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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

IMMANUEL - or - A CHRISTMAS STORY.

YOU cannot really say whether this story has already happened, is likely to happen soon, or what! Perhaps the problem with all Christmas stories is that, taking the edges off time - rather like J.W.Dunne's 'An Experiment with Time', past, present and future appear to be confused - or confusing. There may even be a conspiracy abroad to encourage this confusion.

BUT a story like that was bound to get out in time; your time! When Time trembles as tiredly as at Christmas it is hard to know whether its next movement will be into sleep or passion! You know the feeling.

THEY say - those who remembered and passed on the story - that it was the Churches who gave up Christmas first. They had already given up Good Friday and Easter Day, and Whitsuntide/Pentecost were just long lost words. It was not that people had stopped coming to Church but the words seemed to lose life and health in the face of death. The clergy were the first to leave the Church; and at Christmas only the old and ignorant remained.

THE schools kept Christmas going longer. It was part of their winter term's programme, you see, and gaps in the school day take some filling. Anyway, if your own child is in the Nativity Play then whatever else is going on, he is!

SHOPS and Television advertising kept their Christmas going far better! The season of Goodwill was extended to half the year and Father Christmas and Yule Logs and Christmas drinks and fairy lights extended to Bank Holiday Monday. 'Rudolph the rednosed Reindeer' was in no danger and a new Yuletide Credit Card covered the cost.

NONE of this mattered too much to the wealthier people; they had always preferred to spend the 'Old Christmas' abroad - the Holy Land became very popular but it was rare to hear carols sung there.

SOME of the poorer families kept the Old Season better. There was something about its memories that still made them feel warmer and closer together.

WHEN someone (I think he had been put in prison in a psychiatric ward) said 'He has come again', no one took much notice. Who listens to voices crying in the wilderness of Siberia or Malibu Beach - the winds and tides soon blow or wash away the voices and footprints of Prophets in places like that. Of course, when the story came out there were some who wanted to see and to hold the 'baby' - old Christmas cards and carols which were still part of the popular memory of Christmas always showed a baby - and a baby would be nice - 'Perhaps we will be able to hold him' they said. But there were not many Wise Men about to lead them to His birth-place.

AND then He appeared! It was as though His face was on every television screen at once: He spoke in a way that everyone could understand and however hard you tried to change the station He still came on. He came on as referee in football matches on Sunday afternoons. As the quizmaster in expensive shows. He appeared in a Service in Westminster Abbey, At the London Paladium, In the House of Commons - not the Lords!! He was even reading the News and doing the weather forecasting!

SOME said they had seen Him in Armenia - Ethiopia - looking hungry! Many said 'Doesn't He look awful! There are scars on His hands and He looks as though He has been weeping' Others said 'He looks dangerous - so strong, and look at His eyes! They seem to reflect the world.'

THERE were others who listened with hope and eagerness to what He said, though oddly some said they could not hear or see anything at all. There were even some who said that all they saw was a blur - like a spot on their spectacles.

BUT I suppose that we still remember the Gospel - that bit where it says :
'He was in the world and though God has made the world through Him, yet the world did not recognise Him. Some, however, did receive Him and believed in Him and to them He gave the right to become God's children'

'Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His Temple - but who may abide the day of His coming?'

With every good wish for a Blessed New Year.

William Connelly.

Since February 1985 the Durrington High School Prayer Group has met monthly in our Church on the second TUESDAY afternoon at 2 pm. (THIS IS A CORRECTION - NOT ON THURSDAY AS STATED IN DECEMBER CHRONICLE, LM's ERROR)

Irene Tuley.

YOUNG COUPLE NEED GOOD 'BABY FURNITURE AND FITTINGS'
FOR NEW ARRIVAL IN JUNE 1990.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO SELL PLEASE CONTACT
MARY CONNELLY.

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE

Explorers	5 to 8 years.	TUESDAYS	6 to 7.15.
Juniors	8 to 11 years		6 to 7.45.
Seniors	11 to 14 years	"	6 to 8.30.
Brigaders	14 upwards	"	6 to 9.30.

Officers:	Captain,	Mrs. J. Webb.
	Lieutenants,	Mrs. B. Brunton,
		Mrs. A. Baldwin,
		Mrs. M. Craghill,
		Miss D. Elliott,
		Miss J. Gardner,

Greetings from us all; we are back to begin a New Year and a New Decade and we start off with a number of changes.

As many of you know I plan to retire as Captain at the end of 1991 and in readiness for that, and to help off-load some of the work, a Company Secretary has been appointed. Margaret Craghill has kindly undertaken this work and although it will take all of us some time to get used to the change, I am sure we shall find that the work is in very capable hands. Please remember Margaret in your prayers in the coming months.

The Love and Care scheme which is such an important and vital part of our work in Girls' Brigade will, from now on, be in the hands of Alison Baldwin and Caroline Hibbs. Alison will take charge of the gift side of things and Caroline the day-to-day running of the scheme. In order that the scheme continues to run as smoothly as possible and to help these ladies settle into their new jobs, please let Caroline Hibbs know of anyone, in the future, who is sick, or bereaved or has something special to celebrate etc., and she will attend to the sending of the cards. Again, please remember these ladies in your prayers.

Denise Elliott, too, has extra jobs to do within the Company and these no doubt will increase as time goes by! Bless you too, Denise.

My thanks go to all Officers for their love and support and I am going to need all their patience in the coming months. I am going to find it very hard to sit and watch someone else work!!

For a variety of reasons none of the Officers feel that the time is right for them to train as a Captain, so there is much to be done in the next couple of years. As you read this do you feel that perhaps you might telephone me for a chat and that you might consider this challenge? 67 girls are relying on someone to lead them after 1991!! Please add this to your prayers list.

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Now that the Guide Dog has been paid for we are off on a new project. We are going to support Riding for the Disabled in Ferring and we are going to sponsor a HORSE! We do not know yet how much money we are talking about, but do make a note in your new diaries, of Tuesday February 6th at 6.30 pm and come along and listen to our speaker and see the slides he will be bringing, and together we shall find out about our HORSE and other things that happen at the Ferring Centre. Please keep your foil, used stamps and old coins coming in. The stamps go for auction and the foil is sold by weight and the money put to our project.

Last November, you will remember, our Seniors and Brigaders took part in the District Competitions. The Seniors worked in pairs and the competition was to create a winter theme in collage using whatever materials were brought along on that day. RACHEL BASS and LESLEY MAY came second, and NICOLA DAVIS and YVETTE KINGSTON came third!! The Brigade Competition was the icing of a Christmas cake and they had to make all their own decorations. No bought Robins or the like were allowed! HANNAH HONSA came first and won the cup for us and HELEN JACKLIN came second. WELL DONE GIRLS!!

We are so glad that the Display in December was enjoyed by so many and that the Christmas Gifts were also well received.

Bless you all and thank you for your continuing love and support.

Jean Webb, Captain.

It felt very strange on Saturday evening December 9th to be among the audience at the Girls' Brigade Display instead of in the thick of it. I was afraid I might become rather emotional. However, I did not have time to think about that in the enjoyment of the singing, the excitement of the team-games and the pleasure of the girls receiving their Awards. It was lovely evening and I was proud of the fact that I had been privileged to serve in 5th Worthing.

My heart aches though, at the thought of Jean Webb having to retire without leaving a worthy successor in charge of her beloved Company, so please, dear friends, pray and pray hard, that the good Lord will guide someone in the right direction - someone who will SEEK - SERVE - AND FOLLOW CHRIST.

Doreen Norris.

I would like to express my thanks for the cards, visits and telephone enquiries from Bill and flowers from the Church during my two recent short stays in hospital, but most of all thank you to Jean and Girls' Brigade for all the love and care which upheld me during a difficult time. I feel privileged to belong to such a caring organisation and hope to be back in full swing with them all at the start of next term.

Brenda Brunton

On 9th December 1989 Christmas decorations were not needed to make this evening's entertainment a sparkling one. The girls of 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade did that for us from the word 'GO'

The evening started with a welcome from their Captain, Jean Webb, followed by prayers from the Chaplain, Rev. William Connelly.

The guest of honour, Mrs. Dorothy Turner, was introduced and she gave out all the awards to the girls.

The singing was delightful and the introduction to each section was given with clarity and obvious enjoyment by two Brigaders, NICOLA CRAGHILL AND HAYLEY ARCHER.

We, the audience, were exhausted by the team games, although we remained sitting in our chairs, and we were able to join in the singing of two Songs 'DISPLAY HYMN' and 'ALL THINGS'.

A flower, made by the Company, was presented to everyone in the audience. I got a Teasel and am now looking for some lamb's wool to 'tease'.

We saw an exhibition of photographs of INCA, the guide dog supported by the Company.

The Chaplain led us all in 'The Grace' and we departed at about 8.45pm.

Editor,

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE

Officers: Captain Don Stewart,
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

MONDAYS: Anchor Boys. 5.00 pm.

Junior Boys. 6.00 pm.

FRIDAYS: Boys' Brigade. 7.00 pm.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

At our Christmas party on Tuesday 19th December we had a 30 question quiz set by our Chairman John Blackwood. Thanks John. 8 Members were present so we all had a good tuck in. Our first meeting is January 30th 1990 when we join the Women's Guild. LM.

WORTHING AND DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

A UNITED SERVICE IN

ST. COLUMBA'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,
Heene Road (St. Michael's Road)

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24th 1990 AT 7.30 pm.

Let us all support our neighbouring United Reformed Church Minister of St. Columba's Church, the Rev. ROY PARKINGTON, B.A., when he is inducted as President of the Council of Churches for 1990 at this United Service.

The PREACHER will be Lord SOPER, an outstanding Methodist, famous for his expounding on Tower Hill, for 63 years, and also for many years at 'Speakers' Corner' in Hyde Park, London, where large crowds have always gathered to hear him apply the Christian Gospel to every day life, and to the great issues of the day. His sharp humour, always to the point, has delighted 'hecklers' and crowd alike. We are very privileged that he is coming to Worthing, Many will wish to hear him. Do come along, and early. All are welcome.

Ella G. Robertson.

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The Citizens Advice Bureau is looking for voluntary advisers and would like to hear from anyone who could spare two half days a week, plus extra time for training, etc. The upper age limit is about 60 and this partly depends on existing skills and experience. We need caring and patient people, impartial in outlook, who are able to communicate and explain complex facts and information to a wide variety of people of all ages and backgrounds. For further information please write to Mr. M. Drew at Citizens Advice Bureau, 6 Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing. BN11 1HG. Or: Telephone 31972 and 32116.

Many thanks to 'ROBERT', Margaret Briggs nephew, for the marvellous drawing he made for the cover of the DECEMBER 1989 Chronicle. Editor,

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
BUDGET 1990.

FREE WILL OFFERING.	22,900	MAINTENANCE OF MINISTRY FUND.	16,570
LOOSE CASH	10,000	UNIFIED APPEAL	5,040
RENTS	3,400	SUPPLEMENT.	1,776
DIVIDENDS		CHURCH CAR	1,000
INTEREST	2,000	PULPIT SUPPLY	200
INSURANCE REFUND	300	MANSE	2,000
TAX REFUND	3,500	CLEANING	2,814
GIFT DAY	3,000	HEATING	2,400
DONATIONS	200	RATES	400
		CHURCH INSURANCE	1,100
		MAINTENANCE	4,000
		CHURCH MUSIC	1,200
		JUNIOR CHURCH	300
		PRINTING	1,000
		CHURCH TELEPHONE	300
		DONATIONS	100
		SECRETARIAL	600
		SUNDRIES	1,500
		WINDOW REPAIRS	3,000
	<u>45,300</u>		<u>45,300</u>
£		£	

THE CHURCH BUDGET.

All Members should know that we pay £1.30 a week for each Member to the Ministry of the United Reformed Church throughout the country.

This means, for example, that if you covenant to pay £2.10 a week then the Church will be given an extra 70 pence a week by the Inland Revenue, making your contribution to the Church into £2.80 a week.

Roy Gooderham, Church Treasurer.

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A REVIEW OF DECEMBER REFORM.

Included in this month's contents are:- Another challenging Editorial by Norman Hart, bringing us face to face with the myth or reality of Christmas. From snow scenes and Christmas card pictures, to the homeless Holy Family, and to-day when people at Christmas are in bed and breakfast hotels, single rooms or a cardboard box!!

There is a new Christmas Carol and other poems; Rebuilding a Church tower in East Germany; and how a helper found faith and baptism. A visit by the West Midlands Moderator and others, to Northern Island, an uncomfortable article. Happier articles on 'Learn the Organ for 1990'; The Access Centre in Nottingham for non-custodial parents to meet their children, either to spend time there or take them out, and how it has mushroomed. 300 years in this country of religious freedom and how it was achieved - and other countries?? The Euroclergy! A year's training in Missions - 9 young adults from different countries explain Mission in (a) a developed country - England and (b) an un-developed one - Jamaica, and how they learned to live and work together. News and views - happy and encouraging.

Reform Distributor - Sheila Gooderham.

Acknowledgement to Christian Crackers.

Seen on a Church notice board:

When you were born your Mother brought you here,
When you were married your partner brought you here,
When you die your friends will bring you here,
Why not try coming here on your own sometimes!

LAST DAY FOR FEBRUARY CHRONICLE IS JANUARY 15th 1990.

FOR SALE: Fibre clothes trunk, wood bound, with 2 locks and keys, carrying handle at each end, Colour brown, Size 30" x 20" x 20", £10.00, A smaller similar trunk, without keys, £5.00, Or £12.00 for both, Proceeds to be donated to Congregational Housing Asscn, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue where the trunks may be seen and inspected.

G O L D E N J U B I L E E .

Many of you will know by now that a video tape recording is being produced to try to capture some of the highlights of the first 50 years of our Church's life.

If you have not yet been pestered by me to tell a tale or two, and to sit in front of a camera, then maybe it is your turn next!

If you have any interesting memories of times gone by in our Church I would love to hear from you, Colin Nodes, Norman Dobson and I have been busy looking into the past and have gathered quite a lot of information already. Maybe you are hiding a 'little something else' - who knows?

You may also have noticed, in 'WELCOME', before Christmas, that I am looking for an original and lively piece of music with words, which the children could sing as a title song for the video, Budding musicians amongst us - please get pen and paper or singers to keyboards or whatever, and let me have your contribution by the 28th FEBRUARY 1990, The piece should last about TWO Minutes.

GRAHAM REDMAN,

CAPTAIN JEAN WEBB of 5th COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE is looking for a successor! What qualities does she need? ENDLESS!

You might get some of the answers to that question by reading GALATIANS Chapter 5 Verses 22-23, or COLOSSIANS Chapter 3 Verses 12 to 15.

Whoever it may be has just two years to grasp what the 'job' entails, but you only have to look at the COMPANY to see it is all worthwhile.

Please, do not let them down! THEY NEED YOU!!! and so does GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

"THE CHRISTMAS FATHER",

Back in September last a note was put in "WELCOME" to say about the award we won once again from the London Children's Flower Society for our School Nature Garden (looking sadly neglected this term). It was only a note, because I did not have time to write more then - and for the same reason you are only now reading an article in 1990, written a week before Christmas when I would much rather be in bed asleep!

The job does not get any easier - it seems to get tougher and more tiring. The new National Curriculum will take time to get 'fitted in' to each school, with all the attendant disadvantages, but eventually, we hope, advantages.

In a school such as our's, with the greatest proportion of children from Bangladesh, some from India, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Russia, America, Australia, Spain, Italy, and a few from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England, language presents some difficulty! Lack of understanding and being understood, makes for inattention, which often leads to irritability, disruption and indiscipline, which in turn makes more difficulty in integration, increasing stress.

The end of term is always very busy, noisy and exciting, especially at Christmas, with the making of decorations, singing practice and performance, parties - and this year a Staff Pantomime, with the headmistress as a rather plump fairy godmother!

Our daughter Fiona, in Los Angeles was saying that Christmas in L.A. does not feel like Christmas, as there is a large Jewish Community and placards in stores and businesses wish a 'Happy Holiday' or 'Season's Greetings', so as not to offend by wishing a 'Happy Christmas'. Little Charlotte, nearly 4, has been talking 'Santa' and 'presents' and parties' and 'presents'until Fiona brought out the little Mexican Nativity Group and put it on display, told the Christmas Story and next day took Charlotte to a Nativity Play. Charlotte was soon overheard instructing her small Jewish friend, Lucy 'Now this is the baby Jesus and this is his Mother Mary andand this is why we have a Christmas birthday'.

One Muslim boy asked me one day 'Why is this baby Jesus still a baby on his birthday? He is never getting any bigger'.

Christmas for most children in our school is about the 'Christmas Father' who will bring them presents and food and decorations in their house. But Christmas greeting cards are being made by the dozen for dozens of friends and family members - 'posted' and 'delivered' on the same day. There is such joy and excitement in being either donor or recipient of these cards, however hastily and poorly made, and most of these children are Muslims!



The joy of Christmas cannot be stifled whatever the race or creed, so may your 'Christmas Father' bring you joy and happiness. 'We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' from : Sadequer, Nosmul, Yarun, Arfa, Afia, Ali Amzad, Ashak, Atikur, Soiyarua, Zakir, Mobuto, Ziaur, Farooq, Hena, Halima, Nurul, Azra, Mohammed, Rabina, Salima, Ambrose, Chung Sing, James Fung, Selina, Igor, Salaheddin, Inti, Leroy, and many many more, And from me,

Jo Mary Connelly.

A special thank you to the Worthing Sixth Form College Choirs who gave such a sweet and powerful Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. We, the congregation enjoyed every minute of it, Editor.

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Acknowledgement.

Please accept my grateful thanks for your prayers and many enquiries during my recent illness. My thanks, also, to our Ministers and Mr. & Mrs. F. Marsh for their kind visits.

R. F. Bulstrode.

BEANO CLUB QUIZ on 14th December was a huge success. Eight teams, self-named, competed in answering 74 general knowledge questions each valued at 2 points each. The Wise Wellies 72, The Gnomes 76, Marlborough Maniacs 85, Wet and Windy 89, The Learners 91, Harvard 108, The Yodellers 118, The Unwise Monkees 119, on a tie break.

Why not come along and enjoy yourselves. Beano Club meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

The next Quiz night is March 8th 1990.

Many thanks are due to Carole and Warwick for setting the questions and scoring, and Jenny and Keith for the drinks and biscuits and the washing up afterwards. Editor.

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The Residents of Hayward House would like to say a big thank-you to the Girls' Brigade, Anchor Boys & Mr. & Mrs. Fred Marsh who have visited us with gifts for Christmas. How nice to belong to such a caring Church!

Elsie, Dulcie, Mary, Stan and Leslie.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING
DATES FREE SO THAT YOU CAN
ATTEND OUR CHURCH'S GOLDEN
JUBILEE .

SATURDAY 28th JULY and
SUNDAY 29th JULY 1990.

WILL ALL CHURCH GROUPS
PLEASE SEND A
REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING
ON THURSDAY 11th JANUARY
1990 at 7.45 pm. IN THE
CORNWALL ROOM, WITH
SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY
WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE IN
DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
OF OUR CHURCH. OR IN
WRITING BEFOREHAND TO
NORMAN DOBSON.
11 CHUTE AVENUE. WORTHING.
('PHONE WORTHING 65593)

NORMAN, COLIN, GRAHAM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1990.

The Annual Prayer Vigil will take place on MONDAY January 1st 1990,
and we invite ALL to share in prayer during this day for this CHURCH, this
TOWN, the NATION, and THE WORLD!!

COME any time, to the Little Chapel in our Church between the hours
of 8am and 10 pm.

PRAY AT HOME, using the Church Handbook, if unable to join the Vigil in
person.

I look forward to hearing from you if you would like to be
responsible for a particular time.

'BE PERSISTANT IN PRAYER, AND KEEP ALERT AS YOU PRAY, GIVING THANKS
TO GOD'

Colossians Ch. 4, V. 2.

Irene Tuley,

Report from Christian Aid News OCT/DEC, 1989.

AFTER weeks of anxious anticipation the people of BANGLADESH are breathing easily again. The flood season seems to have passed without serious problems.

ABOUT 800,000 people have been affected by flash floods in STRANJGANJ and SYLHET, but these are areas where there is limited flooding every year. Although limited flooding occurred in eastern and northern parts of the country, the damage was not extensive. This is in sharp contrast to 1988, when the damage was so serious that it prompted international institutions, aid agencies and Christian Aid's Bangladesh partners to ask fundamental questions about the causes of perennial flooding and how it can be controlled. Some of the answers to these questions are expected to emerge soon. Before the end of the year the findings of major international surveys carried out by the French, Japanese and Chinese governments, USAID and the United Nations Development Programme will be put before a meeting in London. Many Bangla-deshi agencies are concerned that the needs of the poor of Bangladesh - those worst affected by constant floods - are not being properly addressed. Zafrullah Chowdury of GONDOSHASTHAYA KENDRA, one of Christian Aid's biggest partner organisations in the country, argues that action against floods must centre on the people at risk.

AS 87% of Bangladesh's water flow comes from outside the country, it is beyond the power of the poor to prevent floods and it is far better to concentrate on flood management and control. This strategy has become known as 'living with the floods'.

MANY poor families not only lost their homes and what little land they had in 1988, but were also forced to sell everything they owned - even their cutlery! This meant that when there was no work available they had nothing to fall back on and were forced to take out high-interest loans which they had no hope of repaying.

TO consider the plight of these people GK, whose name means The People's Health Centre, set up its own flood study forum with the help of a £20,000 grant from Christian Aid. The forum, which includes more than 40 experts in hydrology, water management, engineering, medicine, the environment, journalism, economics, sociology and consumer protection, has been meeting regularly since October 1988. Its findings will be published in 14 papers on flood-related issues.

ATAUR RATMAN of GOND UNNAYAN PROCHESTA, Christian Aid's other major partner in Bangladesh, also believes in a people-orientated approach. 'We need to listen to the people's accounts of their lives' he says. 'The villagers often come up with suggestions that only those with first-hand experience of the problems they encounter could have conceived'

GUP, which won a presidential award for its flood work last year, is based 5 hours south of the capital, DHAKA. Its programme, which involves thousands of local people, includes rebuilding houses on platforms of mud to prevent them from being inundated again, rebuilding schools on platforms so that they can be used as flood shelters in the future, building tubewells on concrete platforms to protect them from water contamination and constructing mesh fences around community fish ponds to prevent the loss of fish when ponds are flooded.

GUP is also conserving varieties of fruit trees that survived last year's floods so that hardy strains can be developed, and adapting crops to suit flood-generated conditions. Onions have grown well in the sandy silt built up along river banks and potatoes were planted after the water had subsided and left the rice crop ruined. GUP's floating hen coops, which protect chickens from drowning, have attracted wide-spread international attention. THERE is still some controversy about the relationship between deforestation and flood damage, but there is little doubt that the lack of vegetation coverage increases the extent of soil erosion in areas affected by flooding. Most of Christian Aid's partners are involved in local tree planting schemes.

IN northern BANGLADESH, trees cover only 2% of the land, but the Local Initiative for Emancipation is trying to put that right. Last year, with support from Christian Aid, 6,610 trees were planted around the northern town of SAIDPUR. More than 4,600 of these survived the floods in 1988!

IT is to be hoped that any government plan to harness Bangladesh's floods and minimise the damage they do will involve local people as GK, GUP, and LIFE have done. Their experience has shown that only with the commitment and confidence of the community is it possible to introduce sustainable development.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS from Sidney Hider:-

BANGLADESH, At present we have had no further news from N'pur but we have heard from Marian Bairoi THAT she will be leaving U.K. on December 30th 1989 en route to JAMAICA where she will continue her CWM course. Her address will be - P.O. BOX 136, Golding Avenue, KINGSTON 7, JAMAICA, W.I. Please see Page 13 of December 'REFORM' for details of the course she will be following.

GHANA, With 8 of the 9 cartons of medical dressings now collected by the Ghan High Commission we are now trying to discover their intentions regarding the 9th. So far letters have gone unanswered but we will keep trying. Meanwhile, thanks to two generous donations we have been able to send a banker's draft for £100 to the credit of HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Assin Nsuta for the benefit of their clinic. We await acknowledgement

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CHRISTIAN AID.

Christian Aid has received nearly £600,000 from Comic Relief for three projects in the Horn of Africa.

About £200,000 will go to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, an organisation which works with peasant co-operatives and the Ministry of Agriculture in southern ETHIOPIA. The money will be used to provide seeds, tools, oxen, fertilisers and technical assistance to farmers.

The Relief Society of Tigre will receive £165,000 to pay for three trucks and the Eritrean Relief Association will receive £200,000 to provide 1,000 oxen for poor peasant farmers. CHRISTIAN AID NEWS REPORT.

Christian Aid has made a new Grant of £250,000 towards the emergency air-lift of food into JUBA, (Sudan) which has a refugee population of more than 150,000.

Christian Aid has sent a Grant of over £17,000 to the Caribbean Conference of Churches to help victims of Hurricane Hugo, which swept across the eastern Caribbean in mid-September 1989, causing at least 25 deaths and leaving an estimated 100,000 people homeless. C.A.N.

DENIM DONATION.: 1200 pairs of Jeans which were to have been destroyed have gone to MOZAMBIQUE, thanks to an elaborate operation organised by two Christian Aid secretaries.

Fiona Liddell, Area Secretary for South West London, drove the denims from Suffolk to London, using a minibus from her Church, the Anchor Congregational in Earlsfield. Then Tim Woods, Area Secretary for South East London took over for the second leg of the journey to Southampton Docks.

The Jeans will be given to refugees in MOZAMBIQUE who frequently arrive at camps with few or no clothes after fleeing from villages attacked by the rebel Mozambique National Resistance.

Meanwhile Christian Aid is supporting the efforts of Mozambique factories to produce their own textiles again. CHRISTIAN AID NEWS OCT/DEC 1989.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

On Tuesday 5th December we heard a fascinating story from Mr. Cooper about the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust at Arundel. One remark he made concerned the beaks of ducklings having a tooth on the end of them for cracking open the eggs when they are born.

The Trumpeter Swan is the heaviest Swan in the world - some grow to weigh 30 lbs. I shall enjoy my visits there all the more having heard the pile of information Mr. Cooper supplied. Editor.

Our Spring 1990 programme begins on Tuesday 30th January at 2.45 when we join the Women's Guild to hear Councillor John Cotton tell us some of the highlights of his year as Mayor of Worthing. We need more Members - why not come and join us then.

Sidney Hider. Secretary.

VISITING THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND.

To assist the working Elders in various areas will anyone able to do this please volunteer their services to the Minister as soon as possible.

OUR YOUTH MAGAZINE IS A MUST!! COME ALONG YOU YOUNGSTERS AND HELP ELIZABETH TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK. SHE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY ALL THE CONTENTS. WHAT HAPPENED TO BABY LOUISA?? ED.

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LAST DAY FOR FEBRUARY CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS JAN 15th

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SARAH POWNALL (16) with the winner Anthony Gray (17) of the Worthing Operatic Society Cup Gilbert & Sullivan Class recently. Sarah was second. She is the elder daughter of Ron & Gill Pownall and sister of Rachel. Well done Sarah!

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MEETING NEEDS THROUGH BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

The Bible Societies are distributing over 400,000,000 items of Scripture per year world-wide. Of these, some 10,000,000 are Bibles and about 12,000,000 are New Testaments.

The aim of Bible distribution is to get the Scriptures from the printer's warehouse to the men, women and children who want to read them. This sometimes entails unusual methods of transport to where the Bibles are needed, and it includes the work of Bible distributors, shopkeepers and local Christians to get the books into the hands of the readers. The Bible Shop in Warsaw, Poland, has few staff and little space, but when it has been necessary they have moved thousands of stock items a day, repacking bulk supplies into smaller parcels for bookshop customers and making limited deliveries in a country short of petrol. Much overseas distribution is very costly, and often the people cannot afford the full price of translation, production and transport. Your gifts to Bible Society will ensure help for an overseas Bible Society in its work of making God's Word available to everyone at a price they can afford to pay. Thank you. Together with God through Bible Society.

146 Queen Victoria Street. London. EC4V 4BX.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Our open evening in November was a great success, when Mr. Ashley showed a film of the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. (RNLI).

In December we had Mr. Legg talk to us of the work of OXFAM, and take with him 30 JUMPERS we had knitted during our Members' Evenings.

We ended the Autumn session with a seasonal play reading, followed by carols, much enjoyed by players and audience alike.

After Christmas our first meeting will be a visit to the Connaught Theatre to see 'SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS'. During the winter months we shall be meeting once a month in the Harris Room, and we look forward to welcoming any lady, young or old, to our friendly fellowship.

We wish you every blessing in the New Year.
Robin Bradley.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Christmas party was a most happy occasion. We had quizzes to set us thinking, songs to enjoy, and a splendid tea. Our Christmas Service entitled 'The Magic of Bethlehem and our response to it' gave us much food for thought. Unfortunately a number of our members were not well enough to attend and we hope that by the time they read this they will have fully recovered.

Our Spring session begins on January 16th with a Members' Afternoon, the theme to be 'Family and Home'. We have an interesting and varied programme and look forward to welcoming any ladies who would like to come along and join us.

We meet in the Church Hall at 2.45pm. Betty Hislop.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

It is now nearly a year since the book "DYING TO GIVE", written by Michael Bond, a former Provincial Treasurer of the United Reformed Church, was adopted by the Church Meeting as our general approach to GIVING TO GOD. During that time the income of our Church has risen by about 25%!

The book is available for those who may not have read it. The Stewards will hand you a copy, or you can help yourself when next you are at Church.

You are urged, in the Light of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross to accept the challenges of GIVING TO GOD in this new Decade.

Please note further information is available on the Envelope System and on Covenanting your gifts. Leave these on the Collecting Plate, or with a Steward, or with the Minister.

God bless us all as we make our Response.

