praises to myself, by the time I got to work I was feeling much happier. Gradually I began to believe what I was saying and my panic attacks were less severe.

My son went away to work and would only be home at weekends. I did not know what my reaction would be, but to my surprise there was the most wonderful sense of peace and happiness - something I had not experienced before - and a feeling of great joy. This joy has never left me, and I knew this meant the presence of the Holy Spirit. I continued to go to healing meetings, but after the last meeting, a few days before the 17th February, 1978, on this particular morning I decided I must try to do a certain chore, which I was afraid to do, but to my surprise I found I could do it. Sc. tried another and another, no panic, no shakes, not only this, I was able to do these jobs so quickly. All this time I was being healed and I did not realise it but the end was a miracle.

I praise and thank the Lord with my whole heart.
Believe and trust in the Lord to heal you in His way.
This is the prayer I prayed; That the Lord would heal the root of the hurt that had caused these terrible fears. AMEN This is only a short account of what really happened.

SYLVIA CANE

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

GOOD NEWS FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY (As one would expect!) The latest Bible Society Magazine includes some statistics and some odd illustrations of how the Word is passed on despite the difficulties of today's world. The main statistic - the Society issued 410 million items of scripture in 1977, an increase of 79 million over 1976. These figures are so vast that we have no real appreciation of them. The first may become more real if you think of a team of people merely counting them at 2 per second throughout normal working hours. It would take a team of 40 people the whole year just to do this!

Two unusual demands for Bible translations:-

The Polish authorities, wanting to send engineers to Zaire and India, found that they had no language books available. So they bought Bibles in the appropriate languages — which had the double effect of causing the new 'students' to read the Polish as well as the 'foreign' language version, of course.

In his speeches to the Israel Parliament President Sadat of Egypt included several scriptural quotations for the benefit of his audience. This led to a demand from some Egyptians to be able to read the complete texts in their own language - which the Bible Society were happy to fulfil.

BLACK OR WHITE FROM THE VATICAN?

When this Chronicle is issued a new Pope may already have been elected but more probably the electoral process will still be under way. The choice will have its effects far beyond the formal limits of the Roman Catholic Church and many other Christians will be praying that the Holy Spirit's leading may be experienced by the Cardinals. The late Pope took the trouble to learn many languages so as the better to communicate with his worldwide flock. Is it possible that on this occasion the Holy Spirit may not yet again be confined to Italian?

DANGEROUS FOG FROM ARMAGH

No denomination has had more favourable and fewer critical references in these columns than the Roman Catholic. Many of my R.C. friends will have been as appalled as I was to hear the Irish Archbishop issuing a statement which gave encouragement if not actual support to the I.R.A. I sometimes wonder why the R.C.s do not take the obvious course open to them to stop their faith being unfairly associated with terrorist acts by excommunicating those responsible (unfortunately there is no such remedy by whith we can dissociate ourselves from so-called 'Protestant' terrorists). If this prelate were typical I would wonder no longer - but I do not believe that he is.

THE NOTICES

- 1 (Outside a Worthing Church) HEALING IS DISCONTINUED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
- Now God rested from Creation on the seventh day but I had not heard that He also went on holiday in the 8th (or 11th) month! More seriously, one wonders at the implied thinking that God's power is dependent upon the presence of a particular pastor or preacher.
- 2 (Outside an Arundel shop) OWING TO THEIR PERSISTENT PILFERING AND BAD MANNERS FRENCH STUDENTS ARE NOT WELCOME IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT.

We know the feeling, but what about the Race Relations Acts?

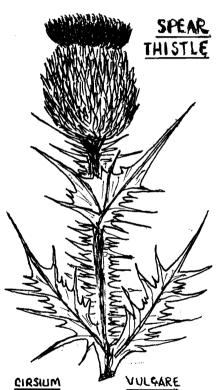
3 (Ta. Lewes Market) - CATTLE AND CALVES TURN RIGHT. PIGS STRAIGHT ON.

Nothing about Sheep and Goats !

R.F.B.

THISTLES

At first glance it may appear that all thistles are one, and the same, but there are almost one dozen species which grow in the British Isles. Most thistles are recognizable by the prickles on the stems and leaves, and the fluffy reddish purple flowers. Yet there is one variety which bears a white flower - the carline thistle - and the Melancholy thistle has no prickles on either its stem or the leaves.



Although the spikes serve as a defer ce against browsing cattle, donkeys and goats find young thistles a great delicacy. At one time young thistles were used in the home brewing of ale, but this custom seems to be neglected nowadays. The tallest of the species is the Cotton thistle which gets its name from the white fine strands which cover the plant. and although this is also known as the scots thistle it is not the one used as the emblem for Scotland, that is the Spear thistle. Both these varieties can grow well over six feet in height. In contrast. there is a stemless variety, which grows abundantly, hidden among

the grassland of the south downs. The Bible has several references to thistles usually as a result of, or warning against turning from God's 'word'. "The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their alters" Hosea 10 v. 8.

ROBIN BRADLEY

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Flowers for September

3rd Mr. & Mrs. Howard

17th Mrs. Hite & Family

10th Mr. & Mrs. Craghill

24th Mr. & Mrs. Beale Mr. & Mrs. Stephens

(Harvest Festival)

B.R.F., I.B.R.A. - Membership for 1979

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

The B.R.F. General Secretary has advised me that, owing to the ever-increasing costs of paper, printing, overheads etc, they cannot avoid increasing the charge for the year's supply of notes for 1979 to 75p.

We trust members will appreciate his difficulties and will continue to give their valued support.

E. SHEARMUR

Magazines

Before the issue of the October "Chronicle" I expect to receive from Headquarters order forms for "Reform" and the Prever Fellowship Handbook for 1979. On these occasions I am always urged to obtain new subscribers, and I should be very pleased to receive the names of anyone who would like to receive "Reform" or the Prayer Fellowship Handbook for 1979. Unless I hear to the contrary, I will assume that there will be no cancellations for 1979 - I do hope this will be the case.

MOLLIE HAWKE

Monday Evening Fellowship We look forward to a new season of fellowship when we meet all previous members, and welcome any new members who may wish to join us for a veried programme, of talks, demonstrations, outings and members' evenings. Our first meeting for the autumn will be a talk by our Minister on "The Music of Words" on 18th September.

ROBIN BRADLEY

Men's Fellowship Our programme for the autumn session is complete and copies will be distributed to members very shortly. We open the session on Tuesday, 26th September when three of our members, including our President, will introduce topical, and we hope, contraversial subjects for general discussion. We look forward to a good attendance and, as always, will welcome new manders. For your diary - on 10th October we visit the Southern Water Authority's premises at Hardham near Pulborough.

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild Two events need recording. In June we prepared tea for Hastings U.R.C. Women's Guild. This is a service reciprocated by Guilds for their day's outings. As we all agree, the friendly atmosphere provided is better than is found in restaurants, to say nothing of the food.

Hastings group were accompanied by their Minister and all fell in love with our Church and all its halls. This service enabled us to add to our profit on the Strawberry Tea funds for Hayward House. I think we served over 80 teas and were able to donate over £91 to Hayward House.

We were thrilled that so many Guild members took part on both these occasions and so many folk supported us. Thank you all. Hastings in their letter of thanks spoke of the warm welcome they received and the friendly spirit shown to them.

This I hope will be your experience when you once again join us for our autumn session on 12th Sept.

at 14.30h. Mr. Connelly will be speaking and his subject will include a message for you all for the coming session. This is to welcome any new members to the Church and a warm invitation to join us.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Family Circle A full programme has been arranged for 1978/9. The season commences with the Harvest Supper and Barn Dance on Monday, 25th September. Tickets will be available at the end of August, from members of the Committee, price 45p. and we look forward to seeing everyone there. On 6th November Youth Club and Youth Fellowship will present an evening's entertainment. The Christmas Party will be on Saturday, 16th December and once again Reg. Goodchild has agreed to act as M.C.

This completes the first half of the programme. The full programme is now available from members of the Committee. In response to popular demand we have arranged more meetings and hope the support will be as good as last year.

RAY SHELTON

Hayward House Charity Sale The Committee organising the Sale, to be held on Wednesday afternoon, 25th October, to raise funds for Hayward House, have been promised the services of a professional auctioneer, who is meeting the Committee on 6th September. It would be appreciated if friends offering items for this event, would return the forms distributed recently, as soon as possible. These can be handed to the Stewards or to Messrs. Beale, Perrett, or Cook, or any member of the Committee.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Choir S.O.S. At the morning service on Sunday, lst October, we are planning to sing Thiman's "The Last Supper" (a short work of about twenty minutes' duration). We had hoped to do it on Palm Sunday but circumstances prevented this. It will be a prelude to the Communion Service, and will take the place of a sermon.

We have again enlisted the help of our very kind friends in the Municipal Choir for this, but we are in urgent need of more basses. both for this and for permanent membership. Unless a few more basses will come and help, it is possible we may again have to give up the idea. It would be lovely if we had more of all voice parts. permanently, and not have to call so much on outside help. You need not be a perfect sight-reader - you will be given help if needed; all you need is the ability to sing in tume. Choir Practice is on Fridays from 19.30h till 21.00h. PLEASE make it possible for us to do the work as planned. We have had rather a raw deal in the last few years, so please give us some practical E.W. FISHER D.M. TURNER encouragement. Secretary Treasurer

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

The West Sussex Association of the R.S.C.M. is holding a "COURSE FOR RELUCTANT CHOIRMASTERS" in our Church hall on Saturday afternoon, 3th September. We have been asked to make this known to all the Church, not just the Choir. The Course is being taken by the C/CM of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court, said to be an excellent speaker and a well-known author on matters musical. Details may be obtained from the Choir Secretary if anyone would like to try his or her hand, or even just to watch others. There is a charge of 50p for a cuppa and a currant bun.

E.W. FISHER

GUILD OF U.R.C. ORGANISTS

On Saturday, 7th October, the Guild of U.R.C. Organists and Choirmasters (Sussex South West Branch) is holding its Annual Meeting at Goring United Reformed Church, and everyone interested is invited to attend.