William Connelly.,

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

MONDAYS: Anchor Boys. 5.00 pm.
Junior Boys. 6.00 pm.
FRIDAYS: Boys' Brigade. 7.00 pm.

With regret we have to announce the demise of UBY465M. In other words, our white CREW-BUS has packed up at last and soon will be on its way to the scrap yard. It was 16 years old! In the four years we had it it travelled 23,000 miles! It was an ideal vehicle for our camping trips. It does not seem possible that it was the fourth vehicle we have had in the Company over the past 28 years!

With stricter regulations coming into force in respect of Mini-Buses we will have to consider obtaining a newer and more reliable vehicle.

Besides our normal week-end and annual camps we are hoping to hold a narrow-boat holiday during the Easter Holiday. The Boys will be expected to pay their own way, but will have the opportunity to subsidise the cost through some sort of SPONSORSHIP!

As there is a lot of talk about re-cycling materials we intend to join the Campaign by encouraging the Boys to collect ALUMINIUM DRINK CANS and SAUCEPANS (Empty of course) etc. If you are able to help in any way please let us know. The proceeds will go into our Mission and Good Cause Funds.

We intend to hold a few Coffee Mornings this year and invite other Organisations in our Church to participate if they so wish. Any money raised on the individual stalls, etc., will go to the particular organisation running the stall. No doubt we can have a Bumper Coffee Morning in JULY to join in the GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of our Church!

Thank you for your support, both past and future.

Yours sincerely,

Don Stewart. Captain.

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years.	TUESDAYS	6 to 7.15.
Juniors	8 to 11 years		6 to 7.45.
Seniors	11 to 14 years		6 to 8.30.
Brigaders	14 upwards		6 to 9.30.

Officers:	Captain.	Mrs. J. Webb.
	Lieutenants.	Mrs. B. Brunton.
		Mrs. A. Baldwin.
		Mrs. M. Craghill.
		Miss D. Elliott.
		Miss J. Gardner.

This month, February 4th to 11th is Girls' Brigade WEEK worldwide. A WEEK in which we are all expected to raise money for our Companies', for overseas, and local Charities.

On February 6th, as part of our money raising for local charities, we are holding an OPEN EVENING from 6.30 pm when a visiting Speaker will be showing slides and telling us all about MENCAP and riding for the disabled in particular. Stalls and refreshments will be available and the money raised will go towards a HORSE we are sponsoring for Riding for the Disabled in Ferring. All are welcome, so do please come along and start us off on this new PROJECT! Who knows, we might even raise enough money for the HORSE'S FOUR LEGS, at the first hurdle!

At the February Church Parade you will find small envelopes on the seats, and we would be so very grateful if you could make a donation towards the running costs and the annual fees for our Company. Thank you.

Also during February we hope to stage an EXHIBITION of recent work in the EAST TRANSCEPT which we hope you will take time to look at and enjoy. All being well the EXHIBITION will be in place in time for visitors to the OPEN EVENING.

Please may we have any polystyrene TRAYS which you may have - the sort apples come in from the supermarkets? The Explorers have an idea for a present for their Mums and Dads for Easter. Thank you.

On Saturday February 24th all Girls' Brigade Officers in the West Sussex District will be meeting at ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH for a Training Day. Do please remember them in your prayers.

Please keep your foil, used stamps and old coins coming in. The stamps go for auction and the foil is sold by weight and the money put to our project.

Finally - is there anyone out there who has been meaning to telephone me to talk about taking over as Captain of 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade? My number is Worthing 40546. I thought perhaps you might have just forgotten to do so!

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB. Captain.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL.

A very sincere thank you to ALL who took part in the New Year's Day Prayer Vigil.

May all who were prayed for and all who prayed, be abundantly blessed by the Lord.

'I thank my God for you because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the Gospel'

Philippians Ch. 1. vv 3 & 5.

WANTED!! A-LIVE NOT DEAD

person to represent our Church at CHRISTIAN AID MEETINGS. He/she must have enthusiasm for committees concerned with raising money for Christian Aid. Meetings are held at Shelley Road United Reformed Church. For further information please contact me at 123 St. Andrews Road Worthing or telephone number 66780. Sandy Clark.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS...OF 1990.

Final Planning Consent for the alteration work on the new premises at STOCKWELL GREEN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH was eventually obtained in late September 1989, after almost exactly a year's wait. The work was put out to tender before Christmas, so we have great expectations that we shall be able to worship in our new Church by this summer. We hope that there will be representatives from Goring United Reformed Church at the Official Opening and that later on a larger party will be able to come and visit us. We will keep you informed of progress.

STREATHAM HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH seeks final decisions about the burial ground which is holding up the sale of the land to the Shaftesbury Society. Further discussions will take place shortly and we pray that a way forward will be found during the next few weeks so that the Society can use its Housing Corporation Grant by March 31st. Once the sale goes through we can finalise plans for the new Church to be built.

Meanwhile, we have two excellent cooks at Streatham Hill (one aged over 80!) and on Sunday December 10th last fifteen of us had a super Christmas dinner together after Morning Worship. We have kept up our bi-monthly lunches now for over two years. Since the Church kitchen is extremely small the food is cooked in someone's home and brought by car after the Service. The fellowship round the table is particularly appreciated by some of our members and friends who live alone.

On behalf of both Churches I wish all my friends at Goring United Reformed Church God's Blessing in 1990.

(Rev) Beryl A. Chatfield.

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A LETTER CONCERNING CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Dear Folks,

I am sure we would first of all wish to say 'Thank you very much indeed' to those persons who assisted in arranging and putting up the decorations around the Church in such a beautiful manner for our Christmas Celebrations. I believe many of our younger Mums and Dads were responsible for this as, unfortunately, our friend Mrs. Dorothy Turner was still not fully recovered from her illness.

A lot of thought was given by the group as to what could be done, and I applaud their foresight in asking the manager of Debenhams if he could help with material or items which they no longer required for window dressing. He thought it possible, and put them in touch with their window dresser who was most helpful. Hence we saw rosettes and ribbons adorn the organ and choir area which looked very lovely.

On attending the afternoon Nativity Service presented by our young children I was struck by the very excellent back-drop behind the choir screen which was effectively inscribed 'Happy Birthday Jesus'.

Like my wife, however, I was very surprised to learn that someone had objected to this being placed there prior to the other Services, and both of us remain surprised, as I thought Christmas was all about just that - celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The Nativity Service was an excellent production and one could see the effort and thought which was given to the project. We would, commend Mrs. Julie Ward, who conducted the choir of children so expertly, as they sang quite a few songs to taped music and in a variety of tempos. Their timing and speed were excellent, and the young voices blended very well.

Frazer Finlay.

A F R I C A N P A L M S .

If you buy African Palms you will be giving work to people whose only other source of income is very limited. The palm crosses are made in seven mud villages in the Dioceses of MASASI in Tanzania, where the income for each mud hut is approximately £30 PER YEAR! This must buy all the household necessities - clothes for the parents and children, salt, soap, and any money required to pay for travel to the nearest hospital for medical treatment. You will also encourage people in their daily lives. Although the aim of the scheme is to enable very poor people to earn some money, we are also able to provide some help in the area where the crosses are made. Last year we were able to send a container full of various supplies. Much needed bandages for the local hospital, equipment for schools, sewing machines for women's groups and material to build a permanent home for a blind man.

Over the years the palm cross scheme has gradually grown. Palm crosses are now sold in Canada, the United States of America and Sweden. The work overseas is carried out by volunteers.

The cost is £7.80 for 100, incldng VAT & Carriage.

F O R S A L E .

Red Fox Portable Typewriter purchased in April 1987 for £46.95 For Sale £20.00 Complete with carrying case. There are also spare ribbons free Apply Flat 5. 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Worthing.

Church Bookstall: GOOD NEWS BIBLES FOR SALE:-

- £5 for a soft cover GNB normally £6.25
- £6 for a hardback normally £7.50
- £6.75 hardback LARGE PRINT normally £8.25

Ron Jordan.

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Many Church members will remember JOHN AND EDIE BECKERTON. When John became ill they moved to Hassocks to be near their daughter and her family. Since John's death Edie has lived in an annexe of her daughter's house.

In a recent letter from her she mentioned the following:-

'Philip and Caroline (her grandchildren) are at Lewes Grammar School. Philip is still organist at Ditchling Parish Church, plays the organ for two Services on Sundays, choir practice on Thursdays, and is a member of the Hurstpierpoint Singers. He has had a busy Summer playing at weddings. He passed his Grade 8 organ examination with distinction and now is studying for his A levels at School.

Caroline, now ten, enjoys going to Girls' Brigade, loves animals and swimming'

Joan Burrage.

(Perhaps he will write a piece of music for Graham's video? Ed)

For the housebound: Sunday morning listening and looking in - Television BBC 1 and ITV. Services.

Radio 4 - 9.30 am.

Informed. Uplifting. Thought Provoking?

A New Year's Resolution:

Change from just thinking 'I am a Christian' to actually being a Committed Christian.

What is the difference? What does this mean for me?

In December's Chronicle it is twice mentioned that our's is a 'caring Church'. Maybe this links up with the appeal for further people to offer to do oversight visiting to help our Elders. What do you think?

You may send your answers to the Chronicle.

EJ/LM.

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A BETTER TOMORROW - JUSTICE FOR ALL.CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

This year the call to prayer comes from Czechoslovakia. The cup of salvation, which Jesus left for us at His last supper has become a Symbol of Blessing, of equality and of justice for all.

It is with this Symbol we bring to you Christ's message of love and justice.

M A R C H 2ND 1990.

3 pm CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS. GORING WAY.

Speaker: Mrs. J. Hulett.

8 pm ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. HAYLING RISE.

Speaker: Miss D. Haxton.

PROVINCIAL DAY. SEPTEMBER 15th 1990.

Once again Southern Province are holding a Provincial Day. This year it is at Rochester on Saturday September 15th.

The most important part of the day is the United Act of Worship in ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

On previous occasions the local Churches were open for light refreshments, and there were displays and other events going on. Provision is usually made for the children with sporting activities, drama and craft.

We would like to know how many Members and Friends would be interested in visiting Rochester for the day so that we can arrange a coach, or coaches, to take us there and back from the Church, and have a family day out.

If you think you will be interested would you let us know? Further details will be given in next month's Chronicle.

SANDY CLARK. Worthing 66780 SHEILA GOODERHAM 506452

THE GOVERNMENT'S BROADCASTING BILL.

In a leaflet issued by Christian Choice in Broadcasting, a co-operative initiative of the Evangelical Alliance, we are shown just what the Government's Broadcasting Bill will do to the CHURCH. It states that if the Bill becomes law as it stands the Christian voice in the nation will be increasingly gagged over the years to come. When TV and Radio Stations are sold off to the highest bidder the Bill does not ensure that Religious Programmes will continue to be included. It only allows Secular Ownership of TV Stations!! It denies Christian Bodies the freedom to sponsor programmes!! Just think of the folk who are housebound who now rely on the Daily Service, the Sunday morning acts of worship on both Radio and TV!! What of them??

ACT NOW!! We are asked to (a) write to Mr. Terence HIGGINS, our Member of Parliament at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA; (b) The Home Secretary, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London. SW1H 9AT; (c) Local Newspapers; (d) Make these issues subject to PRAYER, personally and within the Church.

Our nation will be the poorer if we Christians do not act to protect our heritage in CHRIST and HIS GOOD NEWS!!

GOLDEN JUBILEE: As you will know by now our Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary in July/August this year. Can you compose a brand new lively tune with words, by 28th FEBRUARY for a video currently being made?

Graham Redman

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR MARCH

FEBRUARY 15th

Please place your contributions in the box provided in the Church vestibule or under Print Room door if the Church is not unlocked. Thank you.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

TANZANIA: Fish Farming Hombolo Project.
 Amount Contributed. £18,100.

Adequate nutrition is a constant cause of concern in developing countries. People often do not get enough protein, usually because of a shortage of meat or fish in their diet. A fish farm in HOMBOLO, Western Tanzania, run by the Anglican diocese of Dodoma, is tackling this problem by breeding a hardy species of fish known as Nile Eilapia. The aim is to supply local people with a source of food which can be replenished easily. The fish are bred on the farm in tanks and troughs. Each of the 150 adults spawn about 500 young per year. The young are sold for a few Tanzanian shillings (about 1 penny) each to local ponds. In two years the young have been distributed to about 100 ponds as well as to local government which is anxious to copy the scheme. The Hombolo project also includes a Duck farm.

Key Worker, Hagai Reuben, lives in the village of HOMBOLO. During the past three years he has been trained to run and maintain the farm and is now its assistant manager. 'It is really quite a simple project' he says 'but it makes a lot of difference to families if they have something extra like fish. The fish are very hardy, big and good to eat.'

WOMEN'S GUILD.

SPRING SESSION PROGRAMME 1990.

Feb 13th. Editor of Worthing Herald.

Feb 27th. The stirring history of spoons.

Mrs. Parkington.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

13th February Rev. Ron Christopher will take us on a holiday to Malta.

27th February. Mr. D. S., Fry tells us about Parliamentary procedures.

VISITING THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND.

To assist the working Elders in various areas will anyone able to do this please volunteer their services to the Minister as soon as possible.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Meets alternate Monday nights at 8 pm either in the **Harris Room or Cornwall Room.**

CARING FOR NEW CHRISTIANS COURSE.

The Course, of 5 fortnightly meetings, starts on Wednesday FEBRUARY 7th at 8 pm at Richard and Irene Tuley's home, 1 ARUN CLOSE, Durrington.

Dates to remember FEBRUARY 21st. MARCH 7th & MARCH 21st & APRIL 4th. All at 8 pm. All Wednesdays.

An Appreciation:- Many, many thanks to our Church, Girls' Brigade and Anchor Boys for their Christmas Gifts.

It gives much pleasure for the lonely to watch these plants grow.

On previous occasions I have expressed my praise for the Goring U.R.C. This praise continues week after week with more and more friends.
Ena G. Hanson.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING
 DATES FREE SO THAT YOU CAN
 ATTEND OUR CHURCH'S GOLDEN
 JUBILEE .

SATURDAY 21st JULY TO
 SUNDAY 29th JULY 1990.

WILL ALL CHURCH GROUPS
 PLEASE SEND THEIR
 REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING
 ON MARCH 8th IN CORNWALL
 ROOM, WITH FURTHER
 SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY
 WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE IN
 DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
 OF OUR CHURCH. OR IN
 WRITING BEFOREHAND TO
NORMAN DOBSON.
 11 CHUTE AVENUE. WORTHING.
 (* PHONE WORTHING 65593)

NORMAN, COLIN, GRAHAM.

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CHURCH MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH at 7.30 pm IN THE CHURCH HALL.

If you take Church Membership seriously PLEASE COME. If you are a couple with small children, one of you PLEASE COME. Please take Membership seriously; come in and be part of the Church's fellowship. Important changes have and may be taking place at and through Goring United Reformed Church, one being the NEW PATTERN FOR GROWTH' which is gradually coming into being and which we hope all Church Organisations and individual members will take as their reference for the spiritual development and outreach for Goring United Reformed Church. We can only give our commitment to something if we first hear what it is. Come and contribute! Be There! Show yourself to be on the Lord's side and see what a difference it makes! Michael Donnelly.

O Lord, it is a blessed thing
 To Thee both morn and night to bring
 Our Worship's lowly offering.

And from the strife of tongues away,
 Ere toil begins, to meet and pray
 For blessings on the coming day.

And night by night for evermore
 Again with blended voice to pour
 Deep thanks for mercies gone before.

O Jesus be our morning light
 That we may go forth to the fight
 With strength renewed and armour bright.

And when our daily work is o'er
 And sins and weakness we deplore
 O then be Thou our light once more.

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

Wm. W. How.

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BEANO CLUB.

Why not come along and enjoy yourselves.

Beano Club meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

The next Quiz night- is it to be held on March 15th 1990?

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FAVOURITE VERSES.G O D ' S L O V E .

You can't stop rain from falling down,
Prevent the sun from shining,
You can't stop spring from coming in,
Or winter from resigning,
Or still the waves or stay the winds,
Or keep the day from dawning;
You can't stop God from loving you,
His love is new each morning.

You can't stop ice from being cold,
You can't stop fire from burning,
Or hold the tide that's going out,
Delay its sure returning,
Or halt the progress of the years,
The flight of fame and fashion;
You can't stop God from loving you,
His nature is compassion.

You can't stop God from loving you,
Though you may disobey Him,
You can't stop God from loving you,
However you betray Him;
From love like this no power on earth
The human heart can sever.
You can't stop God from loving you,
Not God, not now, nor ever.

Taken from Junior Praise Number 297.
Sent in anonymously. Thank you.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR. By Peter Sheldon.

The Lord has sent a brand new year,
 Its many untrekked paths before us lie,
 There many hidden joys and wonders,
 Many things of earth and sky and sea
 Which will, by His grace be
 Manifested to us by and by.
 Earth's resources must be used
 For the good of all mankind
 Whatever creed and colour,
 From whatever race or clime.
 For it is only when great knowledge
 With wisdom is applied
 That blessings flow
 From earth's great store,
 And will abound on every side.
 For each new year is a stepping stone
 On our journey to Jesus, Our Lord.
 It is how we choose to use it
 That will determine its reward.

THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD -IN AID OF THE ETHIOPIAN FAMINE APPEAL.

I thought that our Church would wish to show something of how God expects His people to love each other. A love shown to us by God's love for each of us when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for us. A love, not based on getting the same in return, but based on our need of love, joy and peace.

I hope there will be a Goring United Reformed Church Christmas Card next Christmas. Thank you.

Michael Donnelly.

LAST DAY FOR MARCH CHRONICLE AND ALL FUTURE CHRONICLES IS
15th DAY OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place material in box in porch, or under print room door, or through letter box at Hayward House, Shaftesbury avenue. I should get it then. Ed.

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REVIEW OF JANUARY 'REFORM'.

Reform this month is far reaching, well informed and reasoned articles about the events in Eastern Europe and the difficulties freeing the people, and the place of the Christian Church in these events. A comment on the Women's World Day of Prayer Service written before the events in Czechoslovakia titled 'A better tomorrow - Justice for all'; An article on a surprising text book for Red Army Cadets written by a now retired Missionary to China. The effect the European Market of 1992 may have on the poorest countries of the (3rd) world.

At home the rebuilding of an estate following the demolition of a 1969 tower block and the work of the Church in Nottingham. The 1930's estate at Brackenhall, Yorkshire and its problems. Rural Cumnor in Oxfordshire - a success story? The beginning of a new series by Leslie Newbegg on 'The Bible - God's Story and Our's'. Donald Hilton on a 'Prayer for Unity which is also a model'. Dell Cook is back with her cheerful account of Christian family life.

Humour is there too in a prayer by a reluctant organist and the problem with 'Music in our Church'. Highlights in the life of other Churches. Book reviews, your letters and 4 pages of Christian Holidays 1990!!
Reform Distributor SHEILA GODDERHAM!

FROM A CHRISTMAS CRACKER - The prayer of an eight year old -
PLEASE MAKE ME LIKE READYBREK READY TO SERVE!!

'I say, Maisie, I had one of those leaflets from Goring U.R.C. over Christmas. It said 'fill it in and then put it through the Church letter box. I walked all round the front of the Church and I couldn't see a letter box.'

'Neither could I, Adrian. Let's ask this chap. He looks as if he might know. I say, old chap, we've got these leaflets to put through the Church letter box and we can't find it. Can you help us, please?'

'Yes, I know. It took me some time to find it. It's on the east side - here, look. It says CORNWALL ROOM over the door - there is the letter box. It's not got one of those brushes that catch your finger, thank goodness.'

Les smiled and watched them put the letters in, then went round and picked them up. They were wet and muddy from people's shoes but he knew they would soon dry off in the Vestry.

THE BASIS FOR FELLOWSHIP.

1. Christians are strangers in the world - the realm where Satan dwells.
2. That Christians may be 'perfectly' one, as Jesus prayed.
3. Through faith Christians are all sons of God in union with Christ Jesus. Baptised into union with Him, we have all 'put on Christ as a garment.'
4. Christians are 'called' to be together in Christ's peace, as members of a single body.
5. The love of God.
6. The Holy Spirit created fellowship.

THE PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIP. (Taken from 'Growing Christians in Small Groups' by John Mallison)

To develop new life with the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and expressing active, loving concern in an estranged, hurting world. It is not a holy huddle; it exists for the purpose of participation in God's Mission.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISCIPLESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The Disciple Groups are centred on God's Word, the Bible, and its role in helping us to live God's way. (See 2 Timothy 2 vv 15-17). The Fellowship Groups are centred in belonging to God, to each other and the outward expression of the love we receive in our everyday lives.

JOURNEY INTO LIFE - Video.

We hope to be writing to, say, the parents of children in Junior Church, parents of children who have been baptised, and those who have been married in the Church, to invite them along to see this video.

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50th ANNIVERSARY - MEETING 11.1.90

Editor's interpretation of the meeting was that those attending were full of good and exciting ideas. The Celebrations are to last from July 21st to 29th, inclusive. Rev. Cyril Franks is to preach on 22nd July and The Moderator on 29th July, both in the morning. 21st July is GIFT DAY, with a Tea Party in the afternoon. Marked Balloons with labels, marked Biro's, marked Mugs. The Banner to be paraded. A dinner for parents of the Brigades was suggested. The Women's Guild to produce a tapestry. Organ recital and music festival. Church orchestra - keyboard, flute, recorder, violin and piano. All those married in the church in 1940 to be invited back, where possible. Windows marked with slogans. Newspapers to be informed. Leaflets distributed. Video, music and words. The screen to be used for hymns. Flower arranging competition. I expect I missed some ideas. We have another meeting planned for March 8th at 8 pm. Why not contact your organisation and tell them your ideas! We will need a special cover for the Chronicle. 50 years Service to God. GO UNITED RENEWED in GOD.

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.

New Members:

- 13 * DEARSLEY Mr. & Mrs. G. 60 Princess Ave.
690996.
- 4 * RALPH Mr. & Mrs. A. 43 Harvey Road.
- 7 * BUTLER Mrs. P. 96 Goring Road.
40071.

Change of Address:

- 0 * MACHIN Mr. & Mrs. S. Flat 21. Blythe Ct.
Prospect Rd. HYTHE. KENT. CT21 5JP.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

There was a wide white tape stretched tightly across the opening of the building site in Downsvie Avenue. All work had stopped, the JCB sat silent, its enormous ugly shovel was full of red engineering bricks waiting to be hoisted up to the bricklayers who now stood idle, looking down to where the monstrous claws swung emptily an inch each way in the light breeze.

No smoke gushed out of its hot exhaust pipe poking above the empty cab. Even the mortar mixer had coughed into silence at last. They had been in the middle of a programme of making mortar when it had been discovered and it now needed to be emptied to save it from total ruin.

The boy worked as quietly as possible, but even so it sounded loudly over the site as he carried up 12 hods full of the slippery mortar and dolloped it on the otherwise empty boards. The bricklayers gradually used it up on the bricks they had in reserve, even using those that had, until then, supported these very boards.

It did not take them very long to lay the 100 or so bricks, point the cracks and then glance down to the ground again.

They were looking at a group of policemen and women, some in uniform, others in plain clothes, standing round a lorry half full of large white partition slabs, and a still form lying on his back on the ground.

The unloading crane swung on a longer journey, each time, than the claws on the JCB, but just as slowly.

The man moved an arm a fraction to attract attention and his lips formed into words. The detective sergeant knelt down and looked at the barely moving mouth, trying to lip read, as it was impossible to hear anything he said.

Detective Sergeant Vera Crozier looked up at her chief, Detective Inspector Maurice Blinker. "He is asking for the Reverend Walter Saviour, sir. U.R.C. Duke Street, sir," she said.

"That is Xavier, Vera" Maurice replied, a hint of a smile on his rugged face, then spoke into his personal radio, giving crisp orders to H.Q. He looked about the site, moved away towards the street and the tape, circled round and gauged the position of the lorry, the slabs, the conditions of the surface of the ground.

Vera followed at his heels, brushing sand from her trousers, and copying his movements.

"Do you think it was murder, Sergeant?" he asked her "Your expression seems to think so, I, do, too."

"Yes, sir" she replied dutifully, although she had not given it a thought until his question, "Someone obviously knew the power and grip of those calipers on that lorry and used them on his neck. He couldn't have done it himself, sir, unless he was a contortionist. It wasn't instantaneous. The squeeze would have been moderately fast, but not fast enough not to allow him time to get away."

"I work it out that he was weighed down with a dozen of those white blocks and held in position while the side pieces were put round his neck and then brought together. Some time last night, I should think or early this morning. To one side. Behind those red bricks. Then dumped here. They had it all planned out."

"Some woman trouble, I expect we shall find out, sir" Vera added.

"Oh! Here's Walter Xavier and his good lady" Maurice Blinker went to meet the Minister and his wife and they shook hands "Good morning Reverend sir and Mrs. Mary Xavier. A very unpleasant business. This chap is asking for you, Walter. I think he is not to be with us long, by the look of him. Do you know him, by any chance?"

They were all standing round the body. It had passed from life to death. "Yes, we know him, or at least we knew him. Clifford Gurney, aged 28, single. Lived only a stone's throw from our Church, Dukes Meadows. Had a room on a large house. Did for himself, I believe. How did he die? Do you know yet, Mr. Blinker?"

D/I Maurice Blinker pursed his lips, glanced at his assistant, then drew the Minister and his wife to one side. "We are not sure, but we think it was by the hand of another person, deliberately. That is for your ears only, Walter, and Mary's, of course, but no one else's yet. The cause was by the calipers on the lorry. The fingerprint men are due here very soon, and the doctor, who has been delayed, but Vera and I are pretty confident that it was foul play."

"Where will he go now, Inspector?" Mary Xavier asked, soberly.

"The Town mortuary, after the doctor has seen him, then he will be investigated, his room checked, and the usual prying into his private life. Friends, acquaintances, habits, work mates. We have a lot to do. Oh yes, we have a lot to do. Did you want to do anything with or to the body, Reverend sir, Mrs. Mary?"

"May I touch him, Inspector; just his face and hands, just lightly?" She stooped down without waiting for permission, looked at his hands and forearms, moving his sleeves slightly, looked hard at his face, closed his eyes before straightening up. She said nothing except a terse 'thanks' before moving away to the road, her eyes taking in all the positions of the machinery, the piles of bricks and the new building; and the scaffolding, too.

She remained silent as she and her husband walked quietly back to the Manse in Duke Street.

Once in the privacy of their home Walter returned to the subject, "You don't think it was murder, do you, Mary?" She nodded "You think he killed himself?" he asked the questions and then answered them himself in the tone of voice he used. "You have your dear Father's reasoning mind. He is such a successful detective superintendent down at Boston in Devon. It must rub off on his only child."

She gave him a quick smile and touched his hand, then shook her head. "It's not that, Walter, my love, not that at all. He had a dozen pin pricks on his right forearm, and the skin on his face was not as it should have been. Thin, gaunt, undernourished. His eyes told me nothing. They may have if we had been there while he was alive."

"Drugs, you mean, Mary? Oh dear, Heroin, Cocaine, L.S.D.?"

"No, NOMA, XCTY, Methylendioxy - Methamphetamine. The hallucinating drug that has come over from the U.S.A. and is now being made in this country. Have you got time for me to explain, darling Walter? Poor Walter. All those confessions from Clifford Gurney, and others like him, and not to be put in the picture. Clifford was a fine upstanding young man ten years ago. Into everything - sports, swimming, running, dancing, musician, a girl for three months at a time, searching for the right one - like we all do. 5 years ago he found a girl, but she wasn't the right one. She was a pusher of cocaine - 'crack' some people call it, I believe. He tried it, then swallowed so many LSD tablets as though they were smarties, tried opium and hashish. Must have cost him a fortune. Used all his savings, and other people's, I expect. He still played in our band. On the drums usually, making more noise than the others. Then on one or two days he complained that the others made too much noise for his liking, and damaged his own drum skin. We repaired it and soon he was banging again. He took over the trumpet - for two nights, then back to the drums, then the quiet days. I watched and listened from the wings. The people flocked to the dances, more to see him going potty on the 5 drums and cymbals than the dancing. He was their Aunt Sally only they were not asked to throw anything at him. You got him a dozen different jobs over the last two years. He became an inexpert thief. Our boxes didn't hold enough for him so he left them alone. He turned to mugging instead. Always at night, and after each one he came into the Church, where you found him. ~~You were his alibi.~~ You believed his word when he said he had been in there since such and such a time. You had to. It is our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ who is our judge at the proper time and the proper place. He confessed so much, after each mugging, and you, my darling sweet one, told no one."

"I did, Mary" Walter said quietly "I told Him, in my prayers, although, of course, He already knew, but it helped to empty my overflowing thoughts."

"Poor Walter. What a burden, and so wonderfully carried. I do love you so." She went to him and they kissed. "Then he was offered MDMA, by this same girl, and he took it. The first sample was free, and they exchanged passionate kisses. Sorry Walter, that just slipped out; I don't know what they did, but the drug does make people do that. The participants get no pleasure out of it, but they do it. Perhaps she couldn't get them any other way. It costs £20 a shot, Walter. He held this last job for three months and the pay would have been in the region of £140 a week. He must have had a shot every day."

"How did he die, Mary? Can you tell me that?" Walter asked, holding both her hands in his.

"Hallucinations. He wanted to be rid of her. He had no money over to pay his way, and nothing left for food. The long things have a tremendous grip. They were around a load of those white bricks, partly over his head, I would imagine, when he pressed the wrong button."

"There were only marks on his neck, Mary. His clothes were not disturbed. These bricks would have....."

"Walter, the calipers swung empty, closing fast, with nothing to grip, and as he moved away they clamped round his neck and squeezed. What his thoughts were I have no idea, but I am sure they were not on his job or the calipers. Perhaps the girl half throttled him when his payments were overdue and he thought it was her."

"Do you know who the girl is, Mary?" Walter asked, not expecting her to know, and was somewhat surprised when she told him.

"Yes. She owns the Susan Lloyd Taxi Company. She hangs about outside this Church, waiting for him. I doubt she will do so again."

"Is that her name - Susan Lloyd, Mary?"

"Yes. That's her own name." Mary replied.

"Her Father is a bank manager at Ockley! They live there, too!" Walter sounded incredulous.

"She doesn't" Mary said "N.F.A. No fixed address for your gentle mind, Walter. Her parents have disowned her, and our hands are tied. You cannot tell the police. He hasn't killed anyone. Let them get on with it."

"Can I ask how you know so much about it, Mary?" Walter queried.

"I don't really want to tell you, darling, but Gordon could never keep his mouth shut and usually came to me to boast about his exploits. I am not covered by your terms of reference."

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The police asked for an open verdict to be recorded, and that is what it was. It took them a year of fruitless investigation before coming to that conclusion.

Susan Lloyd moved away to another part of the county.

Les Montford, 1988.

A young woman died in Manchester in 1989 after taking just one tablet of Methylenedioxy - Methamphetamine. Known as XTCY. Be Warned.

G O L D E N J U B I L E E.

Many of you will know by now that a video tape recording is being produced to try to capture some of the highlights of the first 50 years of our Church's life.

If you have not yet been pestered by me to tell a tale or two, and to sit in front of a camera, then maybe it is your turn next!

If you have any interesting memories of times gone by in our Church I would love to hear from you. Colin Nodes, Norman Dobson and I have been busy looking into the past and have gathered quite a lot of information already. Maybe you are hiding a 'little something else' - who knows?

You may also have noticed, in 'WELCOME', before Christmas, that I am looking for an original and lively piece of music with words, which the children could sing as a title song for the video. Budding musicians amongst us - please get pen and paper or singers to keyboards or whatever, and let me have your contribution by the 28th FEBRUARY 1990. The piece should last about TWO Minutes.

GRAHAM REDMAN.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

This is the Theme of our Family Services. GROWTH has been very much in our prayers and within our planning during the past two years.

The New Testament experience of Growth is marked by : 1.

Acceptance of Good News through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

2. A willingness to learn with each other what God is saying to us.

This is FELLOWSHIP.

3. Adoration, Prayer, and Praise at all times.

4. An eagerness, based upon personal experience of the grace of God, to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to people everywhere.

Consider these things in relation to the Worship and Life of the Church every day. Among those things which may stand in the way of Growth are:

1. Failure of courage to change, especially in communicating the Gospel.

2. Failure to believe in the over-riding Power and Guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Consider these thoughts in relation to your own life and that of the Church. 'The Christian who has stopped repenting has stopped growing'

'The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement' 'Spiritual growth consists most in the growth of the root, which is out of sight.'

(Matthew Henry)

'Refuse to be average' (A.W.Tozer)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP -

AND WELCOME GROWTH TOGETHER.

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Remember our young people, especially those who are beginning work, or who are away from home. College is a lonely place for some.

Remember those who are far from their homes - including Marjorie Fallowfield in California.

Remember to use the Prayer Book and the Book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel.

The Lord is in His holy temple: let all earth keep SILENCE before HIM. How glad we are to see and hear your welcome of each other. Conversation in kindly enquiry about the events of the week; questions about a loved one who is ill, or a child who is newly born, is all part of Christian fellowship. It is often observed that after evening Service people are reluctant to get away what a good sign! The Duty Elder very often has to delay locking the Church doors. But let us remember more the words of Matthew Henry : 'Man is made for society and Christians for the communion of saints' It is in this spirit that we welcome one another, and in the final five minutes before worship begins welcome the presence of the LORD.

SURELY THE LORD IS HERE IN CHURCH WITH US!!

Yours with every Blessing,

William Connelly.

GO - UNITED - RENEWED in - CHRIST.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

SPRING SESSION PROGRAMME 1990. Continued.

MARCH 13th The Grand Canyon. Mr. & Mrs. Ware.

MARCH 27th Goring Marine Townwomen's Guild Choir

The Women's Guild commenced their Spring Programme with a 'do it yourself' afternoon. Not a D.I.Y. in the usual term, but an afternoon of poems, readings and songs by our own Members. What a culmination to the afternoon when a Member told us about the adoption of a handicapped child, and we sang 'The King is among us', for one verse says -

For each child is special,
Accepted and loved,
A love gift from Jesus,
To his Father above.

On January 30th the Men's Fellowship joined us when Mr. Cotton, a past Mayor of our Borough, spoke about his Mayoral year. One Member asked how he was able to keep his weight down when we heard of all the receptions and banquets he had to attend. He assured us he had lost a few pounds in weight and his pocket was also lighter by a few pounds at the end of his term of office.

For our meeting on February 13th we had a visit from Mr. Harris, the sub-editor of our local paper, the Worthing Herald. We were told how the original Gazette merged with the Herald, of the many schemes which the paper had launched, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Scanner Appeal, and now the raising of money for a Lifeboat for the Shoreham Harbour Station. The type of print, the lay-out of the paper, the training of young reporters, and how news was collated, was explained to us. After Mr. Harris' talk we had quite a lively question session bringing to an end a very happy afternoon, despite the poor weather. Joan Burrage.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

MARCH 13th P.A.C.T. (People And Church Together)

A talk by Mrs. Joy Travers.

MARCH 27th Charles & Pheniah Taylor take us to
the Holy Land.

Report of Tuesday 13th February Meeting :-

M A L T A. George Cross Island.

Rev. Ron Christopher told us about his recent week's holiday in Malta. The weather was perfect, enabling him to wander about. He said he could not get lost as all the side roads led to a central road.

St. Paul landed in Malta in the year 60 and stayed for three months, spreading the Gospel of Christ, performing miracles and healing the sick.

The Maltese are a very friendly, hospitable people. Their language is a mixture of many languages, as they seem to have gathered words from those who have invaded their country and won the Island for themselves. Arabs, Italians, Turks, French, Spanish, British.

The basic soil is limestone overlaid with blue clay and greensand. The Arabs grew cotton, lemons and figs. There are now many vineyards, despite the fresh water shortage. They use desalination to counter this.

The highest point is 829 feet above sea level. Food is grown on terraced slopes.

The architecture of buildings denotes the various periods of domination by other nations. Grilles in gates enclosing cool courtyards, for example, most probably Arabic. In 1942 a German bomb fell into St. Agnes catacombs where 300 people were sheltering and failed to go off.

They decorate all their Churches for festivals, especially when they celebrate the anniversary of St. Paul's landing in 60, and

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display their silverware. Processions, bands, floats, Services, fireworks.

There are plenty of museums and Churches, and monuments can be found of British Admirals, and one of Einstein. The Roman Governor of Malta, PUBLIUS, was converted by St. Paul and became Malta's first Bishop.

I cannot hope to tell you all he told us, but he has books about the island which I found very interesting. I was never there myself, but I landed at Syracuse, Sicily, in July 1943 during an air raid. Ron landed there for a day in 1989. I hope he enjoyed it more than I did.
L. Montford.

Malta George Cross.	15. 4.1942.
Became Independent	21. 9.1964.
A Republic	13.12.1974.
British Left	31. 3.1979.

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Comments on February Reform.

Reform once again has comments on the events in Eastern Europe and a very good editorial headed 'THE MORNING STAR SETS IN THE WEST' and also a hymn on the same theme.

Leslie Newbegin's series on 'What Christians Believe' this month is 'What do we mean by God?'. A good series to keep for House Group discussion, together with Roger Tomes' series on the Bible this month - Paradise Lost.

Humour in Music in our Church: Comments of the standard of photography in the News Section: Reviews of new books and frank and sometimes controversial letters. A good read!

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS :-

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50th ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING DATES FREE SO THAT YOU CAN ATTEND OUR CHURCH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE .

SATURDAY 21st JULY TO SUNDAY 29th JULY

WILL ALL CHURCH GROUPS PLEASE SEND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING ON MARCH 8th IN CORNWALL ROOM, WITH FURTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE IN DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF OUR CHURCH. OR IN WRITING BEFOREHAND TO NORMAN DOBSON. 11 CHUTE AVENUE. WORTHING. ('PHONE WORTHING 65593)

NORMAN, COLIN, GRAHAM.

DURING THE SUMMER THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY IN THE EAST TRANSEPT WITH PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS FROM THE CHURCH, GIRLS' BRIGADE, BOYS' BRIGADE AND THE YOUTH CLUB. THESE WILL SHOW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF PAST YEARS, TOGETHER WITH A COLLECTION OF MEMENTOES. IF ANYONE HAS A SNAPSHOT OR SOUVENIR THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DISPLAY WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ALSO ANY SNAPSNOTS OF BABIES WHOSE NAMES ARE ENTERED IN THE CRADLE ROLL IN THE CORNWALL ROOM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

MEMBERS WHO CAN OFFER HOSPITALITY TO OUR GUESTS WHO ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE FUNCTIONS ON 21st to 29th JULY INCLUSIVE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT NORMAN DOBSON AT 11 CHUTE AVENUE, WORTHING. 'PHONE NO. 65593. WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO LEARN THE ADDRESSES OF FORMER MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW LIVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY OR OTHER COUNTRIES

COLIN NODES.

CHRISTIAN AID.Primary Health Care G.K.PROJECT: £460,400.

Paramedics at the People's Health Centre (GK) are the only women in BANGLADESH who travel by bicycle. They find it is the best way to bring health education to the country villages. More than 80 health workers are based at GK as part of an extensive health care programme. They are all local women who understand local problems. They try to pass on their knowledge about sanitation, nutrition, and hygiene to the villagers. Most people in the area have health insurance arranged by GK. They pay a small sum every year according to the family income and this entitles them to free preventive health care, although they have to pay something for curative drugs.

GK believes that health care begins with women, so particular attention is paid to ante-natal care. The idea is to take the mystery out of health care and teach people how best to look after themselves.

KEY WORKERS:-

Farzana works at a GK centre as paramedic supervisor in charge of seven health workers. Together they look after 22,000 people. A typical village round on her bicycle might include check-ups for pregnant women, monitoring children for vitamin deficiency and treating someone with fever. She explained: 'We monitor children up to five years old because a quarter of all children in BANGLADESH die before they are five. The infant mortality rate in the GK area is much lower than in the rest of the country'

Anima Mondal is the secretary of SKVIS. She became the breadwinner for her four younger brothers and sisters after her father was paralysed. She has a notice in her office which says 'SKVIS is a movement against economic and social injustice. We ask for your solidarity and friendship. but not pity, for pity can be degrading. Your involvement in this struggle is your privilege and not a choice.'

COME AND JOIN AN AREA FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

SOMEONE who has been asked to lead an area fellowship group will be contacting you shortly. They will arrange a venue, fairly near you, to hold the first get-together.

THERE will be, we think, about 8 or 9 of these area fellowship groups of Goring U.R.C. in Worthing. Meeting in a smaller group, in a home atmosphere, we can get to know each other better. We hope, also, that we can keep a caring eye on those who are ill or infirm; to encourage and develop our life of faith in Jesus Christ, and to be channels of His love in sharing the good news with those outside the Church.

PLEASE show your involvement in the life of fellowship of our Church by placing your participation in your area fellowship group very high on your list of priorities, and, when you are contacted by the fellowship group leader show your love and concern to him or her. Thank you.

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

WARWICK DAVIS.

MICHAEL DONNELLY.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Meets alternate Monday nights at 8 pm either in the Harris Room or Cornwall Room. Next two meetings are MARCH 5th and MARCH 19th. Plans not known at time of going to press.

A BARN DANCE FOR CHRISTIAN AID.CHURCH HALL.

To be held SATURDAY 28th APRIL.

7.30 to 10.30 pm.

TICKETS £2 EACH.

This will be a FUN EVENING, and will include a Ploughman's Supper. Do reserve this date in your diary - come and enjoy yourselves.

Bobby Hitchin.

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News from Miss Mariam Baroi:-

Mariam arrived in JAMAICA on December 31st and so spent the beginning of 1990 in another country after her 6 months in England. Is it a wonder she feels homesick?

She is in a College of 85 students from many parts of the world studying hard, and two days each week are spent in 'placement'. This I should think means she is visiting various churches, homes and organisations within the neighbourhood.

It is winter now in Jamaica but the climate remains warm.

Let us remember her in our prayers, that being so far from home she will be strengthened in God's love and care to continue in His Service. Ethel Dearsley.

5 Chancton Close, West Worthing
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I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who prayed for my dear sister, Vera, and for the many messages of sympathy received in my sad loss.

My grateful thanks also to the Rev. William Connolly for his spiritual support in my hour of need.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Joyce Lewis. (Mrs)

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

MONDAYS: Anchor Boys. 5.00 pm.
Junior Boys. 6.00 pm.
FRIDAYS: Boys' Brigade. 7.00 pm.

We are holding a COFFEE MORNING and STALL SALE at 10.30 am on SATURDAY MARCH 10th and we do invite you all to come along. Proceeds from the Stalls, 'bring and buy' etc., will be mainly for the benefit of the Easter Holiday Club. Do please join us as these Coffee Mornings are a good time of fellowship. You will be sure of a warm welcome, as usual!

Have you any particular skill or hobby that would interest our Boys? If you feel that you could spare an hour or two to impart your knowledge to a group of lads, do please let me know.

We could do with oddments of brightly coloured wool for our Hobby Class in the Junior Section. Any items, such as wool, coppers, etc., can be placed in our collection box in the Church Vestibule.

As there is a lot of talk about re-cycling materials we intend to join the Campaign by encouraging the Boys to collect ALUMINIUM DRINK CANS and SAUCEPANS (Empty of course) etc. If you are able to help in any way please let us know. The proceeds will go into our Mission and Good Cause Funds.

(How can we tell if they are the right kind? Ed)

Thank you for your support, both past and future.

Yours sincerely,
Don Stewart. Captain.

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years.	TUESDAYS	6 to 7.15.
Juniors	8 to 11 years		6 to 7.45.
Seniors	11 to 14 years		6 to 8.30.
Brigaders	14 upwards		6 to 9.30.

Officers: Captain. Mrs. J. Webb.
 Lieutenants. Mrs. B. Brunton.
 Mrs. A. Baldwin.
 Mrs. M. Craghill.
 Miss D. Elliott.
 Miss J. Gardner.

NEXT PARADE SUNDAY is MARCH 11th.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF NEXT JUMBLE SALE - APRIL 5th
in CHURCH HALL at 6 pm.

DISTRICT CHURCH PARADE - HORSHAM
SUNDAY APRIL 29th AT 3 pm.

Thank you, from all of us, for your wonderful support during our recent Brigade Week, and for all your encouragement at the start of our new project. At the time of writing £78 (Seventy Eight pounds) has reached us via the Girls' Brigade envelopes and this will help a great deal towards our Annual Fees, due next month.

Our new PROJECT, £2,500 for a HORSE for the disabled, has got away to a flying start - £109. We have a new chart on our notice board and each coloured square represents £1 (One pound). Our horse has a beautifully coloured $\frac{1}{2}$ a tail for £109!!

We much enjoyed our speaker on February 6th and now know a great deal more about the FERRING COUNTRY CENTRE, AND RIDING FOR THE DISABLED, in particular.

Please do make a note that our next Jumble Sale will be held on THURSDAY APRIL 5th. Although we cannot collect before April 3rd. due to the fact that we have no way of storing items, we would nevertheless, like to have a note of your names and addresses if you have anything for collection. Please contact any G.B. Officer and arrangements will be made to call on April 3rd.

Do continue to uphold us in your prayers. Times are difficult, numbers are dropping, especially on Parade Sundays, but we all know that the Lord has work for us to do among these young girls and we do so value your purposeful support.

Bless you all,

Jean Webb. Captain.

Please may we have any polystyrene TRAYS which you no longer require - the sort apples come in from the supermarkets? The Explorers have an idea for a present for their Mums and Dads for Easter. Thank you.

Please keep your foil, used stamps and old coins coming in. The stamps go for auction and the foil is sold by weight and the money put to our project.
THE HORSE.

Finally - is there anyone out there who has been meaning to telephone JEAN to talk about taking over as Captain of 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade? Her number is Worthing 40546. I thought perhaps you might have meant to but had forgotten to do so! Girls' Brigade. Editor.

WANTED!! A-LIVE NOT DEAD person to represent our Church at CHRISTIAN AID MEETINGS. He/she must have enthusiasm for committees concerned with raising money for Christian Aid. Meetings are held at Shelley Road United Reformed Church. For further information please contact me at 123 St. Andrews Road Worthing or telephone number 66780.

Sandy Clark.

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CHURCH BOOKSTALL TRADING ACCOUNT 1989.

	1988		1988
Stock 1.1.89	116.92 (121.24)	Sales	1944.78 (1375.78)
Purchases	1812.23 (1329.02)	Stock	141.06 (116.92)
Profit	<u>156.69 (42.51)</u>	31.12.89	
	<u>£2085.84</u>		<u>£2085.84</u>

Private purchases direct from the Christian Book Centre in 1989 of £1781 did not quite double those for 1988 of £906.

Profit reduced by :-

- (a) price of some books reduced (better read than on stall)
- (b) loss of several books without corresponding payment.
- (c) 13 Good News Bibles subsidised, amounting to £9.65.

As can be seen from the above account, the Church bookstall increased its trade over the previous year. Most of it was conducted between the customer and the Christian Book Centre. My thanks are offered to the increasing number of you who have visited the C B C, 11 Chatsworth Road, and have asked for your purchases to be booked to Goring United Reformed Church.

For the information of newcomers, the Church then receives a discount of 10% - but your total Bill must be more than £2.50. You will be asked to sign the sales ticket. This you should hand to me with your payment.

If you wish me to make your purchase for you there are catalogues on the bookstall in the East Transept to help you.

Good News Bibles are still being subsidised if you purchase through the Church, making a saving for you of approximately 20%.

Ron Jordan. Bookstall Manager.

JUNIOR CHURCH S P A C E '9 0

Holiday Club this year will be held on APRIL 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, closing with a Family Service on the 22nd. BLAST OFF aboard the Spaceship JUBILEE will be at 9.45 am - re-entry NOON. The cost for the FOUR day journey will be 60 Lunar Pence.

We will be looking at GOD's Wonderful Creation and how we can take care of it. During our journey we will be holding Quizes, Singing, watching Drama, and making various items of Craft to take home.

Please, could you save your empty washing-up liquid bottles, cardboard rolls (all sizes), cereal boxes (not flattened), 2 litre fizzy drink bottles, toothpaste boxes and toothpaste tops, and any coloured card; also foil paper, foil dishes, and foil tops?

WE CANNOT HAVE TOO MANY!!

If you feel you would like to join the TEAM and Boldly go where no other Church has gone before, then please contact:- ASTRONAUTS JULIE WARD (5019490).

OLIVE BUSHBY 502759.

JENNY MERRITT 62609.

PROVINCIAL DAY. SEPTEMBER 15th 1990.

Once again Southern Province are holding a Provincial Day. This year it is at Rochester on Saturday September 15th.

The most important part of the day is the United Act of Worship in ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Lists of events that will be going on at Rochester will appear in either April or May Chronicle.

The coach fare will be in the region of £4.50.

A full coach - it will cost less!

We do know that some of the Churches will be holding exhibitions and serving tea and coffee, but it is recommended that you take your own food. The Banners will be carried as on previous occasions.

There will be a choir for the Cathedral Service and anybody willing to take part would be expected to attend two rehearsals in a local area.

If you think you will be interested in any of these items would you please let us know.

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Dear Friends,

Through the good offices of the Editor of the Chronicle we would like to express our grateful thanks to the many friends of Goring U.R.C., not forgetting the Girls' Brigade, who have sent their good wishes to us in our new home.

Our move on January 4th was accomplished speedily and safely in good weather, and by about 4.30pm we were installed in our new abode, although surrounded by numerous unpacked boxes. Subsequently we have managed to get sorted out and are now comfortably installed.

We have been to morning Service at the local U.R.C., which is only two doors away, and have been made very welcome. Helen has been home for a week-end and thinks our flat is 'alright'.

We feel sure we shall be happy here and that we have made the right move.

We send our blessings and love to all at Goring and shall miss you all very much.

Sincerely,

Peggy & Syd (Machen)

BEANO QUIZ EVENING.

It is confirmed that our Beano Quiz will be held on EASTER SATURDAY 14th APRIL at 7.45pm and we look forward to welcoming you to an evening of fun for all. Warwick Davis.

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FOR SALE :- Red Fox portable Typewriter, purchased April '87 for £46.95. £20.00 There are also free spare ribbons and a carrying case. Apply flat 5, 2 Shaftesbury Ave. Worthing.

MISSION NEWS.

BANGLADESH. There has been a continuing lack of news from the people of St. Thomas' Church and we must hope and pray that 'no news is good news'. We have written again, of course, but it is too soon to expect a reply to that letter.

G H A N A. By contrast, things have been happening concerning the Hope Presbyterian Church at ASSIN NSUTA, the most important of which is the impending departure of Evangelist Samuel Nkrumah for a post in another part of the country. We do not yet know whether he will be replaced, but in the 'interregnum' the church secretary (a local farmer) has been put in charge. We have recently written to assure him that we will continue our contact with his church.

The medical supplies collected from us by the Ghana High Commission some months ago are still in this country because the container in which they are stored is still not completely full. Recently the High Commission promised to collect the remaining carton from us on February 19th; they expect soon to have more goods from other sources so that the container can be shipped to Ghana. GONE World Mission Committee. G.U.R.C.

KESTRO CLUB FIXTURES.

MARCH	2nd.	My favourite story.. I remember & Play
MARCH	9th.	Q U I Z.
MARCH	16th.	Call My Bluff.
MARCH	23rd.	Spring Song - iavourite readings.
MARCH	30th.	Egg Decorating ALL AT 2 pm.

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY.

St. Columba's United Reformed Church was filled to capacity, and an overflow congregation had to be accommodated in the Church Hall, at a Service of Christian Unity, organised by the Worthing and District Council of Churches, on January 24th, during the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'.

The visiting preacher was the Rev. Lord Soper, who, at the age of 87 years, had spoken on Tower Hill, London, in the morning, attended the House of Lords in the afternoon, and in the evening preached to this large congregation in Worthing.

His theme was - 'Faith, Fellowship, and Love' Two important points he made were these :-

(a) If unity among the Churches is to be achieved we need NOT a common creed, but a COMMON BANNER, to proclaim the gospel of LOVE to all people everywhere.

(b) We need a higher social consciousness if we are to exercise real LOVE to the starving and needy.

The Rev. Roy Parkington, B.A., Minister of St. Columba's was inducted as President of the Council of Churches for 1990.

We wish him a happy and fruitful year.

At the conclusion of the Service the following affirmation was made by ALL present:-

'We accept anew our calling to make visible our unity in Christ. We commit ourselves to serve one another in love - not only in word but in deed. In the coming year we will strengthen our efforts for common action, prayer and worship'

Come Holy Spirit, help us in this task.

Ella G. Robertson.

THE ARK MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP.

We are now into our third term and looking forward to our FIRST ANNIVERSARY. We are very pleased with the success of the ARK. We have 45 'Mums' on the Register with an average of 20 attending each week.

Each Morning there is a variety of activities for the children, and the morning closes with a Bible story followed by songs. We have held a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic, had a visit from Father Christmas, and a Service in Church for the children at Christmas.

We thank all those who have helped us in many ways, and ask you to continue to support us with your prayers.

Also, if anyone has scraps of material, wool, etc., for making crafts we would be grateful to receive them.

Do call in and see us any THURSDAY between 10.00 and 11.30 am, and share a cup of coffee with us and the children. We will be pleased to welcome you, or if anyone has 90 minutes to spare on a Thursday we do need people to sit with the children on the activities tables.

Please contact Val Gill, 36 Ontario Close. 67655 or Janice Byerley, 1 Ely Close. 65993.

CARING FOR NEW CHRISTIANS COURSE :-

The course continues on alternate Wednesdays at Richard and Irene Duley's home, 1 Arun Close, Durrington. Next meetings are MARCH 7th and MARCH 21st. At 8 pm. ..

HOW television works has always been a mystery to me. To be able to sit at home and see events happening on the other side of the world still amazes me. Does it mean that the air all round us is saturated with images and sounds just waiting to be channelled? If so, is that why I can think of a friend many miles away, and within a few hours receive from her a telephone call or letter? Or why I can wake in the morning with two lines of a hymn on my mind, only to hear it played during the morning act of worship?

IS it the reason why similar acts of violence occur in different parts of the country within a short space of time, or why the sudden desire for freedom has erupted in so many nations throughout the world in such a similar length of time?

IF this is the case then we have the most marvellous opportunity and commission to fill our minds with thoughts of harmony, truth, peace and love, so that the whole world might receive the blessing of good, rather than evil.

'The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.' John ch. 3 v 8.

'Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.' Philipians ch 4 v 8.

Robin Bradley.

PASTORISED.

A Somerset parish magazine tells how Methodist Ministers from the Welsh valleys were distressing the older members of the Chapel by the length of their sermons.

On one occasion an elderly man greeted the Minister "And what is the subject of your sermon this morning?" he asked.

"The milk of human kindness" replied the Minister.

"Ah!" the old man mused "Condensed, I hope."

Taken from an old Readers' Digest.

BEANO CLUB.

Why not come along and enjoy yourselves. Beano Club meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 pm. In the Church Hall, unless otherwise notified.

On Thursday 8th March we are having a Meal Out. You are all welcome to join us. Please notify me as soon as possible

The next Quiz night is to be held on SATURDAY APRIL 14th. at 7.30 pm. Warwick Davis.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY : - The Rev. Brian Wroe, new Minister of West Sussex Rural Area Ministry, covering Pulborough, Petworth, Billingshurst United Reformed Churches has invited Operation Mobilisation Speaker Mr. MIKE WAKELY, to preach at BILLINGHURST TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, HIGH STREET, BILLINGHURST ON GOOD FRIDAY April 13th at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome!! Irene Tuley.

TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND has two fellow-ship groups in Worthing. 1. Durrington, who meet on the 3rd Saturday each month at New Life Church.

2. Central, who meet at St. Columba's each 1st Saturday.

Both, (particularly Central) have need of drivers to collect members, help entertain them and return them to their homes afterwards. Can you help? If so, please telephone Miss Angela Bolton on Worthing 205624 for Durrington and Miss J. Philpott on Worthing 205425 for Central. (Miss Philpott evenings after 7 pm or Saturday mornings) Meetings are held in the afternoons.

PLEASE NOTE : A form is available from our Minister to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency. Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc. Please ask the Minister or Mrs. Hilary Redman for a form. This is a Confidential Pastoral Service.

CAPTAIN JEAN WEBB of 5th COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE
is looking for a successor!

What qualities does she need? ENDLESS!

You might get some of the answers to that question by reading GALATIANS Chapter 5 Verses 22-23. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. or COLOSSIANS Chapter 3 Verses 12 to 14.

Put on then, as God's chosen one, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forbearing one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these things put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Whoever it may be has just two years to grasp what the 'job' entails, but you only have to look at the COMPANY to see it is all worthwhile.

Please, do not let them down!

THEY NEED YOU!!!

And so does GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

Since February 1985 the Durrington High School Prayer Group has met monthly in our Church on the second TUESDAY in each month at 2 pm. Irene Tuley.

VISITING THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND :- To assist the working Elders in various areas will anyone able to do this please volunteer their services to the Minister as soon as possible.

60 Princess Avenue. Worthing.

As we approach the end of 1989 it increasingly dawns upon us what a remarkable year this has been. Very fresh in our memory is the visit to Nairobi for the ACROSS Board meetings and then on to Khartoum. This was Irene's first visit to the eastern side of Africa and we both returned deeply impressed with the way the Church of Jesus Christ grows with an underlying joy through persecution and oppression. Again it is thrilling to see the innovative ways in which God is using ACROSS to help the Sudanese people despite still being officially banned.

But to return to earlier in the year which saw the final hand over of Geoffrey's administrative responsibilities; it was helpful to be able to stay on in the Sidcup property and work on the archives until the end of July. To share our farewell with the BAWTRY HALL Open Day was a great privilege. We are so pleased to feel a part of the new things God is doing in and through our newly named mission - ACTION PARTNERS - and already we have been made welcome by those in the Worthing area where we had an encouraging day conference, and where there is a lively monthly prayer meeting. We are glad that after nearly forty years we can continue to be involved in what God is doing in Africa. Attending the Former Missionaries Fellowship conference in August emphasised something of this role.

No less a change for us has been our move from Croydon where we had lived for the sixteen years since we returned from Nigeria. We are grateful to God for all the love and fellowship we enjoyed at Mitchley Hill Chapel where we felt so much a part of the Christian family and were able to share in the life of the Church in various ways.

A high light of the year was being part of the counselling team at the Billy Graham mission at Crystal Palace. Although only one of our neighbours came to the meetings with us, before we left we invited them all in for an evening and gave them a copy of Clif Richard's book 'Mine to Share'.

House hunting for the first home of our own (the Croydon house having been provided by a missionary Trust) was a great challenge to our faith and we are so grateful to all who prayed for us and for the Lord who has given us a very nice ground floor flat with a spare room for guests; who will come to stay in 1990? We are within easy reach of Geoffrey's mother and also feel a warmth of fellowship at the Church she attends and where we plan to link up; Goring United Reformed Church.

We would still value prayer for our future. Irene retired from teaching in the middle of the year and we both feel that by the new year we will be ready for a new challenge. We are thinking through a number of possibilities and we also hope to continue having a part in the Christian Service Centre at Spring Harvest. We are glad to be near Geoffrey's mother and to be a support to her. In addition we assisted an elderly friend, Hilda Turner, to move to Worthing and will want to continue helping her - she was a missionary at Gindiri in Nigeria in the late 1930s.