- 14.00h Annual General Meeting
- 14.30h Talks by Mr. R. Colbourn about our organ and by Mr. J.R. Turton about "Singers, Songs and Singing".
- 16.15h Tea 25p each.
- 17.00h Inspection of our organ by visitors and a general "Getting to know each other".
- 17.30h Organ Recital by Mr. Richard Colbourn.
- 18.00h Epilogue, conducted by our Minister with

hopefully, our own Organist and Choir.

The Guild gives a most hearty welcome to you for the whole afternoon. Come and get to know other U.R.C. Organists and Choirmasters and many others who love church music. We also should be pleased for you to stay for tea: in fact, come at 14.30h and stay till 18.30h.

J.R. TURTON

The Leprosy Mission There will be a Coffee Morning with C: Stall etc., on Wednesday, 27th September at All Saints Church, Findon Valley at 10.30h - 12.00h. It will be much appreciated if as many as possible can attend this in order to give further support to the Mission.

"GEAR" GEAR, the Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the United Reformed Church, invites you to a Conference "THE GROWING CHURCH" to be held at Elim Bible College, Capel, near Dorking, Surrey on 27th - 29th October, 1978. The visiting speaker will be Pastor David Greenaway, National Director of One Step Forward, who will speak on practical methods of church growth and evangelism. The programme will include worship, Bible study, group discussion and practical advice on outreach. Cost: £10.

This is the second local Conference. I went last October and can highly recommend such a weekend away. You will be challenged, stimulated, encouraged, blessed! Do consider applying (by 15th September if possible) and see me if you we to know more about GEAR.

JEAN BOUGHTON

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Meet Jesus in the morning, as day is breaking through, Meet Jesus in the noontide, He'll talk again with you, Meet Jesus in the evening, as thoughts are turned to rest, Be sure to meet the Saviour, and every day is blest.

With these thoughts in mind so we go to camp, for as I write this piece for the Chronicle, the whole week stretches in front of us and tucked into the luggage are the cards and the letters sent with your love. Bless you for all your

kind thoughts and gifts galore that we take with us. By the time you read this camp will be over, but we trust the memories will linger for many a long day.

We shall soon be back to regular Tuesday meetings for we have a busy session ahead, preparing for our Display. Meanwhile we start, as usual, with a jumble sale. Please 'phone 40546 or 40955 if you wish someone to call, and do come along on Thursday, 14th September at 18.30h. We never charge a lot and there are always bargains for everyone!

Ladies, we hope you will find the decor in the Church cloakroom pleasing - it has kep us busy during our holidays. We hope too you will all see our new notice board in the main Hall. We are so very thrilled with it and a small plaque will be attached to it within a few weeks and you will see then that it is a gift from the Church to us, for our Silver Jubilee. Thank you, from us all.

JEAN WEBB Captain

BOYS' BRIGADE

Despite the changeable weather we had a very enjoyable camp at the Isle of Wight. As usual, thanks to Mrs. Cornwell, the food was at its best. Spiritual food was provided by the Officers each day and I'm sure some seed was sown. We look forward to the time when perhaps all the Officers and Boys of the Company Section attend this important event in the B.B. calendar.

Already plans are being made for camp next year which we hope will be at Poole, Dorset.

The new session will soon be upon us and we look forward to a consolidation of the work in all three sections. My usual annual plea for help goes out to you all. Help is particularly needed in the musical side as we lack a pianist in two sections. Offers of help would be most welcome even if only running the canteen for half an hour or so. Please give the matter some thought, thank you.

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

I hope you have had good holidays and are ready for school or work, looking fit and healthy. Wo doubt many of you are sun-tanned (where didyou find the sun?) with golden brown skin - or are you even darker?

Isn't it a funny thing about skin - it is one of the most important parts of your body - without it you'd fall apart! It makes a good covering for the rest of your body, holds it all in the right place, has openings to take in 'id and drink and air, and to let out waste - all nicely tailor-made! It has sweat glands to help you to keep cool, hair to keep you warm, and a special pigment which develops brown in the sun to protect you from burning and blistering. It's the colour of skin that seems to cause a lot of trouble in our country these days. Its silly, isn't it, that the same people who lie in the sun in order to get brown can be really nasty to people whose skin is naturally brown!

And in some schools even some coloured children will refuse to sit beside a darker child - perhaps West Indian "No, he's too black!" - how silly! People's skins have developed to the colour they are because of the part of the world in which their race has lived. More sun - more colour.

People have always used special phrases to describe other people by the colour of their skins - Negroes, from people by the colour of their skins - Negroes, from people in 'Black' or French Negro.

'Redskins' - 'Red Indians', 'Palefaces' or 'Pommies' from being pink like the pink flesh of the pomegranate. The colour is unimportant whether you are fair-skinned or dark-skinned; more important is whether you are the thin-skinned, sinsitive type, or the thick-skinned "with a hide like a rhinoceros"!

They say "Beauty is only skin-deep". Yes, the part we can see - but there's a beauty which can be seen whatever the colour of our skin - the beauty of Jesus.

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in re, All his wondrous compassion and purity. Oh, my Saviour divine, all my nature refine, Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me".

MARY CONNELLY

CHRISTIAN TAPE LENDING LIBRARY

Inspiration and joy can be gained from listening to be usefully sung hymns by famous choirs. I should be useful happy to start a tape library for friends and mades of the Church to use, and suggest a minimum subscription of 10p to cover expenses and new tapes. Tapes could be borrowed for one week. Would any friends who have tapes to and for this purpose kindly contact me, and make sure the tapes are marked with your name, address and telephone number.

I do hope you will all support this venture.

R. JONES Tel. 67303 after 17.00h

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FROM THE VESTRY

To worship rightly is to love each other

One of the great joys that comes my way in Pastoral Visitation is to find that someone, perhaps you, have already been in to see the one who is lonely, ill, or ereaved. This is one sign of the CARING CHURCH we have become. The development of the "Contact" Scheme, and the visitations of neighbours, of fellow members of Women's Institute, or Bowling Club, are all part of this caring, and there are so many organisations at work in this field! We should thank God for them all.

You have become even more interested in the young people and children of the Church! Share with us then the hope that this year in Junior Church, Brigades and Youth Club, our young people are to experience the blessing of giving their lives more fully to Jesus Christ. Should any who read this wish any information on our hopes among children and young people you are welcome to see me, or to visit Junior Church or to consult the Leaders of any of our organisations, and do please pray for our younger people.

A number of people continue to express interest in Church Membership. The Minister is always glad to discuss this with ou and, in an age of uncertainty, what better than a certain commitment to Christ as a member of His Church.

Yours with blessings & love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen Mary Miles died 8.9.78

MARRIAGE Leslie William Elliott
Barbara Hide 2.9.78

Mr. & Mrs. Taylor of 23 Ivydore Avenue rejoice in the birth of a daughter - ABIGAIL

We send love to all who are ill. Good progress is being made by Vi Turton in Worthing Hospital, and Gladys Dymott hopes shortly to be home again. It is always a joy to see Arthur and Marjorie Cleverton, and Arthur is always glad to meet old friends whose presence cheers him on the way to recovery. Ella Robertson, who serves us so well as Publicity Officer, is unwell and we send our love to her and to all friends who may be ill or bereaved.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Webb and the Girls' Brigade for so ably redecorating the Ladies Cloakroom, and our thanks, too, for your wonderful efforts in the garden.

Jane Bond has prepared, and Barbara and Eric Popplestone printed the New Hand Book. An excellent service to us all as you will see when you take your copy from the Vestibule. Our thanks to them for their service to us all.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

To The Rev. W. Connelly, Captain Webb and the Girls, and all friends in the Church,

I do thank you all so very much for your love and sympathy shown to me, both during my dear husband's long stay in Hospital and my great loss when he passed from this life on 16th July, and now rests in peace with his Lord. Also grateful thanks for lovely flowers which I have received, and letters, not forgetting the Women's Fellowship for their love and affection. I hope to be amongst you all very soon.

EVA PULLINGER

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever, Amen. Eph. 3: 20-21

Thank you seems such an inadequate expression, when trying to convey our appreciation of all your caring and love, shown to us over the past few weeks since our accident. We have been very aware of the power of prayer, and the faithfulness of our God to bless us with healing and peace; and the love of His people that has been so evident to us.

RON & JEAN COURTNADGE

RON & JEAN COURTNADGE & Family

BIBLE VERSES

MERCIFUL Psalm 117 O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

<u>Matthew 5 v. 7</u> Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Luke 6 vv. 35-36 But love your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

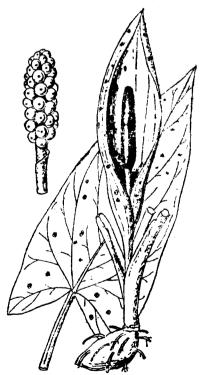
Hebrews 2 vv. 17-18 Wherefore in all things it behoved Him (Jesus) to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God; to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

CUCKOO PINT

This common but unusual flower has many names. As well as cuckoo pint, in some parts of the country it is called Lords and Ladies, Wakerobin, Adam and Eve and even Parson in the Pulpit.

It first appears in the spring as a green and purple sheath which gradually opens out, rather like a hood, to expose a purple finger. These fingers are not the true flowers as they are hidden in the neck of the curled leaves.

The leaves and flowers have an unpleasant smell which attracts small flies which become trapped in the throat of the plant, and thus cause polination.



At this time of the year the purple column has faded and left in its place a cluster of bright red berries on a straight stem. These berries are highly poisonous.

In the middle ages the stems and roots were used for making starch.

ROBIN BRADLEY

CUCKOO PINT Wild Arum ARUM MACULATUM



WORLD CHURCH PAGE

ONE WORLD - NOT WAN WORLD

In October several events remind us of the essential unity of mankind - Missionary Sunday, United Nations Day, and this year, the special One World Week which sums up this theme. It is right that we should remember that we share is planet with people of all races and colours, that we are all equal before God and that we should have a concern for the well-being of all men. Among the things in which we should rejoice are the differences which God has given us and we should beware of those who would have us ignore them.