So now, as we approach Christmas and remember God's great purpose of Salvation and new Life in Christ, we think of you all and pray that 1990 may see each one of us coming to know more of the truth and rejoicing that we have a part in it.

Geoffrey & Irene Dearsley.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY'S RESIDENTIAL HOME.
NORFOLK HOUSE. WORTHING.

THE Home is on level ground in Wordsworth Road, situated a short distance from the sea, shops and the town centre and is open primarily to ladies and gentlemen who are resident in Sussex. It is not necessary to be a member of the Red Cross Society.

ACCOMODATION comprises 26 bedrooms, 4 of which are double rooms. Two smaller rooms are usually reserved for short stay guests. There is a dining room, a sitting room, and a sun lounge leading to beautiful gardens.

APPLICANTS must not be more than 85 years of age on entry, and there is a medical examination. Short stay guests, as well as permanent residents, are welcome. Fees are moderate and the DHSS will assist where necessary.

THE House Manager and her deputy are Registered General Nurses.

THERE is a happy relaxed atmosphere with as much freedom as possible whilst maintaining maximum efficiency.

FURTHER details may be obtained from me, or by telephoning the House on Worthing 31020.

Eric C. Bond.

AN APPRECIATION

May I, through the Chronicle, send you my sincere thanks for all the expressions of love and remembrances sent to me, including those from Girls' Brigade, Women's Guild, and many other friends, on my 94th Birthday. Also to our Minister, Mr. William Connelly, who kindly provides transport to enable me to attend Church whenever I am able. It is a real joy to belong to such a careing Fellowship. Yours in Christian Love. Ellen Munday. Hollywynd Rest Home.

FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER.

HUMAN EMBRYO RESEARCH is one of the important subjects coming before the leaders of this country over the next few weeks. It is a subject you may not have thought about. If not, I would urge you to think about it NOW.

Those who support such research claim many potential benefits. Already treatments for some conditions using living human embryo cells are being tried, with some success.

In-vitro-fertilisation (IVF) offers hope for infertile couples, though I understand that other techniques have a higher success rate and do not involve the same moral dilemmas.

SO WHY NOT ALLOW RESEARCH ON HUMAN EMBRYOS?

In law, human life is protected from around 24 - 28 weeks (6 - 7 months). This time being based on when the unborn baby is capable of sustaining independent life. I believe it is a scientific fact that life begins at conception.

It follows that any action which violates the right to life or dignity of an embryo child is morally unacceptable. That the child is small and less developed at this age is irrelevant.

Whatever the 'benefits', use of living embryos for research is abuse. Justice and democracy require that all human life should receive protection of the law.

It is on this basis that I reject all forms of embryo abuse, be it freezing, storage, disposal of 'spares' or research. I believe that we should be calling on Members of Parliament, who are to be given a free vote in this matter, to vote AGAINST the clause in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill which would allow experimentation on the human embryo for up to 14 days.

Can I ask you to consider this subject?

If you feel concerned, as I do, please write as soon as possible to the Right Honourable Terence HIGGINS, M.P. House of Commons, Westminster. London. SW1A 0AA.

IN ADDITION, Worthing Life Group have sent us a petition on this subject to which you may wish to add your names. If so. please ask me. And please PRAY about the progress of this Bill. I will always be happy to give you more information,

JULIAN K. BREWER.

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THE CHURCH IN THE 1990s.

Over 100 Elders and Church Members from United Reformed Churches in the Sussex West District attended the annual Elders' Day Conference at our Church on January 27th 1990.

It was a great day of fellowship and sharing with each other and of learning and worshipping together. Our Minister led the opening prayers and Rev. Cyril Franks - a former moderator of the Province, and a former Minister of our Church - spoke to us on "The Church in the 1990s".

In the morning our thoughts were centred upon the Body of Jesus.

1. JESUS WAS BAPTISED. This was the key to the ministry of Jesus. We need to be totally immersed in Jesus Christ and filled with His Holy Spirit, that we might be fully equipped by God for what He has in mind, and thus enabled to do and be that which God intends for us. We need to be wholly available to Him, and totally commit our lives to Him, then our ministry will become Christ's ministry lived out through us.

2. JESUS LOVED. As the love of God, His Father, dominated the life of Jesus, so love must control us. The incentive to minister should be love. How and where do we demonstrate the love of Christ, such that it will challenge others to know Jesus?

3. JESUS WAS TEMPTED AND TESTED. Like Jesus, we shall be tempted and tested, and it is often through those difficult times that our faith grows, and we shall become more sure and certain in our faith. We need to discover what is God's will and purpose for our lives, and for our Churches, and then He will enable us to do it.

4. JESUS SUFFERED. Through the self sacrifice of Jesus upon the Cross we have new life. Like Jesus, we too shall have suffering - and in our Churches at the point of discerning God's Will, there may be suffering, because, to follow Jesus is costly of our time, our money, our efforts, etc.

5. JESUS WAS VICTORIOUS. The body of Jesus was indestructable and victorious. The glory of the future that God's Kingdom will be established upon the earth is certain, therefore our attitude should be different. There is no situation where God admits defeat, neither should we.

In the 1990s the people of God need to be willing to be immersed in Christ, and surrendered to God, and to have their lives constantly renewed by the life and will of God. We should explore and discover each other's gifts, and help them to be willing to use them. We may not receive some gifts unless we are prepared and ready to use them.

In the afternoon our thoughts were focussed upon the Church - that is us.

1. We need to know and seek God's Will, and so we need to know our Bibles.
2. We need to know what kind of people we should be. Christ needs to be seen in us.
3. God is constantly active in Christ, everywhere. We need to find out what God's activity is and follow after Him.
4. Prayer is vital, and Elders must give an example.

THE CHURCH SHOULD.....teach faithfully.

pray diligently

and suffer with earnestness.

WE SHOULD BE

People of learning and

understanding, growth and

imagination or vision.

In the 1990s we need to challenge the people of the Church and encourage them to grow spiritually. We need to be dissatisfied with what we are, and be intolerant of mediocrity. We should want to grow, and revitalise our own faith, and increase our ability to share it; so we should consider a learning syllabus in the Church, and hold Bible Studies.

We need to be people of imagination, and have God's vision for the Church. We should ponder and pray over things, and see how God is at work.

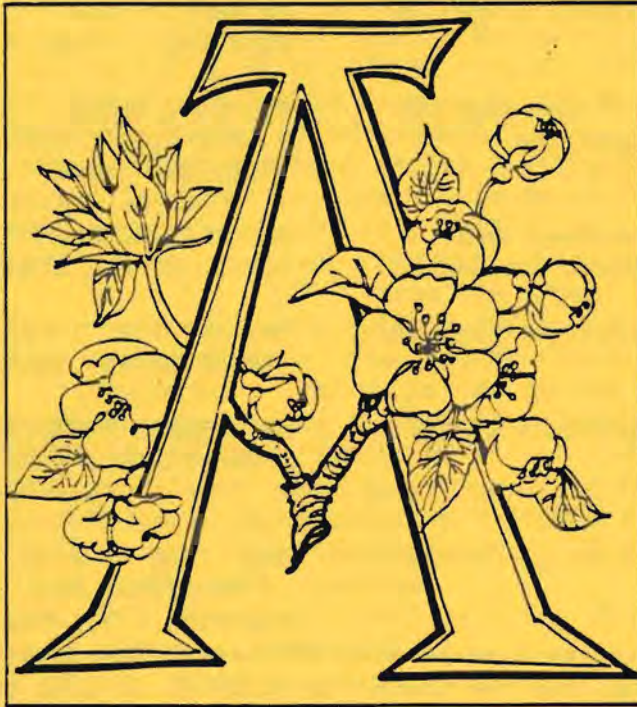
Our task is to preach the gospel, and we need to have right priorities, and put God first in everything. The gap between the Church and the world is becoming wider, especially with young people, so we need to find common ground to bring us together with those in the world who do not know Jesus.

The 1990s hold new opportunities for growing people, knowing people, sharing the evidence and effectiveness of Christ, and should be a time for reaching out with the marvellous gospel of Jesus Christ.

The day ended with devotions led by an Elder, and the Church resounded with the hymn 'The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Irene Tuley.

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE - WEST WORTHING

FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN: -

EASTER 1990.

'The Cross is the centre of the world's history. The incarnation of Christ, the crucifixion of our Lord, are the pivot round which all the events of the ages revolve.' So wrote the great preacher Alexander MacLaren a century ago. He was affirming the truth which has been proclaimed to thrill people's souls for two thousand years.

CHRIST IS CRUCIFIED.

CHRIST IS RISEN

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

May this conviction give Easter joy and hope to our souls at Easter 1990.

Alice Meynell has a most interesting poem 'Christ in the universe' One verse says :-
 'No planet knows that this
 Our wayside planet, carrying land and wave
 Love and life multiplied, and pain and bliss
 Bears, as chief treasure, one forsaken grave.'

This is why we say that the Easter story ends, not with a funeral, but with a FESTIVAL. A final thought though - an entrance into the meanings of Easter seems to exclude 'final thoughts'.

'The Resurrection of Jesus demands not our applause but our allegiance; not our compliments, but our capitulation'

NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

MAY EASTER 1990 BE GLORIOUS!!

Yours with every Blessing,

William Connelly.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS... 15 SEPTEMBER 1990.

WE are sure that the date for our next Provincial Day is now firmly in your diary, and that you are looking forward with expectation to our celebration together in Rochester. The Planning Committee has great expectations of Cathedral bells ringing out a welcome, of worship upstairs and downstairs in the Cathedral, of Christian street drama among the tourists, of youth drama from the Districts, of exhibitions displays. We hope that you will arrange to arrive in Rochester about 10.30am. It is planned that the programme for the day will commence at 11am. No formal gathering together at the beginning of the day, but we will all share in a short closing act of worship in the Castle grounds at 4 pm. Has your Church a BANNER to display and to carry in the procession? If so, please bring it to the Cathedral by 11.15 am. Continuous worship in Rochester Cathedral will be held from 11.15 am to 3.15 pm - in the nave with a variety of liturgy, and in the crypt with celebrations of Holy Communion.

ANY freshly written hymns from worship in our Churches, together with suggested tune, should be sent to the Province office, for possible inclusion in the Cathedral worship. Singers and Musicians are invited to join preparations for a Cathedral choir and orchestra, with rehearsals on Saturdays June 2nd and September 1st, both at East Croydon U.R.C. from 11 am to 4 pm.

There is to be a Pilgrimage Walk from Chichester on September 10th - 90 Miles in 5 days! Alan Fox says 'this is a difficult journey undertaken as an act of prayer, living in community.' The cost will be £40 inclusive of food, accommodation in church halls, and the transport of luggage. Further details for all or part of the journey from:- Alan Fox. 178 Charlwoods Road. East Grinstead, West Sussex. RH19 2JD. FINALLY, it is hoped that Provincial Day Programmes, with full details, will be available from June, and will be sold through District channels at £1.50 each. This will be the only charge made during the day and will, it is estimated, serve to cover all costs.

Sheila Gooderham. 'Sandy' Clark.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

OFFICERS: - Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant. Malcolm Nicholls.

MEETING NIGHTS. MONDAYS - ANCHOR BOYS 5 pm.
- JUNIOR BOYS 6 pm.
FRIDAYS - BOYS BRIGADE 7 pm.

The proceeds from our Coffee Morning held on Saturday 10th March amounted to the splendid sum of £101.60. £66.50 will go towards the Easter Holiday Club. We introduced our COPPER collection jar at the March Parade Service. Your help in completely filling the jar with pennies enabled us to send £35.50 towards the Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

Thank you so much for your support on both these occasions. Would you please continue to put aside a few coppers each week and become a member or continue as a member of our Copper Club?

Our next Coffee Morning will probably be in MAY. Stalls will be available for other Church Organisations if they wish to accept the offer.

Every blessing at this Eastertide,

Sincerely,

Don Stewart. Captain.

THE LEPROSY MISSION.

Our Annual Meeting and Tea is to be held on Friday 27th April 1990 at 3 pm in St. Paul's Church Hall. Rev. Roy Burnish, Area Representative, will give an illustrated talk on his recent visit to India.

There will be Bring and Buy stalls of cakes, fancy goods, books, etc.

Please come and bring your friends.

Mary Luckin and Florrie Freeman.

5th Worthing Company Boys' Brigade.
ANCHOR SECTION.

One Saturday in March seven Anchor Boys and the three leaders went to Horsham to take part in the Brighton Battalion Games Afternoon. 106 boys ages between 6 and 8 years, and representing 14 Companies made a sea of red in their bright jumpers.

There was an air of excitement and quite a lot of noise, as the boys tried to get as many points as they could in the 11 competitions. Our team tried really hard and each did the best he could!

A picnic tea and a visit to the Tuck Shop were added attractions, and the afternoon concluded with Action Songs, the Presentations and final Prayers.

Well done, MICHAEL, STEWART, CHRIS, PHILIP, ANDREW, PAUL AND MARK!! We did not make the top 12, but we had a lot of fun. Eileen Rhodes.

NB. We shall have vacancies after Easter for boys aged between 5½ and 8. E.R.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

SPACE 90.

Holiday Club APRIL 18th. APRIL 19th.
 APRIL 20th. APRIL 21st. and on APRIL 22nd
 FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH AT 11 am.

BLAST OFF OF SPACESHIP JUBILEE.

9.45 am. RE - ENTRY NOON!!!

COST FOR THE FOUR DAY JOURNEY WILL BE SIXTY LUNAR PENCE

During the journey there will be Quizes, Singing, watching Drama, and making various items of CRAFT to take home.

WE NEED YOU to join our Team and boldly go where no other Church has gone before. Contact these Astronauts : Julie Ward, Olive Bushby, Jenny Merritt.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years	TUESDAYS	6 to 7 15 pm
Juniors	8 to 11 years		6 to 7.45 pm
Seniors	11 to 14 years		6 to 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 upwards.		6 to 9.30 pm

Officers:-	Captain	Mrs. J. Webb
	Lieutenants	Mrs. B. Brunton
		Mrs. A. Baldwin
		Mrs. M. Craghill
		Miss D. Elliott
		Miss J. Gardner

April already!! How is the spring cleaning going? When you are turning out I trust you remember the Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale on THURSDAY APRIL 5th at 6 o'clock in the Church Hall. If you have any items for collection please let any Girls' Brigade Officer know and arrangements will be made to call on Tuesday April 3rd between 6 and 8.30 pm.

The money raised will go towards the £300 we owe to G.B. headquarters for our annual fees. Whilst we are grateful for all support given us on these occasions please do not bring jumble along or ask for its collection before April 3rd as we have nowhere to store such items.

We are on Easter holiday after the Jumble Sale until April 24th. On Sunday 29th April the annual District Parade will take place at Horsham at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church at 3 pm.

As this goes to print we are awaiting news of the arrival of baby Nelson. The Explorers miss having Caroline with them on a Tuesday evening, but look forward to seeing her and the baby soon.

We wish all of you an Easter full of God's peace and blessing.

Jean Webb. Captain.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

- April 10th Caring for the Resurrection Garden. Talk by
Mr & Mrs. Waeland. 2.45 pm. Church Hall.
- April 24th Miss Sybil Webb. Middle East Christian
Mission 2.45. Collection will be made.
- May 8th Annual General Meeting. 2.45 pm.

On both February 27th and March 13th we travelled miles! First with Mrs. R. Parkington's talk 'The Stirring History of Spoons'. Not too much history, but a talk full of interest as she described how she had come by her wonderful collection of Spoons. Each spoon recording incidents or journeys both near and far, that have meant so much to her and her husband in past holidays, and in their Christian work. What a varied and interesting life, and we are glad she was able to share some of them with us.

Then, Mr. & Mrs. Ware took us to America and The Grand Canyon, a place many of us can only dream about. They have spent many years with the M.S.U.M. working as Missionaries in Nigeria. It was they who took charge of Geoffrey when he went to Nigeria in 1952. They told us their journey to Canada, and then across America to The Canyon, had been made possible through a Canadian colleague working with them in Nigeria.

The slides and commentary really did transport us into another world where the vastness of God's Creation is breathtaking. I can well understand Mrs. Ware's feelings when she first saw it - awe and wonder that called for silence.

Truly it was a wonderful afternoon, and for me a deep sense of God's wonderful Creation, given to us to love and to enjoy, to appreciate and care for.

Psalm 8 verses 3 and 4: 'When I look at the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, at the moon and the stars, which You have set in their places - what is man that You think of him, and the son of man that You care for him?'

Ethel Dearsley.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

10th APRIL 2.45pm. Easter Meeting with talk on Garden of Gethsemane by Mr. & Mrs. Waeland. With Women's Guild.

Collection will be taken.

24th APRIL 2.45pm. Excavations at MASADA. A talk by Rev. R. A. Dacre.

On 27th February we heard a talk by Mr. D. S. Fry on Parliamentary Procedures which was quite fascinating. We found out, amongst other things, that many of the actions done by Members of Parliament in the House had been handed down over the centuries, including the noise, interruptions, points of order, and the inability of the Speaker to hear and be heard, on numerous occasions. Nothing must be allowed to stop these procedures - they are unique in this country of our's and are part of democracy. Free speech. LM.

At our meeting on March 13th Mrs. Joy Travers told us about PACT (People and Churches together), a registered charity based at the Brightelm Centre, Brighton. Its purpose is to give practical assistance to self-help projects identified by Government departments and/or the European Commission as being suitable for such support. At first viewed with suspicion by existing professional and voluntary bodies it now works in harmony with them. PACT covers a very wide field embracing homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, mental disability, loneliness, youth counselling etc., and its function is to give initial financial and administrative guidance to groups who wish to launch projects but lack the funds and expertise. In modern parlance it 'primes the pump' but does not attempt to 'take over'. PACT raises its own finances from Government, E.C. and Local Authority grants, from religious bodies, businesses, charitable trusts, private individuals, and from the projects themselves once they are safely launched. Clearly it is putting the money to good use. Sidney Hider.

CARING FOR NEW CHRISTIANS COURSE.

Final meeting will be held at Richard & Irene Tuley's home, 1 Arun Close, Durrington. On April 4th at 8 pm.

ELDERS' ELECTION.

Under the new rules of procedure for the Election of Elders it is my duty and privilege to announce the forthcoming Election on the first two Sundays in April, this being the first such announcement. The Election will be held in JULY.

Six Elders are due to retire in August this year, and are not eligible for re-election for at least ONE year. They are DR. 'SANDY' CLARK, MRS. 'BOBBY' HITCHIN, MR. MICHAEL DONNELLY, MR. COLIN NODES, MR. NORMAN PRATTENT, and myself, MR. WILFRED RHODES. Due to my peculiar position, as Church Secretary, I am re-electable. There are FIVE vacancies in all.

Nominations may only be received by me in writing from full Church Members, by the last day of this month, APRIL. All nominees shall be proposed and seconded, and each nomination must include confirmation that the candidate has consented to their nomination.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

WILFRED RHODES. Church Secretary.

To Associate and New Members: Are you ready to be considered for FULL Membership of our Church?

If so, please approach the Minister, Rev. William Connelly, for confirmation of this very important step in your Christian Life. LM.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

GOOD NEWS BIBLES FOR SALE:-

£5 for soft cover	Normally £6.25,
£6 for hardback	" £7.50,
£6.75 hardback Large Print	£8.25,

Mrs. Ann Hutchings is in Australia until MAY 10th.
Her address is :- c/o Mr. & Mrs. M. Richter.

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Western Australia.

WHOSE KIND OF KING?

From 'SAY ONE FOR ME' by kind permission of
Tony Eurnham.

Jesus, you are our kind of king willingly we bow
to honour you.
Hosanna to the son of David hosanna in the heavens.

You claim your kingdom with humility not well-
deserved but by the Father's gift.
Hosanna to the son of David hosanna in the heavens.

You come to your people in peace not
armourplated but vulnerable on a donkey.
Hosanna to the son of David hosanna in the heavens.

You see your city through tears not hard-hearted
but grieving for our sin.
Hosanna to the son of David hosanna in the heavens.

Jesus, you are our kind of king demanding our
complete submission
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You come to your church in anger enforcing the
rights of your crown.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You come to your own in majesty upsetting our
comfort, disturbing our apathy.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You demand that we change our ways so that those
we exclude may shout
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sign seen on a Church notice board :

A smile is a curve which can set a lot of things
straight. R. D.

March Reform has a beautiful picture on its front cover looking like Spring, but it is in fact Winter. Inside we have an article on the advantages of multi-faith schools—one on 'Crossing the Racial Barrier in Birmingham'. 'What Christians believe' by Lesslie Newbigin has as its title 'Is there anyone in charge here?' ends with 'Life is not a jumble of meaningless happenings. There is a guiding hand.'

In the light of scholarship by Roger Tome is 'How did Jesus speak?'

A letter on the importance of Notice Boards, because people pass rather than go in to the Churches, and has some photographs to illustrate the point.

If you have not yet booked your holiday some advertisements both for holidays at home and abroad.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

BILLINGSHURST TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
HIGH STREET. BILLINGSHURST.

Good Friday Evening Service April 13th 1990 7pm.

Guest Preacher : Mr. Mike Wakely.

Operation Mobilisation.

Everyone is welcome.

BEANO QUIZ EVENING.

APRIL 14th - Easter Saturday - at 7.45 pm in the Church Hall we are holding our next QUIZ. All fellowships are welcome. Come as a Team, or come and join a Team.

EVERYONE enjoyed it last time - so please make the effort. Bring your family and any friends that might be staying with you over Easter.

THE questions are not difficult, so you do not have to be intelligent, sorry, Brain of Britain to answer them.

SO, no excuses. Turn out, you lubbers.!!

Warwick Davis.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1990.

During the meeting held in the Cornwall Room on March 9th from 7.45pm further details were investigated and discussed in general terms. If you wish to know any of these details of what the committee is discussing on your behalf please contact either your organisation representative or any of the people mentioned below.

The organising of the festivities that are being planned to take place between 21st and 28th July, inclusive, is no mean task, but it is ably led by Arthur Dobson, Colin Nodes and Graham Redman. They need every support you can give them to make their task simpler and successful.

The next meeting has been arranged for Thursday May 10th at 7.45pm in the Cornwall Room.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.

New Members:

- 12 * FRANCIS Mrs. Ellen. 26 Melrose Cl. 40437
 3a * TREW Miss Vera & Miss Winifred.
 32 Keymer Crescent. 43807
 10 * COMPTON Miss Jenny. 11 Cavendish Cl.

Change of Address:-

HALE Mrs. I. Stafford Hall.
 38, Thundersley Park Rd. Benfleet. Essex
 GREENYER Mrs. J. 45 Sunningdale Court,
 Jupps Lane. Goring-by-Sea.

Telephone Number:

RALPH. Alec & Grace. 43 Harvey Rd. 700743

Change of Name:

Mrs. Patricia COCHRAN is now Mrs. Patricia CLARK.
 63 Canterbury Road. Worthing.

Lionel & Trudy Knight send greeting and best wishes to their many friends, especially William & Mary Connelly from their home at 3 Tandridge Place, CROFTON, Orpington Kent. BR6 8DL. Tel. 0689 34531. And tell us something about the life and work of their Church.

A message from CHRIST CHURCH U.R.C. PETTS WOOD. Greetings to GORING U.R.C. Although we have been in Membership here for over a year we still miss you all - you have been very close to our hearts over these past twenty three years!

The Petts Wood Church is full of life. It was founded 51 years ago and we celebrated our Golden Jubilee last year. We know you are busy preparing for your's this year and we wish you a very happy and memorable time together.

I was asked to say something of our Church. Our Sunday morning Service commences at 10.30, and includes in the first part a well trained Children's Choir, conducted by our Organist - this is a must and is most appreciated by the congregation. We use Congregational Praise supplemented by 2 volumes of 'Petts Wood Praise'. The Senior Choir leads the singing in the Evening Service.

The Church of Youth is very active from 9.30 onwards and this includes Girls and Boys Brigades, Guides and Scouts. The Women's Forum meets on Tuesday mornings and there are many other groups taking part in various activities during the week, and these include a Retired Men's Bowls Club which is very popular, and in which I am able to take part. A younger group of retired men are devoted to keeping the Church buildings, where possible, in good repair.

We are alive to World Mission, and a strong group support and work for The Leprosy Mission.

In all, we are a happy and a sharing fellowship of some 238 Members together with 150 Members of the Church of Youth in which our Minister, Rev. Ken Chippendale shares their Worship from time to time. Lionel and Trudy Knight

GEAR:- This is the first GEAR Conference to be held on the South Coast for some time and it offers an opportunity to consider the subjects of Healing and Reconciliation from a 'renewal' perspective.

The programme will include Worship and Prayer Ministry, (for those who want it) and will close with a Communion Service. The day is being led by Ministers from our own Province.

There will be a creche for the 0 to 5 year olds and a programme for the 5-12's. Other young people will have to be in the main sessions with adults.

An offering will be taken at the Communion Service.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

During the week end of 23/24th June the new Ghanaian Chaplain in the United Kingdom, the Rev. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor, with his wife, Phyllis, will be the guests of our Church.

Mr. Dzandu-Hedidor will preach at the morning Service as well as taking an active part in the evening devotions.

After the morning Service we will be holding a 'Church Lunch' in the Hall so that Members can meet our guests informally. More details about this function will be included in next month's Chronicle.

World Mission Committee.

CHRISTIAN AID. Mozambique. Key Worker Carlotta Mansango, President of one of the co-operatives, was part of a group of women who came together on the advice of the Government ten years ago. "We formed a small group and took some fields to build our office and for farming. Agriculturists come and teach us. Although we have many problems, such as feeding the children, finding incubators for the duck eggs and getting seeds and tools, we are proud that we often beat the targets we set ourselves"

MISSION NEWS.

Bangladesh. Sadly we still await replies to our two recent letters, but it may be that this is a busy time of the year for this farming community. We must continue to be patient.

Ghana. We have heard from Samuel Mkrumah that he and his family, including grandchildren, have safely arrived at his new Station, HALF ASSINI. This place is on the Ghana coast, very close to the country's western boundary with the Ivory Coast. The fact that it is shown on the Atlas when Assin Nsuta is not, suggests that HALF ASSINI is a larger community. From it Samuel will be making evangelistic 'treks' to neighbouring villages.

The remaining carton of dressings having been collected from our Church we now await news from the High Commission that the container has been shipped. Soon we shall be sending them a gentle reminder.

Collection of Spectacles. This may be a good opportunity to remind 'old hands' and to inform new ones, that we are still collecting unwanted spectacles which 'Help the Aged' sort and send for the use of elderly people in Africa and Asia. The newly-vamped box in the Church vestibule now boldly shows our past annual scores. Please keep up the good work - it costs nothing to send them Freepost to 'Help the Aged'.

World Mission Committee.

HEALING RELATIONSHIP G E A R.

Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the U. R. C.

A DAY CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY APRIL 28th 1990

SOMPTING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

COKEHAM ROAD. SOMPTING. 10.30 am to 5 pm

For further information and forms for booking your place there contact Irene Tuley. Adults £1.50 per person. Young people in education 50p.

Children up to 12:- No charge. Please take a Bible, notebook and pen, your lunch, too.

Soup and Coffee will be available.

WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB.

Known as The Kestro Club. By an old Member.

Following a stroke in December 1981 I had made sufficient recovery by the 5th February 1982 to be taken to the newly formed Worthing & District Stroke Club. I learned it had opened the previous week with 5 members and a few helpers at the Red Cross Quarters in Shelley Road.

The Club grew quickly, and in 1983 numbers had become too large for the small room we had, and with the aid of the helpers, we were able to move to Goring United Reformed Church Hall in Barrington Road, Goring-by-Sea.

With around 50 members and helpers it was felt the Club should be put on a proper footing, and in April 1983, we had our first A.G.M. Rev. William Connelly was elected Chairman; Sylvia Batchelor, who had been the mainstay of the Club from its outset, agreed to continue as Secretary and General Organiser; Joan Stay as Transport Officer, and Vi Deeks as Treasurer.

In 1984 Sylvia resigned in view of her personal commitments to the new Durrington Community Centre, and Miss Margaret Briggs became our new Secretary. The Club was renamed KESTRO, an anagram of STROKE.

We have had talks, films, demonstrations, many varied forms of entertainment, coach outings to Bird World, Farnham, Drusillas near Eastbourne, Marwell Zoo, Wisley R.H.S. Gardens. Last year coach outings to Exbury Gardens & Poultons Park, both near Southampton; to Beachy Head & Eastbourne, and a tour round Sussex & tea at Devil's Dyke! These later trips were made in a specially adapted coach in which seats had been removed to enable wheel chairs, loaded by hydraulic lift, to be carried.

The Club meets almost every Friday throughout the year, except during August, in the large Church Hall, from 1.45 to 4pm, and enquiries can be made to Miss Margaret Briggs, 45034, Miss Joan Stay 61914, Mrs. Robin Bradley, 40908, Les Montford 43698.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS OF CHURCH ORGANISATIONS AT
31.12.89

A R K	£	177
BOYS' BRIGADE	£	793
CHOIR	£	61
FLOWERS	£	246
GIRLS' BRIGADE	£	4190
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	£	30
WOMEN'S GUILD	£	176
BOOKSTALL	£	167
JUNIOR CHURCH	£	123
WORLD MISSION	£	86
YOUTH CLUB	£	1367

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEATING & LIGHTING
FROM ORGANISATIONS.

KESTRO CLUB	£	60
MONDAY EV. FLWSHIP	£	10
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	£	20
GIRLS' BRIGADE	£	30
BOYS' BRIGADE	£	20
ANCHOR BOYS	£	10
LETTINGS	£	1611

DONATIONS FROM CHURCH.

WORTHING COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	£	30
WESTMINSTER COLLEGE	£	15
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	£	80
NORTHERN COLLEGE	£	15
U. N. ASSCN.	£	12

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES FROM WOMEN'S GUILD	£	385
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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1989.