Just as some zealots for church unity spoil their case by emphasising uniformity instead of unity-in-diversity, so other bureaucratically minded people would go so far in their levelling as to have us ignore the God-given differences of colour, creed and culture. The engineers have already managed to turn nearly all the cities of the world into identical piles of steel, concrete and glass. We must not let those more dangerous people, the social engineers, similarly succeed in reducing the colourful kaleidoscope of cultural characteristics which is mankind, to the dull grey of universal sameness. Any such act which pretends or compels us to believe that there are no differences ween say the races or the sexes is basically both antimankind and anti-God.

GOOD NEWS - S.A. SENSE (1)

It was good to hear that the Salvation Army, that most practical and down-to-earth of Christian organisations, has withdrawn its support of the World Council of Churches' committee for aid to African 'freedom fighting' (i.e. terrorist) organisations. One hopes, without much confidence, that the rest of the churches will follow this excellent example.

S.A. SENSE (2)

The South African government have lifted their ban on 'The Voice', a black Christian weekly newspaper.

BAD NEWS - S.A. NONSENSE

Which brings us back again to the subject of religious freedom. A correspondent from Saudi Arabia has pointed out that in that country no public worship other than Islam is permitted. He finds it somewhat ironic therefore to read that Saudi Arabian religious leaders at the conference of Muslim Organisations in the U.K. at Bradford joined in demands for greater religious freedom for Muslims in this country, including the perpetuation of single-sex schools and daily prayer facilities. Observing that Muslims here have ample freedom to build mosques and use them he wonders how these leaders reconcile their demands for greater freedom in the U.K. with their continuing repression of Christian worship in Saudi Arabia. Our correspondent. who for obvious reasons has asked to remain anonymous, says that to raise this question within Saudi Arabia would be to invite imprisonment or deportation.

R.F.B.



NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christian Aid Amount collected for September - £12.35p

received with thanks.
HILDA HELE

Men's Fellowship Our programme for October is as shown in the Calendar and I shall be glad to have the names of those wishing to go to Hardham on 10th Oct., so that we can arrange transport.

We look forward to joining the Women's Guild on 24th for their Anniversary celebrations.

REG GOODCHILD

Monday Evening Fellowship Our autumn session got off to a good start with a most interesting talk by our Minister, in which he shared with us his love of the beauty of words. We look forward during the coming month to learning about rock jewellery from Mrs. Newton-Holder, and how to make Christmas crackers by Mrs. J. Norie.

For the last meeting in October we are going to see a performance of Maid of the Mountains at the Pier Pavilion.

ROBIN BRADLEY

nmen's Guild Starting a new session means greeting old friends and welcoming new ones. This was the case when the Guild began on 12th September. 51 old members and 4 new. We received a very warm welcome from our new Vice-President, Miss Mann and an interesting insight into the character of Ruth from Mr. Connelly.

We look forward to Miss Evans' talk on her business trips to Africa on 10th Oct. and our Anniversary on 24th, when our speaker will be the Rev. Lloyd James from Lancing. We give a special invitation to all to join us on that date. We are happy that this year the Men's Fellowship will be our guests. We hope to start all our meetings punctually at 14.45h. Come earlier for that friendly chat beforehand:

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Hayward House Charity Aucution Sale This event will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoon, 25th October at 14.30h to raise funds for the above. Viewing of articles ered will take place during the morning of that day. In addition to jewellery, pottery, antiques etc. items of china and glass will be particularly acceptable. Any friends willing to help in organising the Sale should give their names to the Minister, Mr. W. Perrett, or any member of the Committee.

F.J. LOCK Hon. Sec. Hayward House Committee

Youth Council Another Sale of Work is to be held later this year, and your help is needed now. Anyone who is able to help make soft toys, knit babies clothes, sew pin cushions etc. is asked to contact Chris or Janice Byerley or John Almond, who are able to supply all the material required. Also if you cont'd P. 10

have any ideas of items that can be made, your suggestions would be most welcome.

The Induction of Mr. J. Titlow John Titlow is to be ordained and inducted at Rush Hill United Reformed Church, Bath, on Monday, 9th October at 19.00h. He will be Minister to this Church and to that at Larkhall and in addition will help at Argyle Street Church in the centre of Bath. A coach has been arranged to take a party from our Church on the day and anyone interested is asked to contact Glen or Geoffrey Dean if they have not already done so.

John and Barbara are now living in the Manse at 27 Southstone Road, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5SN and will be glad to see any friends from Goring when down that way.

Prayers are asked for John for the day and that his Ministry will be very fruitful in our Lord's service.

The Last Supper Grateful thanks to the two gentlemen who have responded to our appeal for help with this Cantata. We shall be singing it at morning service on 1st October, with a much augmented choir; Mr. Richard Colbourn is coming either to play or conduct (we do not yet know which), and the Solo parts will be sung by MISS NETTA PASSINGHAM (soprano) and MR. ROBIN HART (Baritone). To all these friends we give our very grateful thanks, and a very warm welcome.

GIRLS' BRIGADE We are back in full swing and what a wonderful start - £80 from our Jumble Sale. Thank you for helping us and thank you too to the very kind person who donated £8 towards our Brigaders' Training week-end. More about the training week-end next month. We hope you will enjoy our 'camp' pieces. What a super poem for us to keep. Thank you Alison. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB Captain

Girls' Brigade Cont'd.

Did you have a good camp? Where did you go? What did you eat? These are just a few of the questions which you have asked, and I thought the following might make light-hearted reading:—Yes, thank you, we had a wonderful camp. We worshipped at Woodford Green United Free Church, where we were provided with wonderful accommodation. We visited Chingford, Loughton, ping and had a day out at London Zoo. We went on the tube Tain and also enjoyed a 2 hour lecture walk through Epping Forest. We spent hours in the good fresh air and glorious sunshine and during the week walked a total of about 30 miles, and all this gave us the apoetite to eat:—

40 loaves of bread. 10 lbs Kraft margarine. 12 lbs. bacon 100 eggs. 22 litres of squash. 66 pints of milk. 1 gallon soup. 15 lbs. tomatoes. 27 portions of fish and chips. 14 lbs. apples. 25 lbs. bananas. 25 lbs. new potatoes. 10 lbs. jacket potatoes. 2 5lb tins of smash. 18 lbs. sugar. 1 large birthday cake. 50 rock cakes. 48 small chocolate cakes. 2 dozen swiss rolls. 24 assorted large cakes given by parents. Flapjack and mince pies. 2 large tins and 12 packets of biscuits. Plus of course, tinned fruit, baked beans, spaghetti, cheese, jam, marmalade, honey, cornflakes, trifle, ice-cream etc., We go to Bournemouth next year - if you think the above sounds interesting

JEAN WEBB

OM THE BROWNIES

Dear Readers, Thank you for letting us use the Hall and Kitchen and all the things in it. All of us enjoyed the Sunday School Service and the Church Service. We all enjoyed staying here. It is a very nice place. Thank you very much.

From KIM AND KATHARINE

We had several Brownie packs using our halls for their Pack holidays, during the month of August. The above was written by two Brownies from the 3rd Edmonton Pack.

A CAMP POEM

Twas on a Saturday morning
The Girls' Brigade did go
To camp at Woodford U.R.C.
To enjoy ourselves you know.
We left the Church at 10.0a.m.
By coach, it was such fun,
Our mothers, it's a rest for them
Our officers, a challenge.

Twas on the Sunday morning
The Girls' Brigade did rise,
It's true we were a little late
But that was no surprise.
After Church Parade and dinner
We went out for a walk,
And the tricks we'd play on Mrs. Webb
Were the subject of our talk.

Twas on the Monday morning
At breakfast time we heard
That to Chingford we would go
By train? no, walking was preferred.
There was another treat in store
For the eldest dozen or so
An evening visit to the firemen brave
To us the engine they did show.

Twas on the Tuesday morning
That Mrs. Webb did wake
And find that she could not get dressed
until our stitching she did break!
We paid a visit to the Zoo
It was a splendiferous day
Lion and Tigers, Elephants and Apes
Reptiles and birds with plumage gay.

Twas on the Wednesdry morning
The Adjutant arrived
One officer was poorly, but
She had the w.C's potion (& survived).
The afternoon was bright and sunny
A visit to the ducks, a must
The rest of the time we spent in the forest
And returned in time for tea - just.

Twas on the Thursday morning
To Loughton that we went
Twas for our final shopping spree
Though our money we had spent.
And after tea the Guides did come
Flapjack for us to eat they brought
Our sausage sizzle with them we shared
And some new camp songs we were taught.

Twas on the Friday morning
By coach we went to Epping
We had a good look round
And even did some shopping
We went to the forest to learn
About the things that are in it
we took some nets to go pond dipping
We only got wet a little bit!

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Twas on the Saturday morning
That the squad prizes were won
We folded our beds and packed our bags
And by twelve o'clock it was all done
We said good bye to our new friends
And had a last look round
And then we clambered on the coach
We were homeward bound.

ALISON BATCHELOR

BOYS BRIGADE At last the dawn is breaking, as someone said sometime somewhere. Without any twisting of arms two members of our Church have left the touchlines and joined our ranks in the fray. Thank you. Chris Chatfield and Mick Bass for volunteering to join us in our endeavours to work for our B.B. object. that of "The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys". To those unable to join us your prayers will do much to strengthen us as we go forward into the new session. Pray for the Boys promoted from the Juniors into the Company Section. it is quite a daunting prospect when you come to think about it. Pray for the recruits coming along in all the sections. Pray for David Courtnadge as he takes over the running of the Junior Section. Pray for Sylvia Batchelor as Leader of the Anchor Boys, she would be very pleased to start the training of another lady to take over from her next year.

Right, now here is a way that you can help us in our work. We have started a B.B. Christian Education Group and just for half an hour from 18.30h on a Wednesday we meet in the Cornwall Rooms. What a grand opportunity for you to tell the Boys of some great moment in your Christian experience. No, nothing boring, involved or prolonged but just for ten or fifteen minutes, something that will interest them. No sermons, admonitions or talks on how you won the war are required. We have no angels or placid individuals in our midst (as some expect us to have). If you can foster in a boy's mind the thought that "thise is something that I want" then you have sown a seed in his heart. We are able to make arrangements to tape record your talk if you are unable to join with us on a Wednesday. Please hand me a note of your name and subject sometime and I will fit you in. Thank you!

From recent conversations and grape vine information it has come to my notice that we are not so well organised as some other organisations and I am not forceful or strict enough. Firstly, I find it odious to make comparisons with our set up and other organisations and other B.B.

Companies. Facts get somewhat distorted in the telling and they don't always stand up to investigation. Let true facts speak for themselves and when these facts are not in our favour please tell us about them first. Lastly, I will try to be a moreforceful character in the future, hence this letter.

Eighteen of us had a good time at our week-end camp at Warnham in September. The weather was brilliant and, thanks to Mrs. Cornwall again the food was marvellous. We have a would be pleased to receive your orders through any member of the Company. Pack of cards (20) at 60p and wrapping paper at 3p a sheet or 10 for 25p.

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

"You need hands"

There are such different kinds of hands - hard hands, soft hands, rough hands, smooth hands, white hands, red hands; hands with short, stumpy fingers, hands with long fingers, hands with light fingers. I wonder which sort of hands broke through my classroom window and stole my guitar and best cutting scissors? Now my hands can't make music for the children. However, they are still a bit purple from picking blackberries and making pies and jam - (do try never to get blackberry juice on anything) and they have to keep very way all of the time.

You can tell a lot about people by looking at their hands. There are hands that do the gardening, hands that paint and hands that scrub. Hands that knit, sew, embroider, cook, arrange flowers, write, count money; hands to hold - and think of all the things hands can hold - steering wheels, ropes, brushes, cloth, seeds, musical instruments, bandages, stethoscopes

My father's hands were nearly always ingrained with black - even though he scrubbed them well - and they had hard skin on them from holding and using, because he was a blacksmith.

Lady Macbeth thought she had hands stained with blood from murdering and walked in her sleep, trying to wash it off.

Sometimes the little Indian girls come to school with orange palms - having had them died with henna. It is put on after a celebration, perhaps a holy day or a betrothal, and makes a bright red-orange stain which takes a long time to fade, even after using soap and brush and scrubbing with detergent!. Jesus' hands, his healing hands bore the marks of the nails after His Crucifixion, showing His great love for us all. Our hands should work to show our love for Him.

Hands to work and feet to run God's good gifts to me and you, Hands and feet He gave to us To help each other the whole day through.

I can picture Jesus toiling, Carpenter of Nazareth town: In His face a great love shining, Working till the sun goes down. By His children still He stands, Blessing labour of their hands.

I can picture Jesus stooping, Lifting up a heavy weight; Stiff with toil, His arms outstretching, Weary, when the hour is late. Still He stoops from heaven above, Drawing all men by His love.

Christ the Workman, make me holy, Christ the Saviour, make me true; Make of me a thing of beauty, Show me how to labour too; Fellow-worker would I be, Ever, blessed Lord, with Thee.

C.P. 119.

FROM THE VESTRY

"And hearts are brave again"

They are few who have the courage to chant in praise of November. Songs of Spring of Summer and Autumn overflow the anthologies and hymbooks inter is carolled as the season of Christmas but - November!

Coldly, sadly descends
The autumn evening! the field
Strewn with its dank yellow drifts
Of withered leaves, and the elms,
Fade into dimness apace,
Silent; hardly a shout
From a few boys late at their play!

Of course Matthew Arnold's poem on Rugby Chapel in November 1857 has associations which without faith are as melancholy as November without

All Saints 1st November Remembrance Sunday. 12th November St. Andrew's Day ... 30th November

So much of our faithlessness stems from our unwillingness to enter with Christ into that grace which makes us the people of God for all seasons. "Pray that your flight be not in the winter" speaks Jesus ... and He, Lord of all seasons whose radiance rises above the darkness of the world invites us into His eternal Spring.

Your hearts will be brave again, as in faith you enter into the gracious joys of November in the Church's Calendar.

Look up on All Saints day and you will rejoice in Him whose gift is Eternal Life NOW.

Thank God upon every holy remembrance on Remembrance Sunday ... and remember that only remembrance in love and thanksgiving has an eternal dimension.

Listen again on St. Andrew's Day and hearing the voice of Jesus - Follow me' be happy and brave in your obedience.

With every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Christopher Robert Flashman 8.10.78 "and He took them up in His arms and blessed them"

MARRIAGES

Paul Dennis Stanford Yvonne Carol Rayner	23 .9.7 8
Bernard Charles Horsfall Carol Jean Hodge	14.10.78
Edward William Symmons Jean Dorothy Boughton	21.10.78

IN MEMORIAM

Florence West (mother of Valerie Close)	2.10.78
Olive Marion Harris (mother of Mary Lambourne)	9.10.78

"Let not your hearts be troubled"

Miss Gladys Dymott is now home again from hospital. Our love goes to her as she seeks to regain her strength. Mrs. Mary Spence is having a rest in Pentlands Nursing Homs following a fall, and Mrs. Dorothy Langriage is array at her daughter's following an accident at home.

Wonderful news has just come in of Vi Turton's return home after a long time in hospital. Arthur Cleverton is making progress and both he and his wife are always happy to relcome visitors to their home in Ferring.

To all our sick, to friends who care for the ill or aged, to young people away at College, we send our greetings. Please let the Minister or Rosemary have names for Visitation and the Ministry of Healing - we don't mind being told twice - but never assume we know!

THE ORDINATION OF JOHN LESLIE TITLOW

A happy and expectant party of friends from the Church travelled to Bath, where after being very well received and royally entertained, we formed part of a large congregation for this important event in the life of John. The service was inspired and inspiring in its content of praise, testimony and dedication, and among those taking part were the Moderator of the South Western Province and Professor R. Buick Knox. Westminster College, Cambridge.

John's future work will be as Minister of Rush Hill and rkhall Churches and as assistant at Argyle Church, Bath whose minister is the Rt. Rev. John Young. May God bless John, Barbara and their children.

MINISTER

Monday, 9th October will long live in the memory of those of us who were privileged to be present at the Ordination and Induction of John Titlow at Bath. On arrival we were met by the Church Secretary, Mr. A.M. Parrott, who immediately conducted us to the C. of E. Hall (kindly lent) where a smashing meal was ready for us and didn't we do well !!!

Then the service in the Rush Hill Church, one part of which I for one will ever remember was the Charge to John by Professor Knox of Westminster College, also our own Minister's prayer on the laying on of hands, as John knelt before that very large congregation.

I had the honour and privilege to convey this Fellowship's greetings to the Members of Rush Hill and Larkhall Churches, after a welcome cupps and sandwiches; then it was time for home. Thanks be to God for travelling mercies!

ERNEST MUNDAY

A cassette of John Titlow's Ordination & Induction service is in circulation. Any person wishing to borrow the tape please contact Richard & Irene Tuley in order to add their name to the list.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Additions, New Members

- * Mr. Stanley Frankham, 69 Marlborough Road
- * Mr. & Mrs. Derek Jones, 32 Palmers Way
- * Miss Jill Swanborough, 60 Harefield Road

Corrections

Miss J. Luckin, now Mrs. M. Cakes

Mrs. K. Nowell, Tel: 46109 not as printed

Miss J. Boughton, now Mrs. E. Symmons (see back cover)

Change of Address

Miss M.A. Johson, 147 Chesswood Road, Worthing. Mr. & Mrs. H. Johnson now at Greenview, 45 Madeira Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Titlow " 27 Southstoke Rd. Combe Down, Bath. BA2 5SN.

Mr. & Mrs. Raper " 4 Normandy Court, West Parade, Worthing, Tel: 30368

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Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith, Tel: 61954

Mr. & Mrs. Beckerton. " 40810

BIBLE VERSES

Concern 1 v 5 And God called the 11 to Day and the darkment he called Might. And the evening and the morning were 'e first day.

MODING Peals 5.v. 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, Clord: in the morning will I direct my prayer the Thee, and will look up. Feals 143 v. 8 Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised".

EVENING Matthew 14 v. 23 And when Jesus had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when evening was come, he was there alone. Luke 24 vv. 13,14,15.28,29 And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus and they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and Jesus made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

At even, ere the sun was set The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay; O in what divers pains they met! O with what joy they went away.

BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle

with each other. Then someone at my side says "There! She's gone".

Gone where? Gone from my sight - that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There!. She's gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout "There she comes!" And that is dying.

Psalm 107 vv. 29/30 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

We are indebted to Mr. H. Millborrow for these words of comfort.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Grateful thanks for the Ministry of Healing

During recent weeks of illness I have been greatly helped and uplifted by the love, and caring, and prayers of our fellowship. To all those who visited, and brought the fragrance of flowers to cheer and bless, and especially to our Minister for his thoughtfulness and attention, I express my very sincere thanks. It is through such ministries that the healing power of God becomes a living reality.

ELLA ROBERTSON

I thank the many friends who sent me flowers and fruit and those who came to see me. I am improving day by day.

JOHN BEAMISH

HARVEST FESTIVAL my grateful thanks to those who helped with the Harvest Festival Church decoration and distribution of gifts.

DOROTHY TURNER

Dear Editor,

Through the Chronicle, may I thank all those who were concerned with the distribution and delivery after the Harvest Festival, to those of us who are not now able to attend the services. I appreciate their kind thought of me. My thanks also to the Girls' Brigade for sending me a Post Card when they were in Camp.

DOROTHY GAY

Dear Mr. Connelly,

Thank you for the letter and the money you sent me, and I don't know what to buy with the money you sent me. I am very proud of myself and this has never happened to me in my whole life and it is very interesting reading my story again, and I like the poem about Hands, it is very true about what it says. Thank you again, love from SIMON & LOUISA

Note: This was the story that won the holiday adventure prize. See October Chronicle.

I read scmewhere recently that when you go into hospital you lose all dignity. I may well have done that in my short stay at Worthing Hospital but by way of compensation I found something very much more important - so many friends who were really concerned. So I just wanted to say a very sincere 'thank you' to them all, not forgetting our Minister and the Girls Brigade (of which I am clearly not a member) for all their kind thoughts and good wishes. Thank you all.