FREEWILL OFFRG.	18,755	MAINTENANCE OF MINISTRY FUND.	16,564
LOOSE CASH	9,297	NAT. INS. CONTRBS	272
RENTS LESS EXCS	2,685	CHURCH CAR.	672
DIVIDENDS	972	PULPIT SUPPLY	284
BANK INTEREST	1,127	MANSE	1,907
TAX REFUND	3,557	CHURCH/HALLS.	
		CLEANING	2,592
		HEAT/LIGHT (net)	1,040
DONATIONS	195	RATES	738
		CHURCH INSURANCE	1,261
		MAINTENANCE	4,179
		CHURCH MUSIC	1,040
CONGREGATIONAL INS. TRUST REFUND	204	MISCELLANEOUS JUNIOR CHURCH	300
		PRINTG/STNRY	483
SUNDRIES	1,327	CHURCH TELEPHONE	277
	<hr/>	SUBS/DONATIONS	152
	38,119	SECRETARIAL	552
EXCESS EXPENDTRE OVER INCOME	1,804	SUNDRIES	3,001
		UNIFIED APPEAL.	4,620
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TOTAL £	39,923	TOTAL £	39,923
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TWO TYPES OF CHURCH.

By kind permission of the author The Rev. Michael Hore, St. Mary's Rectory, Storrington. West Sussex.

There really are two types of Church.

The first type of Church operates like a club. At best it is well run, efficient and keen to be successful. Success is measured by the size of membership: a growing membership is therefore set as a goal. To this end the Church seeks to be lively and friendly. It strives to make its services more enjoyable, and to provide the sort of activities that encourage its members to feel they belong. It will strive to meet their varied needs, including the desire to 'do good' in the local community.

The second type of Church is very different in its outlook. Its primary concern is to be God's people within the community. That objective provides no simple blueprint for the way the Church is ordered. The first concern is not to increase the membership, or to be lively or friendly. It does not see its first responsibility to provide enjoyable services, or to meet the demands of its members. It does not see itself as a voluntary social service, but in fact, the membership does grow. It is lively and friendly. The services are fulfilling. It does meet the spiritual needs of its members. It does work for the local community.

The real difference between these two types of Church is that the first is led by its members - men and women; the second seeks the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The first type asks to be judged by human standards of success (like any club); the second makes no judgement about success; it seeks only to do God's will and to be open to His Spirit.

Of course, this analysis of the Church is too simple. All Churches, however secular their organisation, seek to serve God; no Church, however open to the Spirit, forbids a social element to its life, but it is an observable fact that Churches do differ in their outlook.

It is also an observable fact that while Churches that operate like clubs may meet their own criteria of success, the Churches that blossom are the ones that are open to the Holy Spirit. Their blossoming may be in ways that confound earthly standards of success, but that the Spirit has touched them is always apparent.

Whitsunday falls on June 3rd this year. Let us make that the opportunity to open wide the doors of our Churches to the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit. Michael Hore.

CHRISTIAN AID. MOZAMBIQUE: £429,637 SPENT.

Farming and small industries OCM project: £17,500.

When Mozambique catches the public's eye it is mainly because of headlines about war and famine. Every year hundreds of thousands of people go hungry or lose their homes because of attacks by rebels of Mozambique National Resistance. Many more people die because of the lack of basic health facilities, but Mozambicans have another story to tell, of skill & hard work in a green and fertile land. Seeds & tools are distributed in camps set up for people driven from their homes, and around the big cities there are Green Zones. One is at Maputo where beans, tomatoes & maize are grown by co-operatives most of which are run by women. Through its partner, the Christian Council of Mozambique Christian Aid supports these co-operatives, helping Mozambicans plant for a secure future.

Z I G G I E S and the F A M I L Y L I N K project come under the umbrella of the CRESCENT YOUTH CENTRE Management Committee. 11 CRESCENT ROAD. WORTHING. Telephone. 34497.

The non-alcoholic Bar is open whenever the Club premises are in use. A variety of drinks and cocktails are on sale, including fruit juices, milk shakes, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and canned drinks. Snacks, crisps, biscuits, soups etc are also available.

A 'Special Pop-In' is held each TUESDAY from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. The ZIGGIES BAR will be open for all young people, including those with learning difficulties.

HOW YOU CAN HELP :-

Become involved as a volunteer, working alongside ordinary young people.

Consider making a personal donation to the project.

Organise a fundraising event.

Offer to display our publicity material and distribute the quarterly newsletters.

Invite a representative to speak to your group about our work amongst young people.

Local businesses and Churches can offer sponsorship through regular giving or sponsor a special project, event or leaflet.

Further details from above address.

We are looking for a Treasurer. Is there someone prepared to commit themselves to this task?

Please contact SYLVIA DENT.

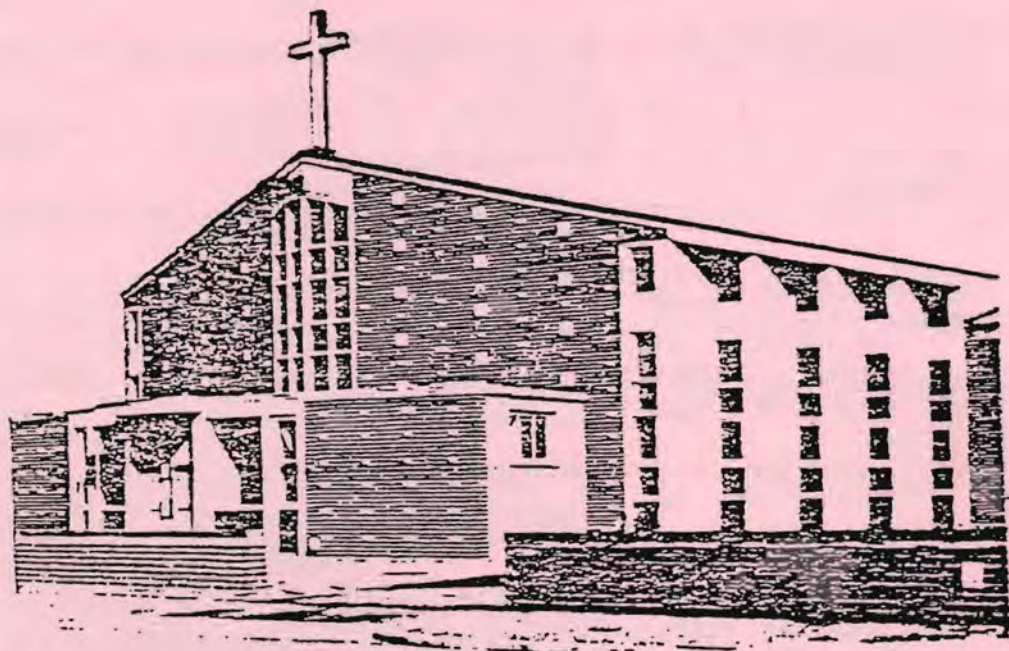
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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN:-

JUBILEE 1990.

Who is sounding the trumpet for this year of Jubilee? In the history of the Old Testament we read of this festival as possessing tremendous importance. It was observed every fiftieth year to celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. This Church will be celebrating at the end of July the beginnings of the Church in Elm Grove School.

But who is sounding the trumpet - where are the songs and shouts of Deliverance?

It was on June 18th 1940 that Winston Churchill ended a speech with these words 'Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and it's Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say "This was their finest hour"'.

Those men and women who, in 1940, founded this Church believed in more than Empires and Commonwealths created by men and women - their vision pierced the dark days of war and viewed the dawning of God's Kingdom. And it was the heavenly vision that sustained and cheered them in the perilous days of war and led them to Victory and Deliverance from evil.

The evils of today are holding in bondage the lives of many people throughout the world. Let the Victory of Faith in Christ proclaim a Jubilee - a Deliverance to men and women today. Sound the trumpet for Jubilee now!! Look to the Jubilee as becoming an occasion for Evangelism, and all our present endeavours will be blessed by GOD.

A prayer for the coming weeks! 'LORD, grant my heart and voice to sing and shout freedom and deliverance in Christ. Make a Jubilee of JOY in my soul today. Amen.'

GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

Yours with every Blessing,

William Connelly.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. 14th to 20th MAY.

United Service Shelley Road U.R.C. 7.30 pm. MAY 11th.
 Austerity Lunch W. Worthing Baptist Church. MAY 13th.
 Coffee Mng. & B & B St. Mary's Hall. Goring MAY 16th.
 Coffee Morning St. Paul's Church Hall. MAY 16th.
 Austerity Lunch Baptist Ch. Christchurch Rd MAY 17th.

As well as supplying Relief Society of Tigray, and Eritrean Relief Association, Christian Aid continues to support the work of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the Christian Relief and Development Association, and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign in Government-held areas. As Christian Aid News went to press the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie was in Ethiopia as a guest of the EOC. He presented a truck to the CRDA on behalf of Christian Aid and announced an encouraging agreement by the Ethiopian Government to allow local Church agencies based in government territory to distribute food in TIGRAY.

The United Nations estimates that a staggering 1,100,000 tons of food aid will be needed in 1990, of which 700,000 tons will be for emergency relief. 4,000,000 people are at risk of starvation.

In a recent Chronicle I wrote a few lines of news about former members of our Church. I now add that EDIE BECKERTON's Grandson, PHILIP, goes to Norwich University in October, and has been offered the TENOR CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP at the Cathedral. He will sing with the choir at Evensong, and study singing and the Organ at the Cathedral.

We know that GOD will bless him as he continues with his music to the glory of God. We wish him happiness and every success. Joan Burrage.

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HYMN BOOKS. There is a copy of Mission Praise that has songs 140-156 missing. If you come across it, or any other in need of repair, please hand to Steward. Refer to page/s missing. Ron Jordan.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

May 8th Annual General Meeting. 2.45 pm.

The Goring Marine Townswomen's Guild Choir visited us once more on March 27th and entertained us with a selection of songs and solos which we all enjoyed so much. As one member of the choir said 'coming here always makes me think of Freda' and I am sure many of us remembered Mrs. Calsteren who so loved to be conducting the choir when we heard them that afternoon. Betty Hislop. Secretary.

On April 10th the Men's Fellowship joined with us at our Meeting. We were all welcomed by our President, Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Men's Chairman Mr. John Blackwood. We sang a hymn and the Holy Bible was read to us. A prayer was given. At least 65 were present. Mr. Ron & Mrs. Daphne Waeland were our guests. We spent an interesting afternoon listening to their illustrated talk 'Caring for the Resurrection Garden in Jerusalem'. They are members of the Tomb Garden Association, formed in 1898, for the care and maintenance of the garden, which they visit once or twice each year for periods up to 3 months at a time. We were shown slides of the garden, which is beautifully maintained, and the tomb where it is believed our Saviour was buried. Members of the Society are accommodated in 8 buildings surrounding the garden. The Ladies look after the souvenir shop and the Gentlemen act as guides to the many thousands of all nationalities who visit the garden during the year. There are opportunities to take Holy Communion on the site. Admission is free.

The garden is closed for lunch from 12 noon to 2.15 pm, but if there is a large party of visitors, 200 plus, special arrangements are made for them to be shown around during the lunch break.

The Society is maintained by voluntary subscriptions. We had a collection on their behalf and £40 was raised. We closed with a prayer by our Minister.
Jean Marsh.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1989. WOMEN'S GUILD.

We have 66 members and average 43 at our meetings. Our subscription is still only £1 for the two sessions, but when there is a particular need all our members are most generous, as will be seen from the following list of gifts made during the year:-

Teleios	40.00
E.C.H.O.	40.00
Rev. Beryl Chatfield. Streatham	
Hill & Stockwell Green U.R.Cs.	170.00
Royal Soc. for Protection Birds	5.00
British Legion Women's Sectn.	30.00
CARELINE	100.00
	£ 385.00

Our programme covers a wide variety of interests and members are always willing to take part when we arrange our own meetings, and the help we receive from the Men's Fellowship when they join us is greatly appreciated. Our outing was to the D-Day Museum at Southsea, and tea was provided by the ladies of Petworth U.R.C. who made us most welcome. Our Anniversary in October was well attended, the speaker being Sister Eileen Hale. In return several members represented the Guild at the Anniversary Services held at St. Mary's Church, Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring, St. Matthew's, Worthing, and Scompting U.R.C. It is good that we keep our contacts with other churches in the district.

We have provided teas for members of the Tattenham Corner Women's Fellowship; 88 senior citizens from Burnham Beeches - this through Miss Sands who lived there previously, and ladies from Walton-on-the-Hill U.R.C. Women's Guild who have come to us over the years, and we to them, Mrs. Barnett having been a member of that Church.

We have endeavoured to keep in touch with those who have been unable to attend meetings, and to arrange transport for those who otherwise could not attend. Transport is always a problem and offers of help with this would be gladly accepted.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

OFFICERS:- Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant. Malcolm Nicholls.

MEETING NIGHTS. MONDAYS - ANCHOR BOYS 5 pm.
- JUNIOR BOYS 6 pm.
FRIDAYS - BOYS BRIGADE 7 pm.

Thank you so much for your support. Would you please continue to put aside a few coppers each week & become a member or continue as a member of our Copper Club?

We are happy to report that our Membership numbers have increased in the Company and Junior Sections during the winter session, although it has been somewhat difficult to maintain badge work and interests, due to the lack of Officers and Helpers

With winter behind us we look forward to summer and the opportunity to participate in plenty of outside activities, incldg camping, sausage sizzling, treasure hunts, wide games, orienteering, athletics, etc.

We are preparing to tackle lightweight camping that will necessitate boys fending for themselves in all kinds of situations. If your son is in or contemplating joining, the Boys' Brigade we suggest you give him at least some cooking instructions and hints before it is too late!!

Our grateful thanks to the anonymous Church members who through their donations will enable us to buy essential items of camping and general equipment.

Congratulations to DAVID SIBLEY, SIMON MERRITT, RICHARD COVE, NICHOLAS JARRETT, PAUL BYERLEY, JAMES READ for doing so well in the recent Scripture Examination. We hope that James Read will be on Parade on MAY 13th to receive his GOLD Achievement Badge. Well done James!

Our next Coffee Morning will be on MAY 19th. We cordially invite you to come along & enjoy Fellowship. Stalls will be available for the sale of Cakes and other produce, bring and buy items, bric-a-brac, etc. Proceeds will be used towards the expenses of running our Spring Bank Holiday Camp at the end of the month.

Thank you for your interest and prayerful support. Sincerely, Don Stewart. Captain.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years	TUESDAYS 6 to 7.15 pm
Juniors	8 to 11 years	6 to 7.45 pm
Seniors	11 to 14 years	6 to 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 upwards.	6 to 9.30 pm

Officers:-	Captain	Mrs. J. Webb
	Lieutenants	Mrs. B. Brunton
		Mrs. A. Baldwin
		Mrs. M. Craghill
		Miss D. Elliott
		Miss J. Gardner

PARADE SERVICE 11am MAY 13th.

C A M P S. July 26th to August 3rd. Normandy, France for Brigaders and Officers.

August 11th to 18th. Bournemouth for Juniors and Senrs.

NON-CAMPERS DAY OUT - Somewhere local - details to follow - Saturday June 16th 10.30 to 4.30

DISTRICT SPORTS DAY Saturday June 30th WEST PARK SCHOOL
2 to 5 pm.

ANOTHER busy month, with the Annual Pally at the Royal Albert Hall in London on May 5th. and a meeting of parents whose girls are going to Summer Camp on May 15th - no wonder I am looking forward to going to Italy later in the month!

The HORSE is coming along nicely! At the time of writing the total stands at £202. £76 of this was raised by two of our talkative Seniors when they held a 4 hour sponsored SILENCE!! Bless you Lesley and Rachel - what a marvellous contribution! Each girl now has a home-made BOX for collecting 'horse' money in. Last year it was Sunflowers - this year it is the HORSE, so if you have any coppers in your pocket and you meet one of our girls, well.....

Our recent Jumble Sale made £180 and was used to help pay our Annual Fees to G.B. Headquarters and West Sussex District of £328. We do thank you for your continued support.

Jean Webb, Captain.

(We thank the GB and the BB for just being there. Ed)

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BEANO QUIZ EVENING.

What a marvellous evening's entertainment we had on Saturday 14th April. At least 60 people turned up on a blustery wet night. We had only 75 questions to answer - that's all. Just think of the work and thought behind that task! Thank you Carole and Warwick. They said there wasn't a prize for us all but, you know, there was. Love - Friendship - Unity - Happiness - Laughter. We had them there and we carried them to our homes. If you didn't come you missed a real treat. You can put that right by coming to the next one planned for some time near to Jubilee Week. Thanks also are due to Jenny and Keith Merritt working behind the scenes in the Kitchen. It finished at 10pm. On MAY 10th the BEANO Club is Bowling and on 14th June.

PROVINCIAL DAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1990.

'Sandy' Clark and I wish to correct the impression given to some people that we were the authors of the article on Provincial Day printed in the April Chronicle.. Not so. It was SENT TO ALL CHURCHES in the Southern Province to be included in their Church Magazines, so unfortunately we claim no credit, but the acknowledgements were 'heady' while they lasted. We would, however, like to explain that going to Rochester does not commit you to any of the activities - just enjoy the day out in what is, I understand to be, an attractive Town.

A Fellowship on Wheels.

The time of leaving and returning, together with the final costing, will be in the Chronicle. in June when the coach must be booked. Please keep SATURDAY September 15th 1990 free for Rochester!

The programme will be available soon. Please contact 'Sandy' Clark on 66780 or me, Sheila Gooderham on 506452. and reserve your seat!!

MISSION NEWS.

Bangladesh. On March 31st we received a letter from Rev. Benjamin Biswas in which he apologises for the long delay in answering our last 2 letters, explaining that he has made several trips away from the village and has been otherwise busy. The first journey was in connection with a visit to Bangladesh by the Archbishop of Canterbury. On February 10th Benjamin was present at a Service in BOLLOVERPUR when he received Holy Communion from Dr. Runcie. Two days later he and other local priests and diocesan workers went to Dacca to spend three hours with the Archbishop

Between February 22nd and March 6th a work camp was set up in N'pur. Aided by Mission workers from UK., USA., and Japan they began to construct a two-storey primary school which was going well until the supply of cement ran out. The price had increased by 50% by this time. The next cement ship is awaited.

The rebuilt 'fish pond' is thriving and provided food for all at the work camp, but the bean, wheat and rice harvests have been disappointing because of the lack of rain. A year ago the harvests were washed away by floods! As Benjamin says, 'one way or the other I am always in anxiety'.

He also explains the absence of letters from individual correspondents when he says that their command of English is not good so they compose their letters in Bengali which Benjamin then translates into English. No Benjamin - no translation. He promises to find links for two of our ladies but asks us all to be patient. (Pity we have no Bengali, Sidney) He enclosed a photograph of himself and his son who is keeping well, as is most of the villagers. The photo is now on display on the Mission Notice Board in the Hall. He ends by sending Christian love to us all assuring us that we are in the prayers of our friends in N'pur. How much more they should be in our's.

Ghana. We have at last heard from the Hope Church that the gift of £100, donated by 2 members of our Church, has reached Assin Nsuta. Their Church Secretary writes '...this amount came at the right time when we

needed money urgently to do some repair work in our Clinic and Chapel'. A trained teacher has now come to the village - one of the several jobs their former Evangelist had to undertake. Try as we might, we still cannot get information from the High Commission about the shipment of medical dressings. We shall not let the matter rest. World Mission Committee.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

During the week end of 23/24th June the new Ghanaian Chaplain in the United Kingdom, the Rev. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor, with his wife, Phyllis, will be the guests of our Church.

Mr. Dzandu-Hedidor will preach at the morning Service as well as taking an active part in the evening devotions.

After the morning Service we will be holding a 'Church Lunch' in the Hall so that Members can meet our guests informally. More details about this function will be included in next month's Chronicle.

World Mission Committee.

The stacking tables in the Church Hall are very unwieldy to move about and we would like to replace all 11 by 3 folding tables (2 large, 6 small). These are manufactured by GOPACK LTD. We already have 8 large folding tables, (donated by Girls' Brigade and Women's Guild) The Boys' Brigade has offered to raise funds for the additional tables, but gifts from other organisations or individuals would be much appreciated. The stacking tables would be sold when we have sufficient funds to buy the new tables. Cost of each Large table is £47.92 plus VAT, and the Small table £38.62 plus VAT. Total £376.69, inc VAT. CN.

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CHRISTIAN AID - DOWN TO EARTH.

Much energy has been focussed on southern Africa where recurring emergencies and the hope of change are calling for new initiatives in South Africa, Mozambique and Namibia. Christian Aid published its first book 'Mozambique Caught in the Trap' in May 1988 to draw attention to the appalling chronicle of death and destruction that still haunts that country.

In a year when a succession of partners faced more detentions, trials, torture and harassment in South Africa, Christian Aid, with the British Council of Churches, issued a report 'Britain and southern Africa - The Way Forward', was launched at a major conference at Church House, Westminster.

The effect of the international debt crisis on the lives of ordinary people became clearer than ever in many countries. In Autumn Christian Aid drew the attention of the Churches to the experiences and concerns of a number of overseas partners in 'Banking on the Poor' which focussed on the ethics of the debt crisis.

In Bristol, government pressure took place in January when Mr. Chris Patten who was then Minister for Overseas, opened the door of Christian Aid's new office there. The Minister said he hoped the British Government would co-fund more Christian Aid projects in future, stressing that he had seen Christian Aid at work on the ground and knew how good it was. 'Organisations like Christian Aid' he said generously 'are very often better than governments at getting through to people who are poor'

It was a year that saw the death of Christian Aid's Founder and first Director, Janet Lacey, whose life was celebrated in a special Service of Thanksgiving at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. She would have delighted in the level of activity on all fronts.

The withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia brought about a climate for new development initiatives, despite the fear of further conflict. In January 1989 Christian Aid launched an appeal to supporters asking them for serious interest in the

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efforts to reach a peace settlement in one of the poorest countries in Asia, as well as for funds. Among the more active responses were sponsored walks, bicycle rides, and an offer of paddy and maize from a supporter in Tanzania.

New educational initiatives have included co-operation with CAFOD and the Inner London Education Authority in the production of teaching packs on the Environment and Women, a new emphasis on prayer as an important form of Christian action, and the production of full colour 'Women Greet Women' cards.

The task of sharing the whole range of Christian Aid's concerns with the Churches and community in Britain and Ireland falls to Christian Aid's area staff, who have been working to forge even stronger links with local congregations.

COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION.

Outreach - Grants for the carrying out of new work have included :- establishing a mission centre in a new area in North East India as a base and to train church workers.

supporting a new Christian family centre in Wales.

assisting the Guyana Congregational Union with its work among Amerindians.

supporting a U.R.C. teacher in China through the Amity Foundation.

Education in mission - Six young people in the United Reformed Church, U.K., lived together as a community and stimulated youth clubs, congregations, ministers and elders in their search for a relevant Christian faith. C.W.M. supported this venture with a grant of £1,000.

In South India the Centre for Peace and Justice is a multi-religious organisation seeking to create harmony between people of different faiths. C.W.M. supported two major consultations during the International Year of Peace.

APRIL REFORM REVIEW.

An Easter wedding is shown on the cover of REFORM for April. Inside Lesslie Newbegin writes on 'Easter - the turning point of history' There is a thoughtful comment on the recent 'Songs of Praise' from St. Margaret's Westminster!! The winning entries from a story-writing competition based on 'Dear World.....' seen from a hot air balloon.

Roger Tomes writes an interesting study of the physical resurrection of Christ in 'Empty Tomb or Risen Christ'. An encouraging article on a Church who welcomes the mentally handicapped worshipper with their own Service on a Sunday morning - followed by lunch.

Overseas, two harrowing stories - one about Dorothy Chisowa of Kafue, Zambia, and the AIDS babies in Romania. Surely stories to encourage us to pray for the needs of the World and to give thanks for our 'easy' lives.

News of Church life, letters and reviews complete this issue.

Sheila Gooderham - Reform Distributor.

YOUTH CLUB FIXTURES.

MAY 5th Club night, with speaker.

MAY 12th Swimming at Aquarena. Time to be arranged.

MAY 19th Club night and darts tournament.

MAY 26th Club Outing.

FELLOWSHIP.

Strangers are Friends we haven't met. Helen S. Rice.

God knows no strangers,

He loves us all,

The poor, the rich,

The great, the small,

He is a friend

Who is always there

To share our troubles

And lessen our care

No one is a stranger

In God's sight,

For God is love

And in His light

May we, too, try

In our small way

To make new friends

From day to day

So pass no stranger

With an unseeing eye,

For God may be sending

A new friend by.

We are very grateful to Don for undertaking the work of Church Warden.

PLEASE NOTE.

The West Sussex County Council are proposing to introduce parking restrictions in Barrington Road, and details have been given to the Church Meeting and Elders' Meeting.

THEFT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

I regret to report that the Radio Microphone and Pocket Transmitter, which were kept in the cabinet in the Church, have been stolen. The matter has been reported to Worthing Police Station. A claim is to be made on our Insurance Company. Replacements will cost £826.

Colin Nodes.

TELEIOS PROJECT. Christian Healing and Rehabilitation.

(The word Teleios, Greek for perfect, means fully grown, whole, mature and perfect in Christ.)

The object of the Teleios Project is to establish a drug rehabilitation home in the Worthing area to accommodate seven women, creating a healing and caring environment intended to help women, and ultimately women with their children. We need to raise somewhere in the region of £200,000 to purchase a suitable property for these objectives.

Teleios Project is supported by The Drug Advice and Information Service, located in Brighton; West Sussex Probation Service; Options - a service to drug misusers in Worthing; Several local Churches.

The Directors of the Teleios Project are:-

- Rev. William Connelly. Mr. John Blackwood. FRICS.
- Mr. Geoff Dean. FCA. Mr. Trevor Hames.
- Rev. Kate Powell.

For further information regarding how you can help please contact:- The Secretary, Teleios Project, 13 Longfellow Road, Worthing, W. Sussex. BN11 4NU.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION SATURDAY JULY 21st 1990
WITH JOHN PERRY.

Who is John Perry?? He was, for many years, a backing singer with Cliff Richard and supported Cliff during both Secular and Gospel concert tours. It was during a Gospel Concert tour abroad that John became a Christian.

He now no longer sings with Cliff but has his own full-time Ministry with music. John is a family man and very busy travelling in the U.K., Europe, and the U.S.A. with his own Mission. He shares his Testimony through his music and style of worship. He is, at present, taking part in the leading of Worship at Spring Harvest.

It just so happens that one of John's very few free Saturdays is July 21st and he has agreed to come to our Church and share in our Celebration in the evening beginning at 7.45pm.

Everybody is most welcome to attend, although I do feel that the age range to which John is most likely to appeal is 10 to 50.

The Church has a seating capacity of 350 and I do need to start reserving seats NOW as I also want to contact those who have been married in our Church, or have been Members of Junior Church, or Youth Club, Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and have now lost contact with the Church, or, more importantly, their faith.

Tickets will be printed in due course. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken during the evening.

Please consider very prayerfully whether this evening is for you or for other members of your family who may need to make or consider their commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the number of seats you require to be reserved for you and your family. Remember, the Church holds only 350!! Warwick Davis. 502338.

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An excerpt from 'Say one for me' by Tony Burnham.

Don't forget the shepherds.

For the shepherds you have chosen to care for us we thank God.

For Ministers of the Gospel, who have spoken your word to us we praise you, O God.

May they be wise and godly knowing when to weep and when to laugh.

Bless all ministers serving you through the Church, their families, husbands, wives and children.

We pray for ministers whose circumstances may soon change, those who may be anxious about retirement with changes in income and houses.

We pray for ministers who are passing through crisis, minister to their needs through us or in spite of us strengthening faith and widening hope.

We pray for all chosen to care for ministers may all their administrations reveal the love and care of the one who ministers to all.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1990.

The organising of the festivities that are being planned to take place between 21st and 29th July, inclusive, is no mean task, but is being ably dealt with by Colin Nodes and Graham Redman. They need every support you can give them to make their task simpler and successful.

A suggestion has been made that additional trees and shrubs could be planted on the lower part of the bank on the land which belongs to the Church. If anyone would like to donate a tree or shrub, then arrangements would be made for planting at the appropriate time of the year. It is possible that some may wish to have a memorial plaque put by the tree.

The next meeting of the Jubilee Committee has been arranged for Thursday MAY 10th in the Cornwall Room at 7.30 pm.

SOME VERSES FROM THE BIBLE.

In the 480th year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the House of the Lord. 1 Kings chapter 6 verse 1.

Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon 'Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my ordinances and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to your father, David. And I will dwell among the children of Israel' 1 Kings chapter 6 verse 11 to 13.

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, from the nations which the Lord had said to the people of Israel 'You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods' Solomon clung to these in love. 1 Kings chapter 11 verses 1 to 3.

So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. Verse 6. And the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods, but he did not keep what the Lord commanded. Verses 9 and 10.

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The very few comments received on the appearance of April Chronicle cover were favourable. I thought it was excellent. Well done Eric. Ed.

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5th Worthing Company Boys' Brigade.

A N C H O R S E C T I O N .

We have vacancies for boys between 5½ and 8 years of age. Eileen Rhodes.

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APPRECIATIONS. LATE NORMAN DOBSON.

Thank you to those of you who have sent cards and letters following Norman's sudden death.

He will be greatly missed by us as he was very special, and gave and was given, much love.

Margaret and the family.

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Those of us who were privileged to know Norman will mourn his passing from our midst and remember him with affection and gratitude for a long time to come. He left his indelible mark on our lives and will be sadly missed.

He was a man of military bearing and discipline: a Christian of long standing who loved his Church, and served his Lord in a wide variety of spheres for the benefit of and service to others in the Church and Community.

He was, for many years, a member of the Church here at Shaftesbury Avenue, and a founder of the Durrington Local Ecumenical Project.