TED YOUNG

U.R.C. GUILD OF ORGANISTS AND CHOIRMASTERS

Our Church was host to the Sussex and South Coast branch of the Guild on 7th October. Some members had travelled a distance and they were not disappointed by the reception they were given which was quite up to the standard of previous guild meetings.

Following the always cheerful welcome by the Minister, Mr. Richard Colbourn gave a very clear description of the history and construction of the organ with its various stops and their uses, which could be understood by everyone present including several friends who were not organ players.

Then followed a talk by Mr. J. Robson Turton entitled "Singers, Songs and Singing" which was delivered in his inimitable style to a captivated audience. It was a pity there was not more time as Rob was giving us the benefit of his long experience with plenty of suitable anecdotes. He concluded by singing for us Schumann's "Belshazzar", which not only illustrated his talk but showed the mastery he still has of his subject and of his voice.

After tea provided by the anonymous "Ladies of the Church", we were treated to a masterly recital on the organ by Richard Colbourn. He gave us a very well chosen programme, illustrating the full range of the organ.

As is the usual custom, the meeting ended with an Epilogue, which was conducted by the Minister assisted by the Choir with Mr. Levett at the organ. Mr. Connelly spoke about Praise as singing to the glory of God and made it a fitting climax to a very successful meeting.

G.C. SHAVE

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND RHODESIA

Thanks to some kind readers who have sent me a copy of the World Council of Churches' defence of their grants to the Rhodesian Patriotic Front 'freedom fighters' (I call them terrorists) I can allow other people to write most of this page for me.

- A. Excerpts from the W.C.C. pamphlet of 31 August, '78:-
- 6. ... The grants are made as an expression of committment to the groups and their causes. We affirm

our belief in their cause and in the good faith and responsibility of the people concerned.

- 7. Question: Why were the other parties in Rhodesia excluded from the list?
 Answer: Bishop Muzorewa's and Rev. Sithole's parties had also applied for a grant. But they had (recently) joined forces with Ian Smith's internal settlement, thereby changing the status of their applications entirely ...
- 8. Question: This grant will be seen as a vote against the internal settlement.
 Answer: Yes, it will....
 - 9. Question: But how can you support a group that's been blamed for killing missionaries?
 Answer: The reality of the suffering on both sides is undenied. (But there is some doubt as to who killed the missionaries) ... The grant is not given as a sign of approval or blame for the suffering of either side. The W.C.C. simply wants to help some (my emphasis RFB) of those caught in the conflict in a way that it believes will end the suffering of all Rhodesia's people ...
 - 10. Question: How can you be sure that the grant will have that effect?

 Answer: The V.C.C. can't be sure. But to remain silent would be even less decisive. The fundamental question is how do you make an effective Christian witness in a situation of conflict?
- P. An example of the "good faith and responsibility of the people concerned" (see 6. above)? Excerpts from a letter in the Daily Mail of 9th October, 1978:-

"I am a doctor who performed the post mortem on the 12 victims of the brutal and barbaric massacre at the Elim Mission in Rhodesia. Four of the victims were regular patients of mine and in particular I took part in the delivery of Pamela Grace, the three-week-old baby who was also brutally murdered.

I would therefore like this to be an open letter to Andrew Young, Dr. David Owen and those who support the terrorist cause in the Rhodesian conflict because I feel it is my duty to put the record straight on this matter.

How does one describe the 'beings' who would attempt to rape a four-year-old girl, kick her in the face with a heavy boot so hard as to leave its imprint, bayonet her in the arms and legs and then finally crush her skull - surely the word 'human'

To Young and Owen I say I wish you would have been forced to be present to view the handiwork of those you so glibly call 'freedom fighters'."

Dr. Anthony Owen.

C. Brief Excerpts from Canon Beeson's comment on A:(The grants) identify the W.C.C. with those who are
struggling to rid themselves of racial oppression and
thus provide moral as well as material aid ... there
can be no real choice for those who are committed to
the ray of love pioneered by Jesus Christ (my emphasis
RFB).

I have no record of any comment by the worthy Canon on item B.

AWARD OF THE LICHTH

no longer applies.

The man who just recently did more for race relations in this country than any Bishop, Canon or Minister was in fact a Luther. This was Mr. Luther Blisset, the black marksman of Watford Football Club, who defied the racialist taunts of the yobs and hooligans otherwise known as Manchester United fans to score the 2 goals that put their club out of the League Cup - to the delight of the rest of the footballing public.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As part of the Evening Service on Sunday, 7th January, a film recently taken by Mr. Allon-Smith on work in India will be shown. More details next month.

R.F.B.

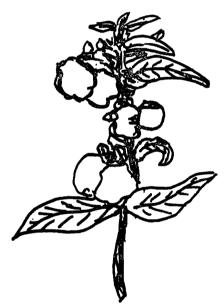
BALSAM

There are four species of balsam growing in the British Isles, but only one of them is native to this country, the other three having been introduced in the past fifty years. Strangely, our own native variety - the yellow-flowered touchme-not - is becoming quite rare, and is only now found in the Lake District in any quantity.

All the balsams can be identified by the rather strange shape of the flowers, which have two lower petals much larger than the smaller upper petals edging a tapered spur, thus giving the appearance of an elfin cap, or policeman's helmet.

Being a water-loving plant, it has long succulent stems, and grows several feet high. A common feature of the plants is the seed pods which hang in clusters, and burst at the merest touch, giving rise to their nickname of touch-me-not, or jumping jack. The plant used to be used as an infusion to cure couphs, and is still used as an inhalant. It is also used in ointments for its healing properties.

There is a South American tree which yields an exudate called balsam or balm, and although balm is a herb, the word balm is synonymous with balsam in some dictionaries.



IMPATIENS NOLI-TANGERE

"Take balm for her pain, if so she may be healed"

Jer. 51, 8.

ROBIN BRADLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

November is a busy month for us all. On the llth all Explorers in the District are meeting for a poem and carol competition at Broadwater Baptist Church, and we wish our Explorers well for that day. The week-end of 17th - 19th Nov. is training week-end for the Brigaders. Instead of meeting at Edenbridge as originally planned. they will now meet at Bury Drive Methodist Church where they will be joined by approximately 15 other Brigaders from Companies in the West Sussex District and where they will be trained by District Officers and not headquarters staff. Financially this will not be so expensive, although it does mean extra work for those involved. Please remember both the girls and the training staff in your prayers. Programmes for our Silver Jubilee Display for 9th December are now available, price 20p for adults and 10p for children under 14 years of age, and can be obtained from Girls Brigade Officers. Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB

BOYS' BRIGADE

We now have over 90 boys on our books with good everage attendance in all sections. Despite a staff of 16 Officers and Helpers that just manage to cope we could still do with a few more willing helpers. The Wednesday Bible Class is running well and although our Chaplain has paid us a visit we still await our first testimony visitor. Please give our open invitation preverful thought because the word you can speak today may be too late to do any good tomorrow.

As usual we will be involved in our BOYS' BRIGADE WEEK fund raising activities from Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th November. Cheating a little, we start a 12 hour Sponsored Games and Work effort on Friday, 17th at 20.00 hrs. On Saturday 18th at 10.30 hrs. we invite

you to our CORFEE MORNING that also includes a Bring & Buy Stall, Cake stall and our Annual Hobbies and Crafts Exhibition & Competition. Why don't you enter the Competition? It was quite successful last year and it provided much interest. If you can demonstrate a craft or hobby at the Exhibition we would be pleased to fit you in. Using your talents would seem to be somewhat biblical. During the rest of the week the Seniors and Company Section members will be involved in their own individual fund raising efforts. On Saturday 25th at 10.30 hrs. we will be combining with the Youth Club in running a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. There will be stalls for Greetings Cards, Calendars, Books, Toys, White Elephant, etc. Gifts of toys, books, tinned & bottled goods and virtually anything saleable would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your interest and support.

DONALD STEWART

NOTICES, REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN AID Harvest Festival Special Collection £84.92p
October collection £20.50p.

All these gifts received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

JOHN AND DOROTHY MUIR (whose parents are Arthur and Marjorie Cleverton) are to move to Yorkshire where John is to be inducted at Wakefield Cathedral on 8th December, to the Curacy of two churches in Brighouse. We wish them all well in their new sphere of service.

worken's GUILD Tuesday, 26th September "Life on Wheels" - an insight into the life and feelings of one who is confined to a wheel chair - Thank You Rosemary for an inspiring and humbling afternoon, when we realized, in spite of a few aches and pains, how lucky we are. Thank you too for your courageous spirit and your faith which keeps you smiling.

Thank you Graham for your help that aftermoon, It was appreciated so much.

How lucky to be able to combine business with trips to Kenya, Rhodesia and S. Africa! This is what Miss Evans was able to do in her business career. What happy memories she shared with us. On 7th November a talk about our new Worthing Library with the hope of a conducted tour later on 21st November a "Question of Sport" - comothing entirely different, but I guarantee it will be interesting

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our opening Mesting in September produced interesting discussion on such diverse subjects as Rhodesia, Mixed Marriages and National Service. We had a glorious afternoon for our visit to the Southern Water-Board's Works at Hardham and came away feeling that we knew a lot more about the way in which our rates are spent on this amenity.

Our two meetings in November cover interesting and varied subjects and we extend a hearty welcome to all men who are able to attend our meetings to come along.

REG GOODCHILD

THINKING AHEAD: OUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL "Lord of All"

This will take place on Sunday 17th December at 15.00h in the Church and this year it will have an international flavour. To assist plans for this Beryl Chatfield would be glad to hear from friends who:-

- 1. have celebrated Christmas in a foreign country
- possess a national costume (or part of one) of a foreign country
- 3. collect costume dolls of other lands

There will be special singing and a few surprises so please book the date now. This will be a family celebration by and for all ages from the youngest baby to the oldest grand-parent or maiden aunt. YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED!

BERYL CHATFIELD

"TWINNING" Following the report in the July/August "Chronicle" of our wonderful holiday in Germany this year with friends from St. Andrew's U.R.C. Leeds, some interest has been expressed in "twinning" Goring U.R.C. with a Church abroad.

Would anyone interested please let us have their names and country of choice when we can consider if there is sufficient interest to merit a "get together" to discuss future plans.

DO & REG GOODCHILD

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR

NOVEMBER

5th Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont 19th Miss M.E. Martin 12th Mrs. Percy West 26th Mrs. D.M. Turner

If anyone would care to donate towards flowers on the following dates in December, I shall be pleased to hear from them: Dec. 10th, 24th, 31st.

The new list will be placed in the Church Vestibule early in November. Please enter your name for the date you wish to donate the flowers. Thank you!

DOROTHY TURNER

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? Some friends may recall the Light Rock Nativity Play by Richard Colbourn and Jane Dickson which was produced at Tarring Boys' School in December, 1976. It was very successful, and those who saw it still say how much they enjoyed it. It has now been extended to a two-hour play and is being produced from 12th - 16th December at the Connaught Theatre. (There are people in Worthing with enough confidence in this venture of faith to guarantee the cost of £3500). Mr. Gordon Skirton, of 1 Palatine Road (Tel:42513) is in charge of bookings, which have already begun, but please apply only after 6.0 p.m. All seats are the same price, so those who book early will get the best seats! Prices are:-Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday & Wednesday Matinee - £1.20 adults, 60p children under sixteen: Friday & Saturday & Saturday matinee - £1.50 for adults and children. bookings will be welcomed. We are sure Richard's many friends in the Church will wish the school every success in

this venture, and support it if they can. And the title of the Play? "Have you heard the news?"

EILEEN FISHER

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (Goring Branch)
Whach Wednesday, a luncheon is served to elderly, lonely
people of this Parish at Bury Drive Methodist Hall.
People of all denominations are involed in this work,
perhaps you would like to help. We need help with
cooking, waiting, washing up and driving. If you
would like more details please contact Mr. H. Morton
(Rota Secretary) Wg. 44194 or Miss P.M. Stower (Hon.
Secretary) Wg. 43050. Should you wish to come to the
luncheons, please contact Miss Falmer (Registrar) Wg.
40004, although there is a waiting list at present.
Or better still, have a word with your Minister, Mr.
Connelly, as he is our Chairman.

The Leprosy Mission A talk illustrated by slides will be given by the Rev. Norman Outlaw, Area Organiser, at the Cld Palace, Tarring on Tuesday, 21st November at 15.00h. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall for Cakes, Grocery & Fancy Goods. A cup of tea will be provided.

F. FREEMAN Hon. Sec.

YOUTH CORNER

"How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of peace ..."

Dear Boys & Girls,

From the time when your feet were 'little tootsies' and your toes 'little piggies' they have been carrying you about, walking, running, hopping, skipping, dancing, jumping, kicking. You will probably have been told more than once to 'get a move on' and 'put your best foot forward' and to show that you are still 'alive and kicking'.

There are, as you will have found out, different ways of kicking. You can just kick about, aimlessly; you can kick to score a goal; you can kick in a rage (and hurt yourself); you can kick to hurt someone else; you can do Karate kicks. You can kick against the rule of authority - you can kick over the traces' - like a runaway horse.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, your feet will make footsteps, which other people can hear, or footprints which they can see. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you will leave some mark behind, whether it be seen or unseen - your work, your influence will make their mark -"and, departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of Time".

Our footprints are best seen on the right road, leaving a trail for others. So which road do we take? Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, Follow me".

MARY CONNELLY

A ditty from Miss J. Catt for the children:

"I know a farmer who is YYY's enough to take his EE's;
He studies Nature with his III's And thrives on what he CCC's;
And CCC's that when a tree D-KKK's It makes a home for BBB's"!

(J.E.C. 1938)

HARVEST

Lead on, Beloved! The mounting years
Lie like a desert track behind;
My diffident and doubtful mind
Has known too long the feeble tears,
The weakening grief of looking back
Along that weary, sterile track.

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Lead on, Beloved: I turn my eyes
Resolute on the years ahead,
My wavering and stumbling tread
Still on the dusty way that lies
Under Thy feet. Ah! but for me
That desert had not been for Thee.

Barren and bleak the desert way,
Hard as the scorn of some whose lot
Has been in rich and fertile plot,
Whose fruits lie open to the day.
Poor timid, feeble, futile Thing.
How should I dream to serve the King?

And yet He called me, 'was His voice Filling the whole wide summer sky Like thunder rolling, far and high, Yet near and instant, made the choice. Nay, Lord! It was not I.

Like thunder rolling came the Word;
Uttered in strange and unknown tongue,
And even as I heard
It was as if my inmost soul
Interpreted the thunder-roll
Across the Heavens flung.

"Work, for the time is come". I heard,
With certainty and sweet content,
And heart and will within me bent
Serenely docile to His Word.
And from the door He open set
Unrolls a road I follow yet.

Lead on, Beloved! The way is long
And barren still to outward sight,
But in my heart a song.
Rich is the harvest that shall rise
From broken, scattered grain that dies
Unseen by passing mortal eyes
Until some morning bright
In slanting, glinting, dancing sheen
Springs from the earth the living green,

Linking the anguish that hath been to Life's eternal Light. C.W. BIRD

A CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND?

A suggestion was put forward at the last Church Meeting that people of the Church should go away for a Church Family Weekend. Those of us who have been to various Christian Family Conferences or Holidays were delighted at the prospect of a G.U.R.C. one, embracing all ages - the number of 100 people being mentioned as a possibility.

In May we went on our First Family Conference Holiday to Post Green, which is the home of a Christian Community, near Poole in Dorset, with our children aged 5 and 8 years. What a joy it was to share as a family, in worship, activity and relaxation amidst beautiful scenery, lovely weather, wonderful fellowship with Christians of all denominations and all ages (from 3 weeks to 80+), and above all, to learn more about the Lord our God. The theme of the Camp was "God's Faithfulness" - in directing, redemption, empowering, and equipping us, involving us with people, providing for us and maturing us.

There was plenty of opportunity to talk and share with others, for counselling and for prayer. Each morning after Family Worship, the children went to their own meetings and organised activities, whilst the afternoons were free for families to explore, relax or join in organised games or optional teaching or craft seminars. In the evenings each "house group" had its own child minder so that parents could attend the evening meetings.

In the words of our children, our first family conference holiday was "Fantastic, we're going again!"

RICHARD & IRENE TULEY

STOP PRESS:

Handbook Amendment:

Mr. & Mrs. E. Symmons, Flat 5, 21 Mill Road, Tel: 49724

FROM THE VESTRY

The circle of a girl's arms have changed the world,
The round and sorrowful world to a cradle of God.

Did the coming of Christ wait upon the obedience of Mary? Certainly the coming of Christ was made necessary by the disobedience of Eve - or is this just "religious talk" part of the folk lore that colours our Christmas?

One interesting thing about celebrating Christmas or any other Christian festival is the way in which the decline of belief in the Gospel statements about Christ has led to an increase in superficial celebration of "Jesus". It is worth listening to the musical presentations on the theme of "Jesus" whether "Superstar" or by some other name, to realise the absence of the CHRIST from the cast! This no doubt accounts for the lack of Gospel impact within such shows, and may explain their commercial success!

Christmas will mean very little to us until we accept the reality and totality of the GOSPEL. It is not just "Jesus" we celebrate (in the latest bad example of "pop" thrown together without form or content and projected on stage or television!) to is the coming of MESSIAH - the Annointed One - Jesus - the unrist. It was this truth that inspired Mary's obedience and gave joy to her Magnificat - and it is by the truth and experience of the fulness of Him who is given for us men and our salvation that we too shall have Christian obedience and Christmas joy.

The word was now made flesh indeed,
And took on Him our nature.
What comfort by Him do we win,
Who made Himself the price of sin,
To make us heirs of glory!
To see this Babe, all innocence,
A martyr born in our defence —
Can men forget this story?

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

The Ministers of all the churches in Goring have met to consider and to pray about this. It is our hope that we shall be guided to prepare a series of talks on this subject to be given in St. Mary's, the Church of the English Martyrs, and our own Church in the New Year, Later on we hope to have some ecumenical services of Christian Healing. Pray for the Ministers of Goring in their hopes.

Remember also our own Ministry of Healing on the second Thursday morning and Third Sunday evening in the month - please continue to use the Book for Prayer Requests, and to let Rosemary have any other names of the sick for inclusion in these services.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

22.10.78

David Eldon
Rebecca Laura Charlotte
Daniel Carl Nicholas
children of Derek & Theresa
SIELEY

"and He took them up in His arms and blessed them"

IN MEMORIAN

Alfred Howard

30.10.78

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

Mrs. Frances Howe has written with her greetings from Suffolk, as also have Sgt. Beckingham from Norfolk and Mrs. F. Moody from S. Croydon. It is always good to hear of our friends who are temporarily or permanently away from us.

We remember all sick friends. Miss Grace Carnhill and Miss Rose Green are still unwell. Miss F.E. Burrows and Miss C. Bentley are feeling better. Do remember Miss I.G. Dymott who may be looking for further care in the coming weeks - she has been brave both in bereavement and adversity. We particularly think of Mrs. S. Cane and Mr. R. Bruford, both recovering from recent operations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Ridgwell wishes to thank all the kind friends within the Church for their messages, prayers and flowers during her recent indisposition. She is now much recovered.

3 Chesham Close.

After seven weeks in Hospital, I'm so glad that Vi is home again; she is making progress slowly but we believe, surely. We cannot fully express our thanks and appreciation for all the care and kindness that has been shown. All the time we were conscious of the prayers of our friends in the Church, it would be impossible to mention all the names, but from the Minister down to even the Girls' Brigade, we say 'Thank You'. God bless you all,

ROB & VI TURTON

Benenden Chest Hospital

May I express my thanks to all the kind friends and church rganisations who have supported me and my family with their prayers, greetings and good wishes during my short stay in hospital. My daily post has been the envy of the Ward and therefore a public as well as a private demonstration of the fellowship of the Church. I hope to be alive and even kicking again by the time the December Chronicle is published.