He was a jovial man who was outgoing and diligent in whatever task he undertook, and was never slow in offering help where help was needed. Many people without means of transport will recall his generosity in offering them seats in his car.

His sudden and untimely death was all the more sad because, following a change of medication for a heart condition, about which he never complained, he was feeling so much better.

He would have been delighted and in his element in helping to organise the forthcoming 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Despite his many interests and activities he was essentially a family man, and our sympathy goes out to Margaret, his two daughters, Christine and Mary, and their families for whom his passing will have been a shock and devastating loss.

Our sadness is tempered by the Christian hope that he is now at peace in the nearer presence of God.

Ray Newell.

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Norman's many friends will miss him and cherish his memory. It was in the mid 1950s that I first met Norman when, together with his wife Margaret and daughters Christine and Mary, the family had moved into their new home in Nelson Road. Norman and Margaret were good friends of my late parents.

Norman has been a true servant of the Church having been a Deacon and an Elder for a period of many years, and he has taken an active part in Church events, including the Auto Fellowship, and special occasions. At the time of his passing he was the Chairman of our Jubilee Committee, also Stewards' Secretary, and our Representative on the Sussex West District of the United Reformed Church, and a Member of the Finance Committee.

Norman was one of the Elders who assisted in the establishment of the Durrington Community Centre Church. He was always interested in youth work, both in the Church and in the town. For a long time he was Commanding Officer of No. 9 (Worthing) Independent Cadet Battery of the Royal Artillery. The first Lay Chairman of Worthing Youth Committee for Christian Affairs, and Chairman of Worthing Leader's Council.

He advised the Southern Province when Ministers required new motor cars. His other great interest was the A30 Car Club.

We give thanks for the life of Norman Dobson and our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Margaret and to his daughters, Christine and Mary and their families.

Colin Nodes.

Norman died on 4 April 1990

CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

GOOD NEWS BIBLES FOR SALE:-

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£6 for hardback	" £7.50.
£6.75 hardback Large Print	£8.25.

XVI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE FAMILY -

12th to 15th JULY 1990. Brighton Conference Centre.

World renowned scientists, doctors, social scientists, gathered together to educate, to inform, to give personal testimony to find answers to the pressing questions of our day. Child care facilities available with special programmes of entertainment provided for each age group, while you attend the Congress.

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Holiday and Houseparties at Torch House 1990.
HOLY LAND TOURS May 3rd to 17th. £789 + per person.

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ZIGGIES AND THE FAMILY LINK PROJECT.

Crescent Youth Centre. 11 Crescent Road. Worthing.

Special Discos held last Saturday each month (except Aug & Dec) for mentally handicapped, young people with learning difficulties, and Ziggies Members. Entry £1.

Members' Evenings - Thursdays 7 to 10 pm. Sit and do nothing, if you wish, or join in the activities organised by Club Members. The non-alcoholic bar is open during the evening.

The aim of Ziggies is to encourage members to become involved in the organisation and take part in club activities. Constant improvements to the premises will depend on the members involvement and ideas. Membership Fee is £1.00 per year (Age range 14 - 21.)

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EASTER GREETING.

The residents of Hayward House would like to thank the Girls' Brigade for their Easter love and gifts.
DJ. MM. SW. EH. LM.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN:-

A MEDITATION FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

There were two sayings which greatly impressed during studies in the past month.

The first, a saying from a distinguished preacher who died 70 years ago.

'If there be sacrifice in the giver there will be power in the gift'

The writer, J.H. JOWETT has gone right to the heart of giving to God, in Christ Himself. It is through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross that we have Power in the Resurrection. Let no one forget this, as we prepare for a Jubilee Gift Day target of £5,000. SACRIFICE AND POWER IN GIVING are inseparably joined in the counsels of heaven; let them be inseparable in our thinking about Jubilee 1990

The second saying comes from the language and literature of the North American Indians.

'We have not inherited the Earth from our parents: we have borrowed it from our children'

A Church that truly believes in God as Creator will not be behind the politicians in its thinking toward Planet Earth.

St. Paul wrote in Romans, chapter 8 verse 19 :-
'All of Creation waits with eager longing for God to reveals His Sons (Good News).

The order is made clear in Charles Wesley's great hymn for ASCENSIONTIDE - a feast we often neglect.

'Till all the earth, renewed
In righteousness divine,
With all the hosts of God
In one great chorus join:
Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;
Glory ascribe to glory's King'

A PRAYER:

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee
GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST. Yours in love and blessing,
WILLIAM CONNELLY.

H O L I D A Y C L U B .

What a lovely Service we enjoyed to-day! How good it is to see so many of the children in the care of such a large band of devoted teachers and helpers. Thank you very much, all of you, for the time you have spent training them. They all did splendidly, and the Gospel Message came over so distinctly.

May God bless the work and the fellowship you must have together in it, and we shall look forward to the next family Service. Dulcie B. Jenkins.

(Psalm 148 verses 1 to 5. NIV)

Praise the Lord,

Praise the Lord from the heavens,

 praise Him in the heights above.

Praise Him, all his angels,

 praise Him, all His heavenly hosts,

Praise Him, sun and moon,

 praise Him, all you shining stars.

Praise Him, you highest heavens,

 and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord

 for He commanded and they were created.

We praise and thank our LORD for leading us with such love through another holiday club. For those of us able to take part it was a privilege to serve Him in this way, sharing with so many happy young people God's Wonderful Creation and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Each morning aboard the SPACESHIP JUBILEE we safely lifted off to enjoy a fun packed two hour voyage. There were three decks - THE ASTRONAUTIES, THE LUNAR LUNATICS and THE GORING GALACTICS. Happily playing in one of the cabins were THE BRIGHT STAR BABES. Captain GURC, and Jubelle Julie led us in some great singing. As all Astronauts must be very fit we 'enjoyed' aerobic sessions. Our theme for Wednesday was 'how God Created The World.' Thursday we looked at 'how we care for God's Creation.' Friday morning a Special Crew Member was welcomed aboard, Val Walters, who spoke about Why God sent Jesus, and how Jesus can become our Special Friend.

We learnt a memory verse John chapter 3 verse 16, and had quizzes to see how much we had remembered. Saturday we enjoyed a Special Disco, with a Fancy Dress Competition. Great fun for everyone, and a chance for the 'more mature' crew members to let the youngsters see how well they could disco dance.

The Final Frontier, the name chosen for our Sunday Service, was a time to share with all our family at Goring, what had been taught during the Holiday Club, and introduce everyone to Captain GURC. Geoff Dearsley, in his talk, reminded us all not to forget to read our Space Manual, the Holy Bible. He also reminded us that we can all receive a free gift, Jesus Christ, into our lives.

There are so many to thank. The Galley Crew, who made sure we all received a very welcome drink and biscuit. Everyone who collected their useful leftovers. All those who gave donations and all those who provided, so generously, the food for the disco. The 'back room boys' who registered all the children each session. All those who ran the Creche. Thank you to everyone who covered us in prayer, both during the preparations and the actual sessions. We were all lifted and blessed by these.

Although our theme and the antics we get up to change each Holiday Club, our message & questions remain the same.

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

IS JESUS REAL AND LIVING INSIDE OF YOU?

With our love in Jesus,

The Holiday Club Team

GHANA: On May 15th, not having had recent news about the cartons of dressings, we rang the Shippers who, to our delight, said the container ship was on its way to the port of TEMA, (Nr. ACCRA) and would arrive on May 23rd. They assured us that the Ghana High Commission will have notified the consignees. We are very near the end of a long saga.

G H A N A: The correspondence folders are up-to-date. We have recently received a letter from Rev. Anthony Beeko containing the sad news that, within a few weeks of his return to Ghana, his daughter's husband (another Christian Minister) has died at the early age of 39 years. Anthony and his wife have had to help their daughter and her three very young children through their grief. Anthony is now Presbytery Chairman at KIBI with 150 Churches under his control. Nevertheless, he has promised to keep a friendly eye on things at ASSIN NSUTA.

Plans for the visit to our Church of Anthony's successor in the United Kingdom, Rev. D.S. Dzandu-Hedidor, and his wife Phyllis, are well advanced. Leaders of various organisations within the Church have been asked to nominate 3 representatives to attend the 'Church Lunch' after the Service on June 24th, in the Hall.

A THANK YOU.

Thank you to Rev. William Connolly, 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade, Monday Evening Fellowship, and other Church Members, for all the prayers and get-well cards I received during the 3 weeks I was in The Middlesex Hospital in London.

I am pleased to be able to say I making good progress and hope soon to be back with you all.

Many thanks and God Bless,

Elsie Morgan.

To Associate and New Members: Are you ready to be considered for FULL Membership of our Church?

If so, please approach the Minister, Rev. William Connolly, for confirmation of this very important step in your Christian Life. LM.

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THE LEPROSY MISSION
THE BATTLE AGAINST LEPROSY IN INDIA.

'Why is leprosy like an elephant?' asked Rev. Dr. Ray BURNISH, Area Representative for The Leprosy Mission as he began his illustrated talk, with a picture of two elephants, at St. Paul's Church, Worthing, on Friday April 27th. Some 70 people representing 17 or more Churches and Women's Fellowships in Worthing, Goring and Findon Valley who support The Leprosy Mission met for the Annual Meeting and Tea of the Worthing Branch. It was chaired by the Rev. V. ROYSTON SUMNER, Minister of Findon Valley Free Church.

In January of this year Dr. Burnish had paid a six week visit to India to see the work of The Leprosy Mission at first hand in TAMIL NADU and MAHARASHTRA, where colleagues are all motivated by a concern for the patients first and foremost, and for the patients' sake they are engaged in a battle against Leprosy. The T.L.M. doctors, nurses and para-medical workers are engaged in a health education battle to dispel the ignorance which forms a barrier against early treatment and so opens the door to deformity. They are fighting to give treatment early enough for it to be effective so that young lives are not deformed by the disease which they have caught, and so they visit the villages, collect together the adults and children and teach them what signs to look for which might indicate they have leprosy - patches which appear on the skin, loss of feeling in fingers and toes indicating damaged nerves which, unless treated, will cause ulcers to form. Eyelids also can be affected and cease to function and hands become clawed. The surgeons are involved in a battle against these deformities and in many cases are able to transplant tendons on a hand so that it will be useful again, as well as to operate so that eyelids function once more.

"Why is Leprosy like an elephant?" It is slow - leprosy takes a long time to develop. It also tends to go its own way. Leprosy is still a nightmare illness in many countries, including India. It is feared and regarded as a stigma, and can have a devastating effect on family life. It often leaves the victims disabled and unable to provide for their families. BUT it can be cured, thanks to multidrug therapy.

Reconstructive surgery can work miracles and training for alternative employment can be a long term answer. It is by detecting the disease in its early stages that disfiguring results are prevented. This is the reason for the village education sessions. There are many whose leprosy has been neglected and who have suffered damage to hands, feet and faces, and who have been rejected by family and forced to leave their villages. It is people such as these that T.L.M. seeks to help, taking Christ's compassion to the lost, the poor, the outcast, bringing hope and reconciliation, so that they may not only know healing of the body, but know life in all its fullness. The social workers are fighting prejudice and stigma so that patients old and young can live back in their own community where they belong, fulfilling a useful role in that community. They are being taught to be self-supporting.

Some learn weaving, others cultivate a piece of land, growing and selling fruit and vegetables. We saw pictures of a lady whose feet had been badly damaged through loss of feeling. The Mission Hospital had been able to fit her with shoes that would protect them from further damage. These shoes were made specially for her and would fit no one else.

A later picture showed her displaying a tablecloth she had embroidered. Dr. Burnish had brought one with him and we were able to see it. It was beautifully worked and difficult to tell the right side from the wrong side. He also showed a piece of material woven for a sari, again most beautifully done, also a tote-bag made by patients.

Dr. Burnish's informative and interesting talk was followed by tea, after which 'Weapons for the Battle - Finance and Local News' were presented by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Worthing Branch of T.L.M.

The meeting finished with a short time of open prayer, and then the Benediction. Many have since commented on how much they enjoyed the meeting.

FLORRIE FREEMAN.

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PLEASE NOTE - THE MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING IS HELD FOR ALL ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.30am. USUALLY IN THE HARPIS ROOM. Phyllis Wheeler.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Twelve or so members attended our Meeting on April 24th. It was opened by our Vice President Rev. Ron Christopher with prayers. He included a few words about the freedom we enjoy to speak to our Lord Jesus Christ when and how we want to without fear of any restrictions.

We welcomed a new member PERCY DAVEY, a friend of Ron Jordan's.

Later we also welcomed Rev. R.A.DACRE who was to talk to us about the excavations at MASADA, complete with slides.

Here I feel I could do with a 'Leon Cortez' who, although a very funny man on the radio at one time, he was roughly accurate in his stories. I hope I am equally accurate. Here goes.

The Rock of Masada we eventually found out to be in Palestine, near the shores of the Dead Sea. It was built on by King Herod as a possible refuge should the Jews overthrow and overpower him and he would have to flee.

Jonathan, the high priest, first caused the building of the fortress, and he called it Masada, then Herod took great care to improve on his work. He built a wall round the entire top of the rock 7 furlongs long (4,900 feet in those days) in white stone. It was 9 feet high and 6 feet thick. On the walls were erected 38 towers nearly 40 feet high. Passages led out of these towers into small edifices, built on the inside, round the entire wall. Good soil and mould was on the top of the rock, better than in the extremely deep valleys. This was ideal for the production of food. Corn, wine, pulse, dates, and all storable without rotting, owing to the rock being 1300 feet above ground level. He built a palace at the western ascent, within and beneath the walls, but inclined to the north side. It was greatly fortified. He had dug great pits and directed water into them from outside. A road from the palace led straight to the top of the rock, but anyone using it remained hidden from enemies. The approach roads to the rock were almost inaccessible and could not be traversed at speed. It was furnished splendidly. Oh! There is so much detail!!

ELEAZAR found all this when he obtained possession of the rock with his Sicarii and defied the Roman seige.

In the end they killed each other after a persuasive chat from Eleazar, taking it in turns to do so, until there was only one man left, and he fell on his sword. They did not want to fall into the hands of the Romans, who would have tortured them with the rack and by fire, and other nice things. 959 people were killed and one man killed himself.

When the Romans finally got on to the rock they found no one. They made a loud noise in case anyone was hiding and out came 2 women and 5 children and told their story. They had been hiding in a water cistern. (dry?)

FINDINGS during excavation:- COINS, SANDALS, STRAINERS, FACE MAKE-UP IN CONTAINERS, FOOD, SHOPPING BAGS, MONEY, BUCKLES, KEY RINGS, BATHS, SCROLLS.

Any further information you seek look at pages 598 to 603 in 'The works of Flavius Josephus' translated by William Whiston A.M. Professor of Mathematics in the University of Cambridge. This book dates back to before 1872 and is owned by Stan Wheeler in Hayward House.

I have it at the moment. Ed. Les Montford.

MISSION NEWS

BANGLADESH: Those readers who remember Mariam Bairol when she was our guest last year may like to know that, as part of her Training in Mission course, she is now working in a children's home in Jamaica. In a few months time she will be returning to her home in Bangladesh.

On SEPTEMBER 5th, at Bobby Hitchin's home, we will be holding A Garden Party to raise money to send to the NITTYANANDAPUR Church. We will suggest that it be used to help equip the new primary school now being built in the village, but there may be other more urgent needs about which we know nothing, so the decision must be left to the Rev. Benjamin Biswas. The C.W.M. will transfer the money with no charge to ourselves. More information about the event will appear in future Chronicles, but please make a note in your diary NOW. Thank you Bobby.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

OFFICERS: - Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant. Malcolm Nicholls.

MEETING NIGHTS. MONDAYS - ANCHOR BOYS 5 pm.
- JUNIOR BOYS 6 pm.
FRIDAYS - BOYS BRIGADE 7 pm.

'A book has been specially prepared for each BOY in the Boys' Brigade. No book is of any use unless it is read, and it should be read carefully, and plans made of his time in the Boys' Brigade' This was roughly what was said by the Brigade President The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Thurso of Ulbster. JP. He goes on: 'I hope that every BOY who reads these words will aim at gaining the President's Badge and then the Queen's Badge before he leaves. (Why should he leave?) This means making the most of your service in the Brigade. As you record your progress through the Award Scheme you will be challenged by the variety of activities. Make the most of your opportunities and always do your best. I wish you every success in your efforts. (As I had never heard of ULBSTER I looked it up in my atlas and found it was 4 miles south of WICK on the A9, on the east coast of Scotland. Thurso, of course is in Scotland, too, as you most probably know. Editor)

APPRECIATION. LATE NORMAN DOBSON.

PLACE: Girls' Brigade - Goring U.R.C. about 1967 ish!!

"You shall carry the Colour, Caroline." said the then Captain - Mrs. Margaret Dobson.

Panic stricken, I rushed off to practice, as this was my first time. My slow-marching was terrible. Then to my rescue came dear Mr. Norman Dobson. He showed me how to slow-march properly. I have since shown others, but never forgotten that it was he who taught me. It is probably something he had long since forgotten, but typical of him to be always there ready to help.

Thank you Mr. Norman Dobson. Caroline Hibbs.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENT FOR JUNE 3rd. Sunday. Austerity Lunch
Worthing Baptist Church. Christchurch Road. 12.30 pm.

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BEANO CLUB THURSDAY JUNE 14th B O W L S.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years	TUESDAYS 6 to 7.15 pm
Juniors	8 to 11 years	6 to 7.45 pm
Seniors	11 to 14 years	6 to 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 upwards.	6 to 9.30 pm

Officers:- Captain Mrs. J. Webb
 Lieutenants Mrs. B. Brunton
 Mrs. A. Baldwin
 Mrs. M. Craghill
 Miss D. Elliott
 Miss J. Gardner

PARADE SERVICE 11am JUNE 10th.

C A M P S. July 26th to August 3rd. Normandy, France for Brigaders and Officers.

August 11th to 18th. Bournemouth for Juniors and Senrs.

NON-CAMPERS DAY OUT - Somewhere on the beach Saturday June 16th 10.30 to 4.30 If wet - in the Church Hall.

JUNE 22nd Friday. Officers and helpers are having an informal supper evening at 35 Midhurst Drive.

DISTRICT SPORTS DAY Saturday July 7th WEST PARK SCHOOL 2 to 5 pm. Now we discover that July 7th is our Junior Church outing day. Oh dear! With 6 companies across the West Sussex District involved it is more than difficult to find a date and venue that pleases everyone. We trust that we will be well represented at both events.

What a joy it was to present NICOLA CRAGHILL with her Brigader Brooch at the MAY Parade, and how blessed we are to have her in our Company.

Do please uphold us in your prayers.
 Bless you all. Jean Webb. Captain.

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CHRISTIAN AID - BARN DANCE IN CHURCH HALL PROFIT £116.00

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

The A.G.M. on Tuesday May 8th opened with devotions led by our President, Mrs. Dorothy Turner.

The Secretary's report was a comprehensive account of our activities, which ranged from meetings together during the year, entertaining other Churches for tea, and our own 'Cream Tea' for charity.

Mrs. Barnett, our Treasurer, has safely kept our monies for the past 5 years, and reported the following charities supported by the Guild:

Teleois Project, ECHO, Beryl Chatfield's London Churches, Local Care Appeal, Care of Resurrection Garden in Jerusalem, and Middle East Outlook. A Total of £450.50  
The proceeds from the stall at Swandean Hospital £75.99

Mrs. Turner, who was retiring after 2 years as President, thanked Mrs. Hislop, Secretary, for her support, and the Committee for the way each Member had contributed in their special jobs to the happiness of us all. Both Mrs. Turner & Mrs. Barnett were presented with a token of appreciation by members of the Guild.

Election of Officers: Mrs. Bater.  
Mrs. Dearsley.  
Mrs. Marsh.  
Mrs. J. Marsh.  
Mrs. Miller.  
Mrs. Sanders.  
Miss Briggs.  
Miss Stutter.  
Miss W. Trew.

Mrs. Joan Burrage, taking the chair, thanked Mrs. Turner for her leadership, and praised her for carrying on under many difficulties.

Coming Events: JUNE 12th. JULY 3rd Informal Mtgs.

June 21st Cream Tea. Sept 11th New season starts

The Tapestry, made as our contribution for Church Jubilee Celebrations, was on display and Mr. & Mrs. J. Marsh and all who had helped in making it and had contributed towards its cost, were thanked.

After the singing of 2 favourite hymns the Meeting closed with the saying of The Grace. Ethel Dearsley.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday April 24th Miss Sybil Webb came and spoke to us about the work of the Middle East Christian Out-reach. Initially they had worked in Egypt, but were hustled from there with the advent of President Nasser.

They then worked in Asmara Ethiopia, and I was most interested, as I have visited Asmara.

Sharja was the next port of call and whilst there they were effective in bringing the Sheik's wife and baby back to normal health. The Sheik of Sharja gave them permission to 'speak the word' on the compound of the hospital. He also provided the hospital in his thanks to them.

She gave us many incidents which were unusual. For instance, one of the helpers received the serum of a black cobra in her eyes. She was prevented from becoming blind as Miss Webb knew what to do. The black cobra had taken up residence in their habitat.

She said how important prayer was in their work, and hoped we would continue this for them.

They are now back in Egypt with their work. We hope that all this work will continue progressively.

Thanks be to God. Dorothy Turner.

(Get well soon Dorothy. Ed)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WOMEN'S GUILD DONATED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS TO THE CHURCH in 1989.

The Women's Guild will be holding their annual Cream Tea on June 21st. The proceeds will be handed to the ladies of the Co-operative Guild, who have always supported this event, and will be added to their donation to BHOPAL. This was the place in India where the industrial plant suffered a catastrophic accident, and the money will give medical help to the victims of the disaster whose eyes were so badly affected.

Tickets, price £1.25, will be available from Guild Members after the Morning Service on Sundays 10th and 17th June. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Betty Hislop.

SPEAK UP FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD. THIS YEAR'S THEME.

One World Week 1990 challenges us to consider the state of our Earth, the human race, and where we are heading. It invites you to air your views about the good things you want to preserve and what you want to change, to encourage others, especially young people, to have their say about what concerns them in their community, their country and this world.

Now is the time to consider how the theme can be brought into meetings, events, and Worship, in or around the time of One World Week, which is OCTOBER 20th to 28th inclusive (9 days).

We extend an invitation to attend an 'IDEAS' evening on THURSDAY JULY 5th at 7.30 pm at GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, to find out more about it. There will be various activities during the evening - drama, discussion, resources, Worship, refreshments.

As an innovation this year, the fourth 'ideas' evening, we hope to have discussion workshops on bringing the 'Theme' to teenagers, Sunday schools, school assemblies, men's and women's meetings, Sunday Worship, special events, etc. Please encourage representatives of such groups to come along. Special invitations to Ministers. Church leaders, teachers, youth group organisers, or anyone wanting to find out about 'ONE WORLD WEEK'.

Books are available to purchase from:-

Gill Ashley-Smith at 3 Woodmancote Road, Worthing. (twixt Nutbourne & Gaisford Roads L15 on local map) Tel. 32542.

1990 Action Guide 'Speak Up' 50 pence.

Handbook 'We could do that' £ 3.50

Multicoloured balloon poster 50 pence

Read Psalm 49 verses 1 to 3. Page 565 Good News Bible.

APPRECIATIONS.

Thank you all for the flowers, cards and words of comfort, and to know I have so many caring friends around me, has helped to ease the sorrow of the sad loss of my dearest Mum, Mrs. Elizabeth Axon.

Bett Swierk.

Thank you all most sincerely for your kind thoughts, support, card from our Girls' Brigade, and flowers from Dorothy Turner, after the loss of my dear brother, Harold. He suffered during the last years of his life from Angina and died on 18th April from a heart attack, aged 72.

Les Montford.

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This has been sent in by a shy Church Member after the evening Service on April 29th:-

L O V E.

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| Lasting love lights lamps, | beholds beauty, |
| hastens hearts,            | holds hands,    |
| quells qualms,             | fires freedom,  |
| lives life.                |                 |
| Marvellous Mother.         | Wonderful Wife. |

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Extract from 'Newshare' March/April 1990.

Mission is God's, carried out by the Holy Spirit, and we, as his children, are expected to participate and share in God's mission. Mission is no longer an item on the agenda of a Missionary Society, or merely a department within the institution of a Church. But 'Mission' is seen as the task of the whole Church. Mission is the life of the Church. A new vision opens up, a new arena in the total understanding of sharing of personnel in Mission.

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E. E. A. N. O. CAMP. Between Friday June 1st and Sunday June 3rd we will be holding our Annual 'UNITY' camp at ASHURST, near Horsham. All are invited to join us. If you cannot camp with us please visit us for the day. For further details contact either PETER MITCHELL or CHARLIE WARD

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE COURSESMONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBERAn introduction to THE NEW HYMN BOOK.COURSE COST £60.00

Further details of the Course please contact:  
 Rev. Graham Cook, Director, The Windermere Centre.  
 Lake Road. Windermere. LA23 2BY. Tel 09662 4902.  
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MAY REFORM:- The opening article in this month's REFORM is a profile of Graham Cook, the new Assembly Moderator. The Editorial tells us what is on the Agenda for the Assembly at Wolverhampton.

What Christians believe this month is 'Holy Spirit - Believers strike oil' by Lesslie Newbiggin. Roger Tomes writes on the 'Shocking death of Ananias' and the questions raised about it.

A proposed 'Charter for Children' and a thoughtful article on how important are our children; are they 'equal partners', and valued, or should they be 'seen and not heard'?

Church Life contains news from Sompting, a 90th birthday, total eclipse of the moon at Folkestone, complete with photograph, and a celebration week-end among the Churches at Braintree, Essex, which went out into the streets

How different are the individual Churches that make up the United Reformed Churches, and what a blessing that is - for we are all different.

Reform Distributor. Sheila Gooderham.  
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A L L C H A N G E .

From the Parish Magazine for Aston Abbots, Bucks, many moon eclipses ago. 'By popular demand, the TUESDAY afternoon Club has become a coffee morning, and in future will meet on WEDNESDAYS.'

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1990.  
A JUBILEE CELEBRATION SATURDAY JULY 21st 1990  
WITH JOHN PERRY.

Who is John Perry?? He was, for many years, a backing singer with Cliff Richard and supported Cliff during both Secular and Gospel concert tours. It was during a Gospel Concert tour abroad that John became a Christian.

He now no longer sings with Cliff but has his own full-time Ministry with music. John is a family man and very busy travelling in the U.K., Europe, and the U.S.A. with his own Mission. He shares his Testimony through his music and style of worship. He is, at present, taking part in the leading of Worship at Spring Harvest.

It just so happens that one of John's very few free Saturdays is July 21st and he has agreed to come to our Church and share in our Celebration in the evening beginning at 7.45pm.

Everybody is most welcome to attend, although I do feel that the age range to which John is most likely to appeal is 10 to 50.

The Church has a seating capacity of 350 and I do need to start reserving seats NOW as I also want to contact those who have been married in our Church, or have been Members of Junior Church, or Youth Club, Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and have now lost contact with the Church, or, more importantly, their faith.

Tickets will be printed in due course. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken during the evening.

Please consider very prayerfully whether this evening is for you or for other members of your family who may need to make or consider their commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the number of seats you require to be reserved for you and your family. Remember, the Church holds only 350!!

Warwick Davis. tel. 502338.





50TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- JULY 21st SATURDAY MORNING. GIFT DAY 10 am to 12 Noon.  
 T A R G E T £5,000 !!!  
 Girls' Brigade will provide coffee. Mr. GRAHAM REDMAN has made a video film of the Church and its history over the past 50 years.  
 This film will be shown during the MORNING.
- JULY 21st SATURDAY EVENING. JUBILEE CELEBRATION SERVICE led by MR. JOHN PERRY commencing at 7.45pm in our CHURCH. See Chronicle & handouts.
- JULY 22nd SUNDAY 11 am SERVICE. REV. CYRIL FRANKS. The Mayor & Mayoress will join us for Worship SUNDAY 4.30 pm. JUBILEE TEA BY TICKET 50p. For all ages. Limited to 200.
- JULY 22nd SUNDAY EVENING 6.30pm JUBILEE PRAISE led by our CHOIR and young people.
- JULY 23rd MONDAY 5.30 to 7pm. Open evening Anchor Boys and Junior Sections of Boys' Brigade.  
 A R K EVENING ENTERTAINMENT for Mums and Members of the Church. 7.30 ish.
- JULY 24th TUESDAY V A C A N T.
- JULY 25th WEDNESDAY 6 pm PRAISE PARTY for Families and Young children. Barbecue Tea.
- JULY 26th THURSDAY MORNING "THE ARK" JUBILEE PARTY for Parents and under Fives. 10 am to 11.30  
 THURSDAY EVENING 7.30 pm. Shortened CHURCH MEETING and ELECTION OF ELDERS (ONLY) then Fellowship and the showing of Graham Redman's Video of the Church's History.
- JULY 27th FRIDAY. 7.45pm JUBILEE QUIZ in Church Hall.
- JULY 28th SATURDAY EVENING We gird our loins for Sunday.
- JULY 29th SUNDAY 11 am SERVICE. REV. DAVID HELYAR. THE MODERATOR OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.  
 SUNDAY 6.30 pm. REV. WILLIAM CONNELLY.  
 Youth Service
- AUGUST 5th SUNDAY Today, 50 years ago, our Church held its first Services.

for Elders.

NEXT MEETING ARRANGED FOR JUNE 27th for just Committee Members:- Colin, Graham, and Rav, and the Minister. Time convenient to them, and place, no doubt.

A Flower Festival will be held throughout the week in our Church Hall from JULY 21st.

The Women's Guild have prepared a Jubilee Tapestry, and this will be on display in the East Transept.

FERNCO of Ringmer Avenue are preparing and planting flowers in the two frontal beds, free of charge, as their contribution to our JUBILEE.

SEPTEMBER 29th Buffet Supper 6.30 pm.