ROBIN BRUFORD

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HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

New Members

- * Mrs. Renata Shave, 8 Thakeham Close, Goring
- * Miss Lynda Miller, 60a Denmark Villas, Hove
- * Mrs. Dorothy Mosdell, 9 Sandwich Road, Worthing

Change of Telephone Number

Miss E.G. Hanson, 1 Walpole Ave. 44919 Mr. & Mrs. Barnett, 11 Twyford Rd. 62217

Change of Address

* Sgt. Beckingham, to 30 Church Close, Buxton, Norwich, Norfolk.

BIBLE VERSES

<u>PEACE</u> When Jesus was born an angel appeared to the shepherds and said:

Luke 2 vv. 10,11,13,14 "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For, unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"..

Before the crucifixion Jesus said to his disciples: John 14 v.27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" also: John 16 v. 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world".

After the Resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples:

John 20 vv. 19,20 "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them - Peace be unto you. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Jesus is the rose of Sharon, The fairest of the fair, The chief among ten thousand, Beauty, beyond compare.

He is the royal diadem, He is the morning star, Brighter than the noon-day sun, The loveliest by far.

He's the lily of the valley, His fragrance is so rare, He is my love, my only love, For Him only can I care.

Oh, spotless lamb who was accursed, By hanging on the tree, May I for ever praise your name, Because you died for me.

ANON.

OVERHEARD! A little girl singing a song to herself - "If you want to make Jesus happy, then sing a song or say a prayer to JESUS".

RESPONSE TO CARE The proposed scheme for a Christian Guest House is not forgotten. However, small fund-raising efforts would be a drop in the ocean. You may have read in the local paper of a Durrington church member, who bequeathed sufficient money for her church to start such a scheme. We shall hope and pray that someone reading this magazine should be inspired to do likewise.

FINANCE

Treasurers of all Organisations are reminded that the Financial Year ends 31st December, and accounts should be available for the Auditors by 21st January, 1979. Delay in submitting accounts makes it very difficult to prepare consolidated Church Accounts in time for the March Church Meeting.

J.D. BLAKEY

THE WAEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING ENVALOPE SCHEME

May I again remind all Contributors in the above Scheme to complete their arrears which are cutstanding, by the last Sunday in December, if possible. I am sorry to say promises made in February in a very few cases have not been honeured. We cannot support our Church and Christian work on promises. I am sure we all have a duty to share in this giving. Flesse think prayerfully about this.

Giving regularly by the Envelope Scheme helps to remind us that it is necessary to support the Church when we are absent. This is one may the Treasurer can assess the Church's income accurately. I should be pleased to provide envelopes to any members who wish to join the Scheme.

I thank all those members the have given so regularly and generously during the year.

Five Levels of Giving

- 1. The "Tip" Level My small change for God
- 2. The Entertainment Level I pay then I go
- 3. The "Emotional" Level I give when I feel like it
- 4. The "Good Intention" Level I'll give more when I've got more to spare and provided it won't interfere with anything else
- "The Christian Level" I give as I have been given, systematically and sacrificially, gladly and ungrudgingly.

IILA HARRIS

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

GOOD NEWS (1)

At last the previously silent majority of ordinary Christians is speaking out against the World Council of Churches' support for African terrorists. In the denominational papers that reach me criticism of the official line supporting the W.C.C. is mounting, and Dr. Edward Norman, the current Reith Acturer, has given them a trouncing for their political bias. If course it is too much to expect that the self-appointed leaders of the B.C.C. and the W.C.C. will ever admit that anyone can honestly hold views contrary to their own, but at least they are on the defensive.

A recent U.R.C. pamphlet describes the W.C.C. committees as consisting of 'politically-informed' Churchmen. This expression is Newspeak for 'left-wing' as 'freedom fighter' is for 'terrorist'.

GOOD NEWS (2)

The election of a Polish Pope - and one of such original qualities - has been recognised as a blessing far beyond the limits of the Roman communion. Certainly there was very little that any mainstream Christian communion could disagree with in his opening pronouncements and the cause of Christian unity (not necessarily of unification) should find much encouragement from his accession.

JOHNUNISM AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Somewhat ironically, in view of the previous subject, the 'Times' reported on 19th October another sad story of Church-State relations behind the Iron Curtain. The Catholics in the village of Rashkovo in Moldavia recently completed, entirely by their own giving and dedicated labour, the building of a new village church. Shortly afterwards the village was surrounded by a task force of 500 Soviet Security Police with army and air support. Bulldozers moved in to

flatten the entire building and its contents into the ground and to deprive the people of religious leader-ship the priest was exiled from the area.

The W.C.C. has not so far as I know pronounced upon this incident. Now, if it had happened in South Africa

ALL MEN ARE EQUAL

Isn't it odd that one of the groups of clergy who are strongest in their condemnation of racial discrimination, the High Anglicans, have recently reaffirmed their undeviating adherence to sexual discrimination by voting against the ordination of women and causing the English branch of their communion to reject that One of their main reasons was that a move in this direction would put an impassable obstacle in the way of Anglican/Roman Catholic unity (which is almost certainly an unfounded fear anyway). Many of them hastened to add that they did not oppose the concept of women priests in principle - indeed previous synods had accepted that theological objections need not be a This seeming hypocrisy is hardly likely to hindrance. do much good for the Church's image in the eyes of other denominations, including the Roman Catholics, or of the outside world. R.F.B.

STOP PRESS Results of Girls' Brigade Training Weekend

GRADE I Evelyn Goad, Nicola Rose, Caroline Curcher and Wendy Gregg

GRADE II Sheila Johnstone, Paula Roberts

GRADE III Ruth Chatfield, Linda Baker, Alison Batchelor

Our Congratulations and best wishes go to these successful girls.

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HEDERA HELIX

Most of us will be using Ivy to decorate our homes during the winter months as its trailing stems of evergreen leaves add shape and beauty to our floral decorations.

Unlike almost all other British plants, the Ivy produces its flowers in the autumn and its fruits in the spring. Each flower consists of five small yellowish green petals, and the flowers grow together in a small ball-shaped cluster. The berries are purplish black and are much appreciated by the pirds in the early spring when there is a shortage of other fruits. Although the plant uses the trunk of a tree or a wall for support, the hair-like climbing roots do not take nourishment from the tree, merely using the roots to aid its climbing.

Near the roots of the plant the leaves are glossy and lobe-shaped, and not until the stems leave the ground and start to climb do the leaves grow in the distinctive shape

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CALENDAR -

WEEKLY MEETINGS	& ACTIV	ITIES:		
Mondays: Tuesdays:	18.00h 17.30h			
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Thursdays: Fridays:	19.15h	Boys' Brigade		
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	21.30h			
Saturdays:	19.COh			
	19.30h	Badminton Club		
OTHER NEETINGS AND SERVICES - The Minister will preach at				
		all services		
3rd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in Little Chapel ,		
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	18.30h	Divine Worship		
5th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Journey of a		
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	14.45h	Men's Fellowship "A Light to lighten		
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	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close		
9th Saturday	19.00h	Girls' Brigade Display at 6th For		
		College		
10th Sunday	08.00h	±		
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11th Monday	20.COP	Honday Evening Fellowship - Christmas Evening		
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12th	Tuesday	13.00h 18.00h	Inland Revenue Carol Service Girls' Brigade Open Evening with Mince Pies & Coffee, and plenty of bargains!
		20.00h	JOINT BIBLE STUDY, Ashurst Drive combined with Bolsover Rd. at 56 Bolsover Road.
74th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Ministry of Healing & Holy Communion
	Saturday Sunday	19.30h 08.00h 11.00h 15.00h	Family Circle - Christmas Party Holy Communion in Little Chapel Festival of Lessons and Carols Junior Church Christmas Festival - Theme "Christmas around the World" Divine Worship with Carols, Holy
19th	Tuesday	14.45h	Communion & Ministry of Healing Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Join Christmas Programme
	Thursday Sunday	20.00h 19.30h 08.00h 11.00h 18.30h 23.30h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close Elders' Meeting Holy Communion in Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship Holy Communion
25th	Monday Christmas		Holy Communion Family Service
	Thursday Sunday	19.30h 08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Church Meeting Ho'y Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship

N.B. The Closing date for Submission of Material for January

Chronicle will be Sunday 10th Dec. May we take
this opportunity of wishing you all a very
Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year

we associate with the plant.

The plant is not known to have any medicinal properties, although the wood was used to fashion cups and spoons used by apothecaries in the middle ages. Like holly, it was also held to have magical properties, and often encouraged to grow around the doors and windows, to prevent the entry of witches.

"Ivy we twine of changeless green, Constant for ever in leaf and bough, Pray that our lives by all may be seen Faithful and beautiful servant as thou."

ROBIN BRADLEY

REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOTICES

HAYWARD MOUSE Auction Sale Most people will have already heard of the splendid result of the Charity Auction Sale, which, with one or two subsequent gifts and after expenses have been met, now stands at £1037.25.

The Committee wishes to express sincere thanks to all those who donated items for the sale, and to all those who helped to make the auction such a wonderful success; not only those who gave gifts but also the many helpers. A very special 'thank you' to Mr. Yeates, who gave his time and expertise not only on the day but for many weeks beforehand. Thanks are also due to Bill Perrett who slept (?) in the Church Hall one night as Security Guard, and Mrs. Batchelor for the use of her garage for so many weeks beforehand. Our Bank Account is now in credit and at our next Committee Meeting we hope to be able to propose some

reduction in the loan from the Church.

J.R.B. & F.L.

WOMEN'S GUILD, Anniversary, 1978

Those who were present at the Women's Guild Anniversary on 24th October are still talking about it! This year the Men's Fellowship were invited to join in our celebration and did so in good numbers. Present also were representatives of the Monday Evening Fellowship and of the women's organisations of neighbouring churches of all denominations, and this company tell filled the Church.

Our Minister led the service, prayer was led by our Vice-President, Miss Mann, and our Secretary, Mrs. Dearsley, read an arresting modern translation of I Corinthians, Ch. 13. As an innovation our small Guild 'choir' of members contributed two musical items, both worth-while messages, which greatly added to the atmosphere of joy and service in worship. What dedicated talent we have in our Guild!

Our guest speaker was the Rev. John Lloyd-James, Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Lancing, whose opening greeting and intimate friendly approach warmed our hearts and made us all conscious of our one-ness in Christ with those of other denominations. His encouraging message will long be remembered.

One cannot write of the Anniversary without mentioning the excellent tea which ended the afternoon. Thanks are due to those who provided and prepared it but they and all who shared it would agree that the enjoyment of it was greatly enhanced by the fellowship which was so evident and which we are glad to hear was appreciated by our guests.

A TRULY INSPIRING ANNIVERSARY:

We look forward to Miss Ella Robertson's talk and slides on 5th December as a preparation for Christmas.

ETHEL CILBY Committee Member MEN'S FELLOWSHIP We were privileged to join the Women's Guild on the occasion of their Anniversary on 24th October and enjoyed the stirring address of the Rev. Lloyd-James and the delightful refreshments afterwards. The demanding and varied work of a Hospital Chaplain - particularly one representing the Free Churches, which included "all others" - was most lucidly explained to us by Rev. Bill Purvis on 7th November. It was good to renew a link with Shelley Road. In December we look forward to a talk by Mrs. Marjorie Morris on 5th with the intriguing title "A Light to Lighten our Darkness". We welcome all to our joint meeting with the ladies on 19th when we shall be celebrating the coming of Christmas.

REG GOODCHILD

FAMILY CIRCLE On 6th November in the absence from home on business of the Chairman, Mr. R.J. Shelton, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G.E. Marriott, opened the entertainment by the Youth Groups and gave a warm welcome to the audience and those taking part.

An evening of great variety, it was evident that the players had given much time and thought to the production of the programme, which comprised songs, with guitar accompaniment, a piano solo, and modern songs of praise, with the audience joining in the choruses. After the interval, a dramatic sketch with several scenes, was given, the theme being "Do you believe that Jesus is alive today?", and this was presented in the form of a T.V. programme, with announcer, interviews etc - a most interesting production.

When giving the Benediction and thanking the players, the Rev. William Connelly said it was a pity that more people had not been present.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 16th December - CHRISTMAS PARTY
Fun and Games for all, starting at 19.30h.
Tickets will be available shortly.

MOLLIE HAWKE

THE TOY SERVICE, 1978

This year the children's Toy and Clothes service will be held on Sunday, 10th December. If your children have any toys, books and/or nearly new or new clothes to bring along to the service, they will be gratefully received. This year they will be distributed to Highdown School, John Horniman's School, Local County Council Homes and the Gingerbread Club.

PAUL ARCHER
Junior Church
Secretary

"LORD OF ALL"

Sunday, 17th December, 1978 at 15.00h

We look forward to having the support of Church Members, parents, friends and visitors at this Christmas celebration. The children, young people and staff, together with many Church friends have been working for some weeks in preparation. The SERVICE will include special singing and a dance as well as a few surprises! There will be an EXHIBITION on the theme of Christmas round the World, with costume dolls and foreign stamps.

Come and participate, We hope to have every seat filled!

A big 'thank you' to the many who are giving help in a wide variety of ways.

Let us REJOICE TOGETHER as a Church Family in the Birth of our Lord, JESUS CHRIST.

BERYL CHATFIELD

THE NEW-YEAR VIGIL

The New Year's Day Prayer Vigil will be held on 1st January. 1979, from 08.00h until midnight. The Little Chapel will be manned throughout these hours and we pray that many will be led to share in prayer with us and will feel free to come and go as they please.

Join us in praying for the life, work and witness of this Church and its people, for our neighbourhood, our town of Worthing, our Nation and for World-wide peace. "Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God". Coloss. 4, v.2.

IRENE TULEY

CHRISTIAN AID

The amount raised for November is £12.30p - received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

3rd The Rev. & Mrs. W. Connelly

10th Mrs. J. Robson Turton & Mrs. D. Cozens-Walker

17th Mr. & Mrs. R. Pepperdine

24th Mr. & Mrs. S. Bradley

31st Mr. & Mrs. E. Young

FCUND! Please make especial note that a $\frac{3}{4}$ length cream mohair coat was left in the Choir Vestry on the evening of the Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service. Please either collect this, or let your friends know, especially if they do not attend the Church regularly, as it has been here for some time now.

CHOIR SEG

GIRLS BRIGADE

So far we have not sold many programmes for our Silver Jubilee Display, but we do hope that you are coming - SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER, Sixth Form College at 19.00h. You can of course buy your programme at the door, and we do promise you a very different sort of evening from that of watching the Telly!!!

On Tuesday, 12th December between 18.00h - 20.30h our hall door will be open to you all. Do come along and have a mince pie and a coffee with us and maybe

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buy your last minute gifts. There will be a good selection plus cards and Christmas paper for the late shopper! We thank you for everything that has made this year such a special one for us, for all your kindness and generosity, interest and prayers. We pray that Christ may be reborn in all our hearts this Christmas time. Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB Captain

BOYS BRIGADE

Sitting amongst the aftermath of the Coffee Morning. of unsold Christmas goods, and thinking of bed after the allnight games and work marathon. I perhaps am not in the best of condition to make a shining report. Perhaps it is best not to dwell too much on appeals that have fallen on deaf ears or of disappointments because the boys have not come up to my expectations in one way or another. Being the "In between guy" causes me a little discomfort at times, but as the hymn goes. "we should never be discouraged - take it to the Lord in prayer". As a passing thought, I do wonder if everyone reads everything in the Chronicle each month, or do they just read the things that concern them? At our Enrolment Service, held on 27th October, it was good to see so many parents present. The response of some parents and boys to lead in prayer without prior warning, was indeed astonishing. We felt the displays of flowers added much to ne occasion - thank you very much Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Craghill. At the time of writing this report we have only just started our Boys' Brigade Week fund raising efforts. Our 12 hour sponsored games and work marathon should bring in about £100. The Coffee Morning realised £80.

We take this opportunity of wishing you all a Joyful and Blessed Christmas. Yours sincerely,

DONALD STEWART

SYNOD REPORT

The Autumn Synod of the Southern Province of the U.R.C. was held on Saturday, 28th October at Sevenoaks. Once again we found it to be a very stimulating meeting under the excellent chairmanship of our Moderator, Cyril Franks. The main speaker in the morning was the Moderator of General Assembly, Lesslie Newbigin - who spoke on the subject "The Pattern of Ministry in a. Pagan Society". He took up the problem of our shortage of Ministers, and explained that this was not really a problem but could be turned to our advantage if approached in the right way. He felt we must have a much broader view of the Ministry than the traditional view of a fully-trained and ordained minister. theological training is not necessary or even desirable for every minister today, and someone who has simply been touched by the Holy Spirit for God's work can be just as valuable to the Church. Lesslie Newbigin illustrated his talk with various examples from his missionary work in India, where there were not enough trained ministers to go round and much evangelism was done by local people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel, to great effect. It is felt in the U.R.C. that this auxiliary ministry by committed laymen is likely to play a large part in the future, and we should look to the advantages in this, instead of being concerned about the shortage of ordained ministers.

During the lunch-break there were various displays on view and we were particularly interested to see details of two new churches which are being built in the Province. One is an ecumenical project at Broadfield, Crawley, for a Church and Community Centre, and the other is the new U.R.C. which has now been completed at Tonbridge. This modern building has apparently attracted considerable interest from outsiders and it is fully staffed for enquirers and counselling each day. It was exciting to learn of the miraculous ways in which God provided this new builting -£100,000 was raised in two years without any appeals, and every

need was taken care of. During the day, we also learnt of several other churches which have obtained new premises and halls, and we couldn't help wondering about our own scheme. Maybe its time for us to take a step of faith regarding a new hall, rather than continue with the seemingly endless discussion over all the ins and outs of the scheme.

During the afternoon the main items dealt with were — Provincial Day and Youth and Children's Work. Provincial Day is being held at Canterbury on Saturday, 9th June, 1979. Several thousand people are expected to attend from all over the Province, and we will be organising a coach from here. Events planned include all kinds of sports from rounders to 'its a knockout', a 'read-in' of various readings, both Biblical and otherwise, three separate services in the Cathedral, and numerous other events. It certainly sounds as if it will be a well organised and enjoyable day, and we hope it will be well supported from Goring.

A large part of the afternoon was spent discussing youth and children's work in the Province. It was felt that many churches do not regard this work as seriously as they ought to. and it is important to think of the children as an integral part of the church since there is much we can learn from them. This fact was well illustrated by the Junior Church from Petts Wood U.R.C. coming to the Synod to sing and lead us in choruses. Everyone seemed to find it an uplifting experience to be singing choruses together, rather than just talking business, and he view was expressed that few of our churches were willing to try this kind of thing in their services. A report was also received from a young people's conference held at Coventry a few weeks ago. This was an ecumenical conference and it seems a great deal was gained by being able to meet with young people from other denominations. The resolutions from this conference, along with several reports read at Synod. are available on the Church noticeboard for you to read.

> CHRIS CHATFIELD & MICK BASS

A LITTLE PLACE

It was only a little place, the town of Bethlehem.

Where David kept his father's sheep, And as he tended them

He sang his own sweet psalms as on the quiet hills he lay

The immortal songs of praise still loved and sung today.

It was only a little place, but here came Samuel To find and annoint the first king of Israel.

Amongst the sons of Jessie for the chosen one he sought In vain, until the fair young David from the fold was brought.

Harpist, poet, shepherd boy, He bowed his golden head To receive the blessing "This is he" the prophet said. But greater things are yet to be fulfilled in the small town

Where as long fortold, the Christ from Heaven to earth came down.

And Angels sang where David sang their canticle sublime As the Everlasting God tore through the veil of time With holy fingers reaching from the heights and depths of space

Love's very nature to reveal, O miracle of Grace
That such a thing should come to pass in such a little
place.

PATIENCE STRONG

With acknowledgments to "This England".

SERVICES

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning

Third Sunday in the evening.

MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Second Thursday in each month at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion following morning session.