7 30pm An Organ Recital by our Organist, Mr. R. Colbourn. B.A. (Mus). Organist, musicians and soloists from Durrington High School on Saturday 29th September

In the Church East Transept there will be a display of photographs and mementos.

Commemorative Mugs may be purchased through Ron Jordan at £1.30 each for Ivory or 4 for £5.00, and £2.00 for China. Also Commemorative Pens at 20 pence for white Trend and 40 pence for black Royale.

#### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

The Summer session is now under way. Our Members have already enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mr. Ranger about Ferring Country Centre. Until brought to our notice by our Girls' Brigade few of us realized that the Centre ever existed, but Mr. Ranger's commitment and enthusiasm for the project (which provides riding for the disabled, and work and training in horticulture and gardening for the mentally handicapped) was soon very evident.

A 'Call My Bluff' Members' evening caused a lot of amusement, especially as the team giving the definitions all sounded so plausible!

A very warm welcome awaits any lady who would care to join our friendly little group. We meet in the Cornwall Room from about 8 to about 9.30 pm on Monday evenings. If transport is a problem, or if you would like any more details, please 'phone me on 501081.

(Mrs) Mary Monnery.

JUNE 4th Mrs. K. Hodges. 'Bible Garden'

JUNE 18th Members' Evening.

JULY 2nd Irene Dearslev 'Africa re-visited.' Talk illustrated with slides.

JULY 16th A.G.M. followed by refreshments.

G E A R. DAY CONFERENCE AT SOMPTING U.R.C.28th APRIL 1990.

The leaflet about this day course, to be held at Sompting U.R.C, entitled 'Healing Relationships', had said "Through Bible teaching and seminars we shall look at the healing that Christ brings, or wants to bring, into our lives - healing of our own personalities, as well as our relationships with others"

We arrived at about 10 am for coffee and discovered the hall was already quite full! As the day progressed we found out that there were people from as far away as Southampton and Croydon.

After a time of Worship together we heard a talk about our relationship with God, and were asked whether we were 'driven' or 'called' people. The Speaker then defined the signs of a 'driven' person - they need to see a visible achievement in what they do, and as time goes by they often find it harder to relate to people, as the job becomes increasingly important. They are looking deep down for ways to avoid failure, which is why they need to see visible achievement.

Jesus should be Lord over all areas of our life and service. our motivation, our time, our thoughts, our inner spirit and our sense of peace.

A person who is 'called' has an awareness of an inner strength; an awareness of stewardship i.e. we have been entrusted with something until the owner comes to claim it back; a sense of purpose; and they know who they are, as opposed to the job they are doing, in God's sight.

The Speaker then closed with the following analogy:- Shepherds today drive the sheep, using sheep dogs, but in the Old Testament times the shepherd would call the sheep, and they would follow the sound of his voice.

Which are we like?

We then divided into groups to discuss various topics, such as 'fear' and 'inadequacies', living with bad memories, and other similar subjects.

We then had lunch together, either in the Hall or the Church garden, in the sunshine. After lunch we looked at St. Paul's letter to Philemon and the various relationships within that passage.

Following this we had a tea break, and then re-assembled in the Church for a Holy Communion Service. where we came before God to place ourselves afresh into His hands knowing that He accepts us as we are.

'Father, you know us better than we know ourselves; in love you are always more ready to forgive than we are to be forgiven. So now we come and lay our lives before you, past, present, and future; problems and praises, successes and failures, all those things that divide us from one another. All we are we give to you, Lord Jesus. You have put your life in our hands - now we put our lives in your's. Take us, shake us, re-make us. No longer is what we have been important. It is what, with you, we might be starting, not tomorrow, but NOW.

Denise Elliott. (Thank you, Denise)

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### WORTHING CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

#### WORTHING CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE.

An open-air Celebration of Praise, Song, Drama, Dance and Worship, will be held on SUNDAY 24th JUNE 1990 at 3 p.m. on BEACH HOUSE GROUNDS.

SPEAKER:- Reverend DAVID MARROW.

(St. George's Church. East Worthing)

Do not miss it!

You will be sorry if you do!!

#### PROCESSION OF WITNESS.

Prior to the above Celebration there will be a 'Procession of Witness', led by the Salvation Army Band, beginning at 2 pm from the Assembly Hall Car Park. It will proceed down Chapel Road and South Street, along Marine Parade to Beach House Grounds. All Churches are invited to take part with their banners, if possible.

Do join this act of witness. if you can!!

These Celebrations are being organised by the Worthing and District Council of Churches. E.G. Robertson.

A LETTER REGARDING THE PATTERN FOR GROWTH, TO  
ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN GORING U.R.C.

Fellow Christians,

The Pattern For Growth which may be used as a Reference Point, is a reminder of the basic parts of the life of a Church.

- 1) OUTREACH to Non-Christians, as a 'gateway' to God's Kingdom.
- 2) NURTURE for New Christians and an Introduction to Membership.
- 3) GOD'S WORD (the Holy Bible) by which we live as Christians.
- 4) FELLOWSHIP in which we demonstrate our commitment to God, to each other and our service and mission in the world, when the life of Jesus flows through us, by His Spirit.

The above does not constitute a Programme. A Church programme needs to include an appropriate programme of Evangelism, which is fully supported by Elders, Committees, Members and other groups which are set up to facilitate the programme of outreach in mission and service (1).

Numbers 2, 3, and 4, and probably 1, have their potential to share and become involved with each other and our God, in that they are based on the small group principle - some having already been set up, and made possible by the Billy Graham Mission last year.

Groups, organisations, individuals, Sunday Worship, or events, do not constitute a programme; but should be facilitating of it. If groups, organisations, committees and individuals make their own programmes, which do not conform to the Church's programme, the Church has no unity of purpose.

As a prelude to a planned and defined programme for our Church, may I ask organisations and individuals to take note and involve themselves in the basics of the Pattern for Growth.

A Christian programme must be centred on the person of Jesus Christ to bring renewal and revival by His Spirit. The world needs to see the life of Jesus, and can only do this if His Spirit lives in us and we have a personal relationship with Him. The world needs to see Jesus, not just Christian principles, do you not think?

Largely as an extension and because of the Billy Graham Mission last year, we have the gradual coming into being of a structure to cater for enquirers and new Christians. I hope that all enquirers, new Christians and those seeking Membership, will be asked to join an appropriate group, so that on completion of a small course, a Christian who wishes to join Goring U.R.C. can be referred to Rev. William Connelly, who will make arrangements for them to introduce themselves, if possible, to the (Full Fellowship) Members (after approval by the Elders and the Church Meetings) and then be received into Membership. (2) After being received into Membership the person can then be encouraged to join a Discipleship Group, to grow with others as the light of God's Word comes to them (3) They will also be part of an area fellowship. (4)

In order for the many and varied tasks to be done in relation to a Church's programme, Members need to identify their own gifts - basic, spiritual and vocational. To do this fellow Christians need guidance, and have encouragement and support, say, of an area fellowship. Others can confirm the existence of gifts/talents where the persons themselves may be unsure. Of course, people need to understand what sort of gifts/talents they might have and have a suitable, practical method of finding them. God has given His gifts to every Christian and every one of them is important in the functioning of the body of believers at Goring U.R.C. (The Elders have been given a small booklet on 'discovering gifts/talents,' which I hope can be used soon for the whole Church at Goring)

I have been so influenced by Jesus' prayer for his Disciples and for us, that the Pattern for Growth is largely based on it. Probably you are familiar with the super things in this Chapter 17 of John's Gospel.

Fellow Christians, consider prayerfully, your part in the Pattern for Growth. Fellow Elders, I would ask for your involvement in the formation of a planned and defined programme, sought in prayer together, and also taking into account that a suitable, practical method of finding each Church Member's gifts/talents is needed.

Michael Donnelly.

PROVINCIAL DAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1990.

A Fellowship on Wheels.

Please keep SATURDAY September 15th 1990 free for Rochester!

The programme will be available soon. Please contact 'Sandy' Clark on 66780 or me, Sheila Gooderham on 506452, and reserve your seat!! The coach must be booked this month, as you know.

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APPRECIATION. NORMAN DOBSON. - a faithful Elder.

A FRIEND is how I will remember Norman. When I became the Associate Minister at Goring U.R.C. in 1979 he was a long standing Elder and former deacon of that Church.

From the beginning he was interested in my task, and joined in the praying and thinking about Durrington. Prior to the building of the Centre he was enthusiastic about the proposal and the arrangements for the holding of Christian Worship at the Centre on Sunday mornings at 10.30.

I remember his going with me for the first discussion with the Methodists at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Crouch as to what might be possible in the future. When Services started he and Margaret were among the first to support the venture. Norman looked, not only on his support of the Durrington Community Centre Church, but also in his active support of the Durrington Community Centre as a whole, as part of his Christian Out-reach.

Both Norman and Margaret considered that they should give generous time to the Community in their neighbourhood as well as their Church.

Both at Goring and Durrington we give thanks for the life of Norman, who sought to be a friend to us all.

Ron Christopher.

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2 sides of the Christian Aid coin:

On my usual round this year I came to a house where, in the past years, I have always had a refusal. The elderly man was true to form. Before I could say a word he caught sight of my C.A. authority card, exclaimed 'Christ....No!' and slammed the door in my face. Thinking 'Christ....Yes!' I went to the next house where an even older man opened the door with his already sealed envelope in his hand. Dropping it into my bag he said 'God bless you'. That made it all worth-while. Sidnev Hider.

THEFTS FROM CHURCH, HALLS, AND THE MANSE DURING THE  
SHORT PERIOD FROM MARCH TO MAY THIS YEAR.

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- MARCH 13th About £50 stolen from Church Hall.  
 MARCH 20th Telephone in Cornwall Room passage broken into  
and money stolen.  
 MARCH 20th Burglary at The Manse. window forced open and  
had to be renewed.  
 MARCH 22nd Radio microphone and transmitter reported  
missing from the cabinet in Church. The  
police have circulated the serial numbers of  
these two items.  
 MARCH 24th Music Centre taken from Youth Club cupboard in  
the East Hall.  
 APRIL 7th to  
 APRIL 15th. Flower Secretary reports that 8 ornamental  
flower vases taken from cupboard in Ladies  
Cloakroom at front of Church.  
 MAY 13th Cassette recorder stolen from Youth Club  
cupboard.

BEWARE! THERE IS A THIEF ABOUT. IT MAY BE  
YOUR TURN NEXT. ALL VALUABLES ARE BETTER IN  
YOUR POSSESSION THAN A THIEF'S. TAKE THEM HOME

Any information which may lead to their recovery  
please let the Minister or any Elder or Church Member know.

THIS MUST STOP!!

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New U.K. GHANAIAN CHAPLAIN.

During the week-end of JUNE 23/24 the new Ghanaian  
Chaplain in the U.K., the Rev. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor, with  
his wife Phyllis, will be guests of our Church. He will  
preach at the Morning Service, and take an active part in  
the evening devotions.

After the morning Service we will be holding a  
'Church Lunch' in the Hall so that Members can meet our  
guests informally. World Mission Committee.

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**HYMN BOOKS.** There is a copy of Mission Praise that  
has songs 140-156 missing. If you come across it, or any  
other in need of repair, please hand to Steward.

Refer to page/s missing.

Ron Jordan.



*The*  
CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN:-

"BE OF GOOD CHEER"

So speaks Jesus in the stimulating text :

'In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world'

St. John chapter 16 verse 33

You may remember the words (from Boswell's life of Johnson) "You are a philosopher, Dr. Johnson. I have tried, too, in my time to be a philosopher, but I don't know how, cheerfulness was always breaking in"

A reading of Dr. Samuel Johnson's prayers will immediately assure you of his profound faith in Christ..... I heartily commend his prayers to you. His problem was melancholia!

Wasn't it the late Winston Churchill who said he suffered from the same problem - a kind of depression which he called 'The Black Dog'?

Now we are not urging you to become cheerful in some senseless and inane way. To the Christian cheerfulness is a gift of God, and the way to cheerfulness in this world is through Christ who has overcome the world.

Let me then suggest some remedies for those days when the black dog of melancholia is at our heels.

- 1) Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light.
- 2) Give me the benefit of your convictions.
- 3) Doubt indulged soon becomes doubt realised.
- 4) The secret of happiness is renunciation.
- 5) There is no happiness out of God.

The poem 'Everyone Sang' by Siegfried Sassoon is a great favourite of mine:-

'Everyone suddenly burst out singing;  
And I was filled with such delight,  
As prisoned birds must find in freedom.'

And in Christ we are free to be cheerful.

HAPPY JUBILEE.

GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

Yours in love and blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

JUNE REFORM.

June Reform shows a picture on its cover of the new Moderator wearing his rainbow stole (not academic) because, he said, 'God placed a rainbow in the sky to be a sign of His covenant with the world' and that is what he, the Moderator, wishes for our Church - to be a living breathing sign of God's covenant with his world.

The Editor writes on the Strangeways siege and its aftermath saying that, if God has a bias for the poor He also has for the prisoner. There is the need to 'look after them with humanity and to help them lead law-abiding and useful lives in custody and after release.'

Then comes 'What Christians believe' by Lesslie Newbigin, entitled "The Church - a bunch of escaped convicts"!!

The outgoing Moderator reports on the vacuum in Prague - the people not knowing what the changes will bring. They need our prayers - and our Bibles.

We have Thomas Hardy - a searching unbeliever: Music in our Churches, always humorous. In 'The Light of Scholarship' by Roger Tomes this month is 'The Walls of Jericho and a Samaritan Village'.

In Church News we read of the Churches in Wilmslow launching an advertising campaign in One World Week 1989, to show the town that Christians from all denominations are working together and what range of activities they offer. The results have been impressive.

There are the usual book reviews, and reviews of videos that can be borrowed. Letters both thoughtful and controversial complete the issue.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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PROVINCIAL DAY SEPTEMBER 15th ROCHESTER.

'Sandy' Clark has been doing a magnificent job of filling a coach to Rochester and, at the moment, we have 33. We would like to have a 52-seater full up, so please come forward and give your names to him or me - TODAY!! Sheila.

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From a Christian Cracker.

Notice outside a North London Church  
'WANTED - WORKERS FOR GOD - PLENTY OF OVERTIME.'

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

(Mrs) Mary Monnery.

JULY 2nd Irene Dearsley 'Africa re-visited.'

Talk illustrated with slides.

JULY 16th A.G.M. followed by refreshments.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Officers: Mrs. J. Bater.  
 Mrs. E. Dearsley.  
 Mrs. E. Marsh.  
 Mrs. J. Marsh.  
 Mrs. D. Miller.  
 Mrs. G. Sanders.  
 Miss M. Briggs.  
 Miss B. Stutter.  
 Miss W. Trew.

Coming Events: JULY 3rd Informal Meeting.

Sept 11th New season starts

The Tapestry, made as our contribution for Church Jubilee Celebrations, will be on display.

REPORT OF OUR OUTING MAY 22nd:

Our annual outing began by leaving the Church on a beautiful bright morning. We were all in high spirits, including a few Members of the Men's Fellowship.

We travelled up to Windsor through lovely country roads and picturesque villages.

The purpose of our trip was to visit the Royalty and Empire Exhibition at Windsor Station.

The atmosphere was amazing. On entering and seeing the Royal train standing at the platform, with the red carpet rolled out and the figure of the station-master greeting Queen Victoria made it feel as though we were participating, because of the life-like figures.

We proceeded up into the hall where the 80 or so guardsmen in scarlet uniforms and black bearskins were forming a guard of honour as the Queen greeted visiting Royalty. The band played and they presented arms. The royal coach and grey horses were so realistic, with their manes well brushed and harness so bright. We were all taken back in time as it was so impressive.

We tended to linger for the next showing of the short film which accompanies it. This began by being somewhat factual, depicting the life of Queen Victoria, but the ending surprised us all as the figures actually moved their heads and arms in such a natural manner.

On reluctantly leaving the Exhibition and Museum we reboarded our coach to return via Dorking U.R.C. for tea. And what a wonderful welcome we received! Our tea was excellent and during it we were entertained by one of their ladies on the piano, giving us a lovely selection of popular classical music. Mr. Ron Christopher expressed a vote of thanks on our behalf to the ladies and then we visited the Church. This is very old and obviously well attended. Some very striking needlework and a banner, of which they are justly proud, is permanently on display.

We arrived back safely after a most enjoyable day. A vote of thanks was given to our Organiser, Mrs. Lily Collison. Well done, Lily. A day to remember for all time.

Margaret Briggs.

BOOK- AID. A date for your Diary.

The Christian Literature Crusade have a continuing need for books for Africa. We will be having a book collection - along the lines of past collections - on Sunday October 7th. There is a pressing need for 'LADYBIRD' books for school use. Thank you to the young people who responded so wonderfully to our last appeal.

More details will appear in future Chronicles, but please make a note of this date. World Mission Committee.

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Appreciation regarding the late Mrs. Madge Eaton.

On behalf of my parents, Gerald and Margaret, and myself, I wish to thank you for your prayers and support during the last weeks of my dear Grandmother's life.

Your flowers were beautiful and the good wishes from the Girls' Brigade were much appreciated.

Thank you all. Jan Eversfield.

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APRIL AND MAY CHRONICLES.

If anyone has the above Chronicles they no longer require will they please return them to the Church as some people were unlucky not to get one of the 200 printed. Ed.  
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TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND.

Leader: Mrs. Rothery. 30 Fulmer Court. Boundary Road  
Report from Newsletter No. 172.: - May meeting was a happy and profitable occasion when Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley illustrated his talk from his own experiences as a missionary in Africa.

During June we celebrated our 16th Anniversary. Canon Butler was our Speaker and Mrs. Corp sang to us. A further report of this meeting is awaited by the editor.

On July 7th we travel to Ewhurst by coach for tea at Ewhurst Evangelical Church.

Helpers are needed for putting out chairs and tables before regular meetings which take place at St. Columba's Church on first Saturday of each month and at New Life Church on third Saturday of each month. Drivers also needed on these two occasions. Please offer your services if you can to Miss Angela Bolton on 205624 and Miss J. Philpott on 205425. Meetings are held at 2.30 pm.

Bibles are needed in the Soviet Union.

Our next meeting is on Saturday August 4th at St. Columba's United Reformed Church, St. Michael's Road. at 2.30 pm.

### TORCH HOLIDAY HOUSEPARTIES.

Each of our houseparties this year has brought their own special blessing. Some of the participants were elderly, needing a quiet word of encouragement; some were active, craving for adventure; others were hungry for deeper teaching; and others were children and parents enjoying an outreach mission. There are a number whose lives have been changed as a result of our houseparty activities. We thank the Lord for our speakers who gave themselves so heartily to the task, and for helpers of all kinds, staff and friends, who made this year's programme so full of blessing. Torch Family News.

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### CHRISTIAN AID.

£1,225.00 !! Excellent. Well done!

What a good job our 'Sandy' Clarke and his team of helpers did in collecting this large sum of money for Christian Aid, bearing in mind that, what with Poll Tax, which may have been greater than paying the rates of previous years, enormous interest rates on mortgages making the cost of living that much more, and still people were able to give money to a good cause for a good cause.

In the developing world they are growing vegetables and trees in circles now instead of rows, helping to make a little water go a long way. Trees grown in rows have to be watered individually, but planted in circles they can be fed by water at a single point.

Circular planting is one of the techniques being encouraged by the Deccan Development Society in Medak district in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. DDS, which has been supported by Christian Aid since 1985, learned about the technique from an Australian agriculturalist, Bill Mollison, who visited the Medak village of Psthapur in 1987 to conduct a workshop which was attended by Venkat, the DDS horticulturist.

Venkat decided to experiment with some of the ideas generated by the workshop by turning a barren three-and-a-quarter acre site into a demonstration farm.

By 1992, when all the trees will have reached their full potential, the farm should yield enough food, fodder and fuel to meet 60% of the needs of a family of ten.

Self-sufficiency on this scale is out of the question for most people in the villages surrounding Psthapur, many of whom do not own one acre, let alone three, but the ideas planted by Venkat are bearing some fruit. Many women have begun vegetable gardens near their homes, based on the Psthapur model. Venkat hopes that 100 new gardens will be planted in 1990. Editor & Christian Aid News.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

OFFICERS. - Captain Don Stewart.  
Lieutenant. Malcolm Nicholls.

MEETING NIGHTS. MONDAYS - ANCHOR BOYS 5 pm.  
- JUNIOR BOYS 6 pm.  
FRIDAYS - BOYS BRIGADE 7 pm.

Your Founder was WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH who was born on 27th October 1854 at Pennyland House, Thurso. Scotland.

He started the Boys' Brigade in Glasgow at the age of 28 on Thursday October 4th 1883. At the age of 54 he was knighted and became Sir William Alexander Smith. July 1909 He died at the age of 59 on 10th May 1914 in London.

In the beginning the lads wore 'Pill Box' hats and haversacks where they could carry their lunches. Dummy rifles were sometimes carried. Some companies have Bands and do P.T. (P.E.).

Important Dates:

1883 Founded in Glasgow.  
1886 First Camp in Tighnabruaich.  
1908 Scout movement formed.  
1914 Sir William Alexander Smith died on May 10th.  
1917 Boy Reserves started - later called Life Boys.  
Now Junior Section.  
1926 Amalgamation with 'The Boys' Life Brigade'  
1933 Special Jubilee Celebrations. (50 years)  
1966 Headquarters moved to Parson's Green.  
1976 World Conference formed.  
1983 Centenary Celebrations.

Did you know that the Scout Movement was developed from the Boys' Brigade in 1908?

There have been many changes and developments but our Object remains the same as our Founder wrote it:-

'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of Obédience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.'

Our Motto :- 'SURE AND STEADFAST' See the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 6 verse 19 'which hope we have as an anchor of the Soul both sure and steadfast'.

For and on behalf of your Captain Don Stewart. Ed.

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FLORAL DISPLAY.

Have you seen the lovely plants in the two small front beds by the Church entrance doors? They will look better still, we hope, in flower during July and August.

This floral display was generously donated by FERNCO LIMITED of 204 Ringmer Road Worthing as their contribution to our Jubilee Celebrations.

Ron Jordan transferred the pansies to the large beds.

Extract from 'SAY ONE FOR ME' by Graham G. Cook.

Just five smooth stones were enough for David: not the armour or the weapons of Saul, not the spear and the sword of Goliath, just five smooth stones.

When Paul was beaten, imprisoned, mobbed, overworked and without food and sleep, he used seven weapons:

Purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, genuine love, true speech, and the power of God.

James K. Baxter once wrote of the five spiritual aspects of Maori communal life as stones which he would place in his sling shot to destroy a depersonalised, centralised, bureaucratic Goliath which frowned on communal living.

AROHANUI: the love of manv. ( Matthew 25. 31-46.)

MANUHIRITANGA: hospitality to the guest and stranger. (Luke 24 13-35. Luke 14 7-14.)

KORERO: speech which begets peace and understanding. (Genesis 32 1-12, Genesis 33 1-10.)

MATEWA: the night life of the soul. (Genesis 32 22-32.)

MAHI: work undertaken from communal love (Exodus 35 20-35.)

When Jesus was faced with the boy with an evil spirit He used one weapon : P R A Y E R!

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK DURING MAY 1990.

On behalf of Christian Aid I wish to thank the Church for its donation, and especially to the collectors for their work. Also the Ladies who prepared and presented jams and preserves for the Christian Aid Food Fair. 34 Pots were contributed to the Food Fair from this Church, and the Goring Churches obtained a total of £64.00 for their combined efforts

The sum total for Christian Aid week amounted to almost £1225, of which nearly £132 was donated by our Church.

'Bobby' Hitchin's Barn Dance raised in total £121. I sincerely hope that 'Bobby' organises a Barn Dance next year because this was a huge success and a most enjoyable evening.

'Sandv' Clark.

Christian Aid Secretary



DREAM JOURNEY.BY DO GOODCHILD.

Gathering up my skirts, I mount into my carriage  
 Rustle of silks and taffetas, soft lace at neck and wrist.  
 A nosegay of rosebuds, tightly curled and sweetly scented,  
 Hair gleaming 'neath a bonnet, feathered, ribboned, veiled  
 like mist.

Sleek matching horses, proud of head and highly stepping  
 Smoothly pull my carriage, softly sprung with  
 cushioned seat.  
 Liveried footman, white be-wigged and deferential;  
 Smiles and cheers from people as I pass them in the street

Help me, dear God, fill my imagination  
 Keep this dream within my head - help me face today.  
 If I falter for a second, I shall feel the rags about me  
 And know I hold just one small daisy, not a sweet nosegay.

My carriage I will know to be a rough and splintered  
 wood cart  
 Jerkily drawn by a pair of coarsely-coated hacks.  
 The driver, with foul-smelling pipe between his lips,  
 is swearing -  
 As he forces through the jeering crowds - perched on a  
 pile of sacks.

But the warm sun is real and true, high up in that blue  
 heaven.  
 Soon, soon my soul will soar up there, far away from all  
 that's mean.

Hold me, dear sweet Jesus, as I tremble and I sway here;  
 Be with me when I walk from tumbrel up to Madame Guillotine

I'm riding in my carriage, sun warming through my aching  
 bones.  
 The air smells so sweet, my daisy petals are so white.  
 I picked it as I stumbled in the broken-cobbled prison yard.  
 Was life hard for you, small daisy, as you struggled in  
 the light?

I won't think of that fetid cell, the misery, the squalor.  
 I'll see again my loving home, Mama and Papa at the door.  
 I'll just take this little ride, and then I will be  
 with them -

For they've been on this journey, just a month or so before

The journey ends, my carriage stops, the crowds are there to  
 greet me.

I smooth down my imagined silks, tilt my dream-bonneted  
 head,  
 Take the hand of my footman as he guides me from my carriage  
 And gaze fast on my small daisy as up the steps I'm led.

We congratulate Mrs. DO Goodchild on winning the First Prize in the Paula Dimmock Award for Poetry for the Townswomen's Guild. DO is a member of Goring Evening Guild. The subject was transport. Well done DO!

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TEATIME WITH 'BOBBY' HITCHIN.

This is an early reminder that on September 5th from 2.30 to 4.30 we are holding a Garden Party at her Home - 12 West Park Lane, Worthing. Our target is at least £100. We hope to be able to send this amount to our Christian friends at St. Thomas' Church, Bangladesh, where they are still trying to re-build their village. This was almost totally destroyed by flooding in the Autumn of 1988.

Tickets, at 50 pence each, will be limited to 50, and will be available from committee members nearer the day.

Donations of cakes, preserves, plants, bric-a-brac etc., will be thankfully welcomed near or on the day.

World Mission Committee.

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A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO STRANGERS?

We decided to have a long week-end break along the coast. On the Sunday morning we went to a large modern Baptist Church, seating probably five hundred people. A traditional Service - no Mission Praise! Two ministers, an average weekly offertory, this year, of £1,749!! At the close of the Service a lady turned round and said 'Are you visitors or have you only changed your seats?' We confirmed that we were visitors. End of conversation. Apart from a handshake on entering the Church no-one else spoke a word to us.

In the evening we went to the smaller of two United Reformed Churches in the town. The Service was held in the Church hall. Again a very traditional Service. Again no Mission Praise! About 30 elderly people present. The Minister and two obviously tireless workers - Ron and Joy, gave us a warm welcome, with shy smiles from some of the others.

Which Service did we agree we enjoyed most?

Do we welcome visitors or have a friendly word with those who sit near us?

R. & E. Jordan.

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 On the Bookstall you will find  
 Good News Bibles at subsidised prices.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- JULY 21st SATURDAY MORNING. GIFT DAY 10 am to 12 Noon.  
T A R G E T £5,000 !!!  
Girls' Brigade will provide coffee. Mr. GRAHAM REDMAN has made a video film of the Church and its history over the past 50 years.  
This film will be shown during the MORNING.
- JULY 21st SATURDAY EVENING. JUBILEE CELEBRATION SERVICE led by MR. JOHN PERRY commencing at 7.45pm in our CHURCH. See Chronicle & handouts.
- JULY 22nd SUNDAY 8 am Holy Communion. Rev. WM. CONNELLY. 11 am SERVICE. REV. CYRIL FRANKS.  
The Mavor & Mayoress will join us for Worship SUNDAY 4.30 pm. JUBILEE TEA BY TICKET 50p. For all ages. Limited to 200.
- JULY 22nd SUNDAY EVENING 6.30pm JUBILEE PRAISE led by our CHOIR and young people.
- JULY 23rd MONDAY 5.30 to 7pm. Open evening Anchor Boys and Junior Sections of Boys' Brigade.  
ARK EVENING CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT & Buffet Supper for Mums & Members of the Church. 7.30
- JULY 24th TUESDAY V A C A N T.
- JULY 25th WEDNESDAY 6 pm PRAISE PARTY for Families and Young children. Barbecue Tea.
- JULY 26th THURSDAY MORNING "THE ARK" JUBILEE PARTY for Parents and under Fives. 10 am to 11.30 THURSDAY EVENING 7.30 pm. Shortened CHURCH MEETING and ELECTION OF ELDERS (ONLY) then Fellowship and the showing of Graham Redman's Video of the Church's History.
- JULY 27th FRIDAY. 7.45pm JUBILEE QUIZ in Church Hall.
- JULY 28th SATURDAY 10 am to Noon. JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING at Havward House. 2 Shaftesbury Ave.  
Proceeds to Church Gift Dav.  
SATURDAY EVENING Elders gathering and Buffet at 36 Hythe Road. Worthing.
- JULY 29th SUNDAY 8 am Holy Communion. Rev. WM. CONNELLY 11 am SERVICE. REV. DAVID HELYAR.  
THE MODERATOR OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.  
SUNDAY 6.30 pm. REV. WILLIAM CONNELLY.  
Special Service

AUGUST 5th SUNDAY. Today, 50 years ago, our Church held its first Services.

In the Church east transept there will be a display of photographs and mementos.

A Flower Festival will be held throughout the week in our Church from JULY 21st.

The Women's Guild have prepared a Jubilee Tapestry and this will be on display in the East Transept.

SEPTEMBER 20 to 22. THURSDAY TO SATURDAY. A team of Church Members will read the whole of the Holy Bible non-stop.

SEPTEMBER 29th SATURDAY 6.30 pm Jubilee Harvest Buffet Supper

7.30pm Mr. R. Colbourn. B.A. (Mus) Organist, musicians and soloists from Durrington High School.

SEPTEMBER 30th SUNDAY HARVEST FESTIVAL. 8 am. Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship. 6.30 pm See Welcome.

OCTOBER 23rd TUESDAY Girls' Brigade supper for Serving Elders

DECEMBER 2nd SUNDAY. 8am Holy Communion. 11 am. Service of rededication for Church Members and adherents. Holy Communion. 6.30 pm See Welcome.

Commemorative Mugs may be purchased now £1.30 each for Ivory or 4 for £5.00, and £2.00 for China. Also Commemorative Pens at 25 pence for white Trend and 40 pence for black Royale.

OCTOBER 23rd. TUESDAY. Girls' Brigade supper for Elders.

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THURSDAY JULY 12th 1990 PITCH AND PUTT.

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KESTRO CLUB OUTINGS 1990.

We have enjoyed two outings recently. We went to Wisley to see the gardens and displays, and then to Marwell Zoo where we all escaped. The weather on both occasions was kind to us. Many thanks to the ladies for the work and love they put into the organising of these outings and the manner in which we were fed.  
L.M.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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| Explorers | 5 to 8 years   | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15 pm |
| Juniors   | 8 to 11 years  |          | 6 to 7.45 pm |
| Seniors   | 11 to 14 years |          | 6 to 8.30 pm |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards.    |          | 6 to 9.30 pm |

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| Officers:- | Captain     | Mrs. J. Webb     |
|            | Lieutenants | Mrs. B. Brunton  |
|            |             | Mrs. A. Baldwin  |
|            |             | Mrs. M. Craghill |
|            |             | Miss D. Elliott  |
|            |             | Miss J. Gardner  |

July must be the busiest month in the Church's calendar. What a lot of things are happening. Surely something to please everyone. Girls' Brigade has a busy month, too. On July 7th the West Sussex District of the Girls' Brigade is to hold its Sports Day at West Park School from 2 pm. All are welcome. Admission by programme, available at the gate, adults 50pence and children 10pence. Entry fees for girls taking part in the races will be paid for by the Company.

July 8th is our last Church Parade before the summer break, and following the Service Nicola Craghill is to be baptised in the sea. We rejoice with Nicola on this special day and pray that God will richly bless her in the years ahead.

On Tuesday 17th July, our last meeting of this session, we are to hold a Silent Auction from 6.30pm. If you do not know what a silent auction is why not come along and find out? Admission to the event in the Church hall is free, and refreshments will be available. Proceeds to Riding for the Disabled. Our HORSE now has a beautiful tail and one ear, representing £300 collected so far. The evening will end by 8.30pm at the latest.

Girls' Brigade will also be responsible for the coffee morning on Saturday July 21st as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Church.

Then the 'big' event for Brigaders, Officers and Dr. Webb. They leave for their holidays in Normandy on Thursday July 26th in the evening, travelling overnight to reach their destination by about 9.30am the following morning. They return on Friday August 3rd about 10 pm.

Please do continue to remember the Girls' Brigade in your prayers. Numbers are falling and attendance at Church Parades leaves much to be desired. Officers particularly value your prayerful support. They love their work with the girls, but have you any idea how hard it is?

France, and then next month, Bournemouth will, no doubt, lift everyone's spirits, and all will be ready for the start of the new Session on September 11th.

To all of you 'happy holidays and travelling mercies'.  
Blessings and love,

Jean Webb. Captain.

TELEOIS PROJECT

## Who is at risk?

From babies to the elderly, the poor to the rich, the unemployed to the executive. Athletes, teenagers, housewives. Across class systems, through creed and colour.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS NO BARRIERS.

Drugs destroy homes, families, lives ..... As you will know the object of the Teleois Project is to establish a drug rehabilitation home in the Worthing area with accommodation for seven women initially.

There is just ONE bed available for every TWENTY drug-(ab)using women with children. Did you know that TELEOIS, based in Worthing, can help? They intend to provide a supportive programme, including teaching, occupational therapy and group discussions, in an atmosphere that promotes Christ as its source and guide. The period of rehabilitation will be between 1 and 2 years.

The Teleois Project has been made into a charitable, non-profit making Company, Limited by Guarantee. The Directors are professional people committed to Christ, and represent various local Churches. Undertakings have been received regarding the necessary running costs of a rehabilitation centre from the authorities.

Although a suitable property has been found a significant sum of money is required to purchase it.

For the time being I and my associate, John Gordon, are continuing to minister to those in need, whilst seeking to raise funds needed for the Centre. We both have secular jobs to cover our personal needs.

I feel sure that you will have considered the needs of drug users in the past. You may have felt that you would like to help but were not sure where to start. Drug-using mothers, with small children, are a particularly needy group.

Perhaps we may be able to help each other. I sincerely hope so.

With warmest greetings,

AVIS MORTON. Secretary.

Any further information you may seek please contact me, at 13 Longfellow Road. Worthing.

SPEAK UP FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD. THIS YEAR'S THEME.

One World Week 1990 challenges us to consider the state of our Earth, the human race, and where we are heading. It invites you to air your views about the good things you want to preserve and what you want to change, to encourage others, especially young people, to have their say about what concerns them in their community, their country and this world.

Now is the time to consider how the theme can be brought into meetings, events, and Worship, in or around the time of One World Week, which is OCTOBER 20th to 28th inclusive (9 days).

We extend an invitation to attend an 'IDEAS' evening on THURSDAY JULY 5th at 7.30 pm at GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, to find out more about it. There will be various activities during the evening - drama, discussion, resources, Worship, refreshments.

As an innovation this year, the fourth 'ideas' evening, we hope to have discussion workshops on bringing the 'Theme' to teenagers, Sunday schools, school assemblies, men's and women's meetings, Sunday Worship, special events, etc. Please encourage representatives of such groups to come along. Special invitations to Ministers, Church leaders, teachers, youth group organisers, or anyone wanting to find out about 'ONE WORLD WEEK'.

Books are available to purchase from:-  
Gill Ashley-Smith at 3 Woodmancote Road, Worthing. (twixt Nutbourne & Gaisford Roads L15 on local map) Tel. 32542.

1990 Action Guide 'Speak Up' 50 pence.

Handbook 'We could do that' £ 3.50

Multicoloured balloon poster 50 pence

Read Psalm 49 verses 1 to 3. Page 565 Good News Bible.

Extracted from a printed hand-out supplied by the Minister.

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Another two items from the Assembly Hotline:

The budget for expenditure in 1991 totalled £2,300,000. There is a shortfall in projected income of £81,000

The Ministerial Training Fund has reached £352,194 at the end of the assembly, with further promises of about £50,000.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1990.A JUBILEE CELEBRATION SATURDAY JULY 21st 1990WITH JOHN PERRY.AT 7.45 pm.

Everybody is most welcome to attend, although the Church has a seating capacity of 350 and I do need to reserve seats as I am contacting those who have been married in our Church, have been Members of Junior Church, Youth Club, Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and have now lost contact with the Church, or, more importantly, their faith.

Tickets will be printed and there will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken during the evening.

Please consider very prayerfully whether this evening is for you or for other members of your family who may need to make or consider their commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the number of seats you require to be reserved for you and your family. Remember, the Church holds only 350!!

Warwick Davis. Tel. 502338.

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HYMN BOOKS. There is a copy of Mission Praise that has songs 140-156 missing. If you come across it, or any other in need of repair, please hand to Steward.

Refer to page/s missing. Ron Jordan.

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Extracts from SHARING RESOURCES. C.W.M.

Christian Formation.

The mountain people of Taiwan need ministers, leaders and Sunday School teachers from their own community. CWM made a grant of £5,851 to the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to provide training for them.

A grant of £3,302 was also made to the Kiribati Protestant Church to assist them in providing in-service refresher courses for teacher and pastors.

Many theological colleges are desperately short of books so grants have been made to the Presbyterian Church in North East India and the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar to supplement their libraries.

Grants have been made for training centres at a Church Conference Centre in Jamaica and the United Theological College in Harare, Zimbabwe.



Extracts from a letter received by Joan Burrage from Doreen and Dudley Musk of 36 Melford Avenue, Barking, Essex. IG11 9HT.

'Dear Mrs. Burrage, We were with you on Easter Sunday morning - what a joy it was to join with so many - when I say our fellowship consists of some ten or twelve people you will realize what an uplift it was to worship with so many. Our prayer meeting consists of 7 people - all elderly. We are a small Evangelical Church - not near any main road (within easy walking distance) and our neighbourhood is a Mission Field - so many different nationalities - but all needing the Gospel and the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour - but although we have done much door-to-door work it is not easy. So again my grateful thanks - we do enjoy your 'Mag'. Warmest Christian Greetings Doreen and Dudley Musk. (Can we remember their Church in our prayers?) LM/JB.

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ASSEMBLY HOTLINE EXTRACTS.

News of people: Rev. Janet Sowerbutts appointed Provincial Moderator for Thames North Province.

Rev. William Manhood appointed as Director of Pastoral Studies at Westminster College, Cambridge.

Rev. Peter Brain new Church and Society Department Secretary.

News Items: Two new Churches welcomed into membership of the United Reformed Church.

Church of our Saviour, East Springfield  
 Church of St. Augustine, North Springfield.

It was agreed that the term 'Auxiliary' should be dropped. All ministers are simply ministers. When strictly necessary they will be known as 'stipendiary' and non-stipendiary

### B I E N T O T - WHAT IS IT?

Bientot is a two-page gospel paper in French.

There are two editions issued quarterly and despatched abroad.

The European Edition contains testimonies, illustrations, stories and articles giving a Christian view of current affairs.

The Standard Edition for the rest of the world contains mostly true life stories of people whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ. There is also a serial Bible study (requested by Church leaders in West Africa)

Once a year we have a front page calendar, with a large text, which often ends up as an evangelistic poster.

Will Freeman, at my request, has sent me a lot of literature on the subject of Bientot and I hope to be able to put the English translations in future Chronicles.

'Building Bridges from your home to theirs with BIENTOT.'

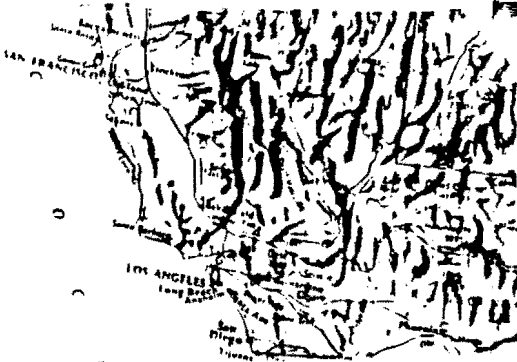
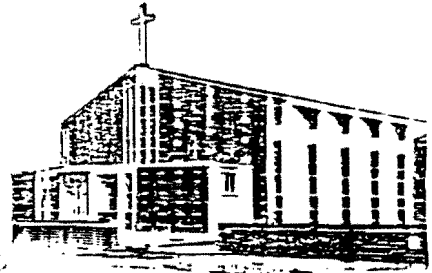
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### GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

The Minister, William, and Mary are away on holiday during August visiting their family in America where they will also be celebrating their wedding anniversary. I am sure we all wish them a most enjoyable break, and we look forward to their safe return.

The editor has kindly invited me to write a brief message for page one of this month's Chronicle

1990 is an exciting and busy time for Goring U.F.C. as we celebrate our Jubilee year; the 50th anniversary of the founding of our Church. What does Jubilee signify to us?

A year to reflect with thanks on what God has done and for those friends who have served and worshipped amongst us?

A year of restoration (Leviticus Ch. 5 verse 8)

A year when we look with vision and hope in Christ towards the next 50 years and the future?

May our Jubilee be all these things to us all.

In September we will be marking the occasion by reading the complete Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation, in the Church, out loud, non-stop. Several large Churches have done this before but never has it been attempted in Worthing, as far as I can ascertain. It will take approximately 96 hours - 4 days and nights and some 390 people reading for fifteen minutes each. It is planned to start mid-day Wednesday 19th September and conclude with the final chapters in Revelation as part of our Morning Worship at 11 am on Sunday 23rd September. Somebody wisely prompted me to think 'why should we do it?' It is a challenge befitting the occasion of our Jubilee. Some parts of the Bible have undoubtedly never been read in our Church. From September 23rd our Church will be different. We will have proclaimed the whole of God's Holy Word. No one of us could do it alone and, therefore, to succeed, we must all unite with a common aim. All who love God and reverence His Word will be both welcome and needed to play a part. Our Members and Congregation, Friends, Youth Organisations, Families, other Church Organisations, those we have Married and Baptised. It is, of course, a big challenge, but already there is much enthusiasm and many offers to participate. What to man may seem impossible God can make possible. Perhaps the realisation of this is God's gift to us for Jubilee. 2 Timothy 3 v 14-16. RAY CLOSE.

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### A BAPTISM IN THE SEA.

I would just like to say 'thank you' to everyone who supported me at my Believer's Baptism on Sunday July 8th with their love and prayers; those who were brave enough to come down to the sea, to Julie, Warwick, Mum and Mr. Connelly who came into the sea with me. A special thank you goes to Mr. Connelly for the help and encouragement he has given me, and the time he has shared with me.

It was a special day for me, one I will never forget. Despite the rough sea I was greatly blessed; I did not even notice the cold - I was warm inside. When being baptised I felt the Holy Spirit move right through me and at peace with the Lord, knowing I had obeyed His commands. NICOLA CRAHILL

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS.

| LEADERS                                         | TIME OF MEETINGS    | TYPE OF GROUP.  |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Paul Archer                                     | Friday Evenings     | Mixture.        |
| Glen & Geoff Dean                               | Friday Evenings     | Mixture.        |
| Andy Close,<br>Sue Longhurst.<br>Denise Elliott | Monday Evenings     | Young People.   |
| Rosemary Kitto                                  | Thursday Afternoons | Mostly ladies.  |
| Bobby Hitchin                                   | Tuesday Afternoons  | Mixture.        |
| Irene Tuley                                     | Tuesday Mornings    | Ladies.         |
| Jenny Merritt and<br>Liz Stilwell               | Friday Mornings     | Young Mums.     |
| Carole and<br>Warwick Davis                     | Monday Evenings     | Children 9 plus |

Every member of our Fellowship is welcome to join any group. Please contact the Group Leader, the Minister or Warwick Davis.

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FROM REV. RONALD CHRISTOPHER.

The June Parade Service had the impressive theme 'Prisoners of Conscience' and, as Mr. Connelly pointed out, there is a suffering Church in the world today, and Christ is crucified afresh in our generation.

The theme was illustrated by a model of a prison cell in the East Transcept.

The choice of hymns, the excellent well-read readings from the Bible by three young people, and the prayers led by the Captain of our Girls' Brigade, all made for a moving Service that caused us to think.

Only one person could enter the cell at a time, to be left there alone. (I could not stand up in it.Ed)

I came away from the Service wondering whether, for me, there would be 'no turning back', especially if my stand meant that my children would be refused a University place, or find difficulty in obtaining employment.

We have been given freedom of Worship obtained for us at the cost of sacrifice and lives as the story of the Congregational Martyrs records. We are free to Worship God and witness to the saving power of Christ.

May we remember that to whom much power has been given much will be expected!

Ron Christopher.

PROVINCIAL DAY  
15th SEPTEMBER 1990 ROCHESTER.

Programmes for Provincial Day are now available showing details of all the events that are taking place in the City and the Cathedral. There is a useful map on the back. The price is £1.50 each.

There has been a great deal of expenditure by the Province in organising the Day so, even if you are unable to join us, will you kindly support the Province's Money-box by buying a programme or making a contribution towards it?

The coach will be leaving from the Church at about 9 am and we hope to return between 6.30 and 7pm. We understand the journey takes about 2 hours. The cost will be not more than £5. The more there are of us the cheaper it will be!!! The number is steadily rising, so we are optimistic of filling the coach.

Sandy Clark 66780 and Sheila Gooderham 506452.

'Christian Crackers'

Small boy, to his new baby sister whom he had been told was a gift from God - "Quick, before you forget, what does God look like?"

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REFORM REPORT.

July/August Reform contains a Report on the Assembly. The editorial is headed: 'Plenty to pray about' and suggests we should be faithful in being so. There are reports from the Departments of the U.R.C.; on the calling of Ministers; Finance; Social; Political Issues.

Away from Assembly: Did we know that Van Gogh worked with the Minster and preached at a Congregational Church at Ham? Read about it.

'Music in our Church' has a tongue-in-cheek approach to 'Abide with me' - Sing about it.

Lesslie Newbigin on 'Our Baptism renewed - bread and wine'- Think about it.

Church Life contains a vision for London; Money raising for renovations to Churches at Hungerford, Freshwater, I.O.W. and Avebury, Wilts. An Exercise Bike competition at Hartlepool, and a 25 miles overnight hike, together with a 15 mile family trek, at Sheffield - Wow!

The notices contain a photograph of a couple married for 70 years. They say that the Blackpool sea air, and going to Church, are the reasons for their marital longevity.

In the book reviews, always interesting, is one book entitled 'Still living with questions'. A compilation of 69 small pieces written by Bishop David Jenkins. The review is certainly worth reading - the book may be heavy going.

Letters on a great variety of subjects complete this DOUBLE ISSUE.

Sheila Gooderham. 'Reform' distributor.

CHURCH WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

Links with Bangladesh Church. THOMAS S. ROY, a widower who recently retired from Government service and has now settled in NITTYANANDAPUR, is seeking a male pen-friend from our Church. During his service he twice attended training courses in the United Kingdom so he should have a reasonable command of English. Anyone interested in corresponding with Mr. ROY is asked to contact me for further details. (He may be able to translate letters from there to us) Sidney Hider.

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BANGLADESH: In his most recent letter, 12th June, Benjamin Biswas was happy to report that work had begun again on the primary school which, barring unexpected hitches, will be completed very soon. He said that in N'pur area Christians, Moslems and Hindus live amicably together, though any attempts by the Christians to convert others to their belief are actively discouraged by Moslem leaders. (We have recently heard, from another source, that a Government ban on the publication of a modern translation of the New Testament has now been lifted) He gave us more details of how the money we sent in 1989 was spent. It helped to repair 18 homes, paid High School admission fees, provided books for 16 students and gave financial assistance to several poor people. He sends Christian love from all at St. Thomas' Church where we are remembered in their prayers.

GHANA: The latest letter, May 31st, was written before the Hope Church could have heard that the cartons of dressings had arrived at TEMA so we are still awaiting confirmation that they have been received at the ASSIN NSUTA clinic. A recently-arrived new teacher is picking up the threads left by Samuel Nkrumah and is holding classes for children and adults. He is also reviving the Girls' Brigade so we are hopeful that the letters from them will soon begin again.

Sidney Hider.

VISIT OF REV. ANDREW PRASAD.

MR. Prasad is the Secretary for Personnel Resources at the London H.Q. of the Council for World Mission. He, his wife and two young children are spending a few days, from July 29th, with Richard and Irene Tuley. We have taken the opportunity of inviting him to speak about the inter-change of personnel between member Churches of C.W.M. and the purpose of links between individual congregations.

This informal meeting will be held in the Church Hall or Cornwall Room (audience size) on Thursday AUGUST 2nd at 7.30 pm. Coffee and biscuits will be served. Do come along and learn more of the workings of CWM, of which organisation the United Reformed Church was a founder member. WMC.

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Your comments about Graham's film and Women's Guild tapestry would be appreciated for September Chronicle. Ed.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

OFFICERS: - Captain Don Stewart.  
 Lieutenant. Malcolm Nicholls.  
 MEETING NIGHTS. MONDAYS - ANCHOR BOYS 5 pm.  
 - JUNIOR BOYS 6 pm.  
 FRIDAYS - BOYS BRIGADE 7 pm.

We had an enjoyable Camp at Warnham for the Spring Bank Holiday week. The weather was very kind to us, and the surroundings were brilliant. The nights were a little cold for the time of the year, but the all-week camp fire helped to alleviate some of the chilled bones.

On Sunday we joined with the Horsham Christian Fellowship and the boys' eyes were somewhat opened by the charismatic form of worship!

Visits out of camp included Horsham with its swimming-pool and automatic toilet; Southwater Country Park, shopping at Tesco's at Broadbridge Heath, Gatwick Airport etc.

The boys seemed to enjoy their introduction to the unusual games of Podex and Crocker. Treasure and Scavenger hunts, plus the night light-exercise proved to be popular.

We will say little as to who cut through our water supply pipe, or those who felt that reveille should be at 10.30 am, or those who thought it helped to save water by not washing, or those who seemed to disappear when work was mentioned. Mind you, it could only have been the Officers who had no idea of how to run a Camp.

Keep it up, lads, and just remember that camping is a joint effort with everyone playing their part in whatever has to be done.

We hope you did not lose too much of the family 'plate' and cutlery in the long grass!! T.O.T.O.F. It was good to have so many parents paying us a visit on our barbeque evening.

Friends - please keep those coppers, and other items, coming in. Any money raised will go towards our Mission Fund and the purchase of some lightweight tables for the Church.

Thank you for your interest in our work amongst the boys.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

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AN APPRECIATION.

Alan and Ann Freeman would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness during Alan's illness - especially for prayers, cards, flowers and visits, by the Minister and others.

Thank you, Ann Freeman.  
 5 Ripley Road. Worthing.

## TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND.

Leader: Mrs. Rothery. 30 Fulmer Court. Boundary Road  
 Helpers are needed for putting out chairs and tables  
 before regular meetings which take place at St. Columba's  
 Church on first Saturday of each month and at New Life  
 Church on third Saturday of each month. Drivers also  
 needed on these two occasions. Please offer your services  
 if you can to Miss Angela Bolton on 205624 and Miss J.  
 Philpott on 205425. Meetings are held at 2.30 pm.

Bibles are needed in the Soviet Union & Romania.

Our next meeting is on Saturday August 4th at St.  
 Columba's United Reformed Church, St. Michael's Road.  
 2.30 pm.

"The Former Treatise have I made....."

Those with long memories may recall a short article  
 in The Chronicle several years ago telling of the  
 beginnings of the Torch Trust for the Blind.

A blind girl was invited to a young people's group in  
 the home of a Mr. & Mrs. Heath. When she was converted  
 the Heaths looked for suitable Christian braille material  
 for her and found almost none, so they learned braille and  
 began to produce it themselves. Since then the 'mustard  
 seed' has become a great tree!

The aims of the Torch Trust are :-

To make available to visually handicapped people the  
 riches of our Christian heritage by providing Scriptures,  
 Hymn Books, and other Christian literature; and by giving,  
 where needed, personal care and encouragement to grow in  
 Christian Maturity and Service.

The Christian message is presented in braille, moon-  
 type, large print, on tape and through Torch Fellowship  
 Groups.

Magazines: Ten magazines covering a wide range of  
 age and interest are available from 'SPARK' for young  
 children to "TORCH TIMES" for the more thoughtful reader.  
 Special publications cater for the needs of overseas  
 readers and the deaf-blind. These Magazines are available  
 in braille, large print, moon-type, and on compact  
 cassette. Scripture Union "DAILY BREAD" notes are also  
 recorded on compact cassette.

BOOKLETS:- A wide range of booklets is produced in  
 braille and large print. These include testimonies, small  
 Scripture portions, devotional material and Bible Study  
 aids.

LIBRARIES:- A library service in braille, moon-type,  
 large print, and on talking book and compact cassette is  
 available. The books are prepared by voluntary  
 transcribers working from their own homes. These friends  
 have learned braille, or can write large print clearly, or  
 have suitable voices and equipment for reading on to tape.

C.S.T.:- The Christian Service Training Scheme was  
 launched in September 1979. It has been designed  
 especially to meet the needs of young visually handicapped  
 men and women who wish to enter a life which offers  
 opportunity and fulfilment.



Tuition is given in braille, typing, living skills, music and crafts, as well as the basic Christian Beliefs Course.

**HOUSEPARTIES:-** The Family home really comes into its own at Houseparty times. Special weeks are arranged through the year for young people, the deaf-blind and families. Guests are also welcome at Christmas and Easter.

Parties are taken to the Keswick Convention and to the Holy Land.

**LITTLE TORCH:-** 'Little Torch' is a house set on the edge of the Sussex Downs at Hurstpierpoint and has an extended family living there. Visitors are welcomed all through the year and, being a smaller house, it is particularly suitable for older guests.

**FELLOWSHIP GROUPS:-** At approximately 150 centres throughout the United Kingdom Torch fellowship groups gather blind and partially-sighted people for monthly meetings. These are arranged by a local planning group and blind members are encouraged to take part. Transport is arranged for those who need it and refreshments are provided after the meetings. Many people have been helped and strengthened by the practical Christian love shown by members of their Fellowship Group.

In Worthing there are two Groups: the Central one, meeting on the first Saturday of the month, excepting January (no meeting) and July (coach outing).\* The venue is St. Columba's U.R.C. at 2.30 pm. The Durrington Group meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Jubilee Hall, Greenland Road, at 2.30 pm. (In October the Meeting is on the second Saturday\*)

The Torch Trust for the Blind is a registered charity and its income comes from gifts. Most of the literature is supplied free, though there is a nominal charge for some of the larger items. The Trust is a Non-denominational Christian Organisation.

The Trust has a growing overseas outreach, providing braille Scriptures and other literature in various languages. Its most ambitious project is the production of the Bible in Russian braille.

The Headquarters is at 'TORCH HOUSE', Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. LE16 8UJ. It is situated in the beautiful Leicestershire countryside. Here staff and helpers are engaged full-time in the work of the various departments, and here they hold houseparties and welcome individual guests.

Mrs. Heath's book 'Where there is Vision' gives a fuller account of the work.

Truly this is a work of God.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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AN APPRECIATION.

Please accept my very grateful thanks for the many kindnesses shown to me by Members of the Church following my recent further attack of angina. These have included a number of visits from the Minister, a very attractive bouquet of flowers and a delightful card from the members of the 5th Worthing Company of Girls' Brigade.

I had no idea I had so many young lady friends.

I am rather better than I was in April but progress is certainly slow. My walking is limited to some 200-300 yards a day, and I find I cannot stand for very long. Also I am not driving at present.

I have been told I should achieve 80% of my former activity by August, but never more than that.

I am lucky I am still here, and looking forward to being able to join you all again soon.

Meantime, my kindest regards. Yours sincerely,

RON WOODS. 31, Falmer Avenue. 16.6.90.

ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

Meeting dates:- August 2nd Field Place.  
 August 9th Field Place.  
 August 16th Field Place.  
 August 23rd Field Place.  
 August 30th Field Place.

Situation Vacant:- Hours 10 to 11.30 am each Thursday  
 Place :- Church Hall (After Aug)

Job description :- Play with children 0 to 5 years of age. Cuddle babies. Sit at a table to help children playing with playdough, glue, crayons, etc.

Would suit 'retired' mother, father, grannie, auntie or anyone with 90 minutes to spare each week.

Reward :-An enjoyable morning. A cup of coffee and biscuit. Lots of affection from children. Appreciation from THE ARK.

If interested please contact VAL GILL. 67655 or  
 JANICE BYERLEY 65993.

Please supply your own ear plugs!!

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PREACHERS FOR AUGUST.

5th 11am Revd. Bob Murray of St. Andrew's Rustington.  
 6.30pm Revd. John Sutcliffe from New Life Church Goring

12th 11am Revd. John Flack.  
 6.30pm Mrs. Helen Hawthorn. Pastoral Worker at  
 Durrington L.E.P.

19th 11am Revd. Edward Symmons from Andover.  
 6.30pm Ditto.

26th 11am Revd. Ron Christopher Celebrating 50 years  
 in the Ministry.  
 6.30pm Rev. Beryl Chatfield.

ELDERS OF GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

The election of Elders has now taken place for this year. There were ten candidates to fill five vacancies.

We welcome the five who were elected and we comiserate with the five who were not. We look forward to seeing their names as candidates for next year.

The continued support of all Elders, present, past and future, is the duty of Members and all who attend our Church or are associated with it.

May God guide us all along the path of righteousness and love towards one another.

Our Elders want to encourage us to look at our own gifts in relation to our place in the Body of Christ. It is as by the Holy Spirit our gifts are clearly discovered and then gladly offered, that the life of the Church is blessed. Ask an Elder to order you a copy of Selwyn Hughes book and discover the many surprises this holds.

We give thanks to God for those Elders who compulsorily retire this year under the new rules. God has yet great work for them to do as non-serving Elders.

To me that term is rather a misnomer as they do not cease to serve our Lord or us just because their names do not appear in the year book as Elders. Ed.

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For Sale:- Jubilee Mugs and Pens.

Contact Michael and Audrey Ebeling to obtain them.  
Pottery mugs £1.30 each or 4 for £5.00  
China mugs £2.00 each.

White bodied pens 25p each Black bodied pens 40p each.....

IMPRESSIONS AT A BAPTISM IN THE SEA.

The waves looked rough and angry when Stanley and I arrived on the shore to witness the baptism by total immersion of Nicola Craghill on Sunday 8th July, but it really gave the ceremony the necessary excitement and enthusiasm to the 100 or so of our members and publicity to many more who were there. Geoffrey's trumpet aided the singers; there was laughter and cheerfulness both from the participants and the onlookers alike as the white topped breakers engulfed Nicola, and soaked those who were steadying and assisting her.

It greatly pleased me - what it did for Nicola only she can say. I have asked her to, so that I can include it in this Chronicle.

Stanley and I returned home very elated.

God Bless our latest Member.

Editor.

O let the Son of God enfold her with His spirit and His love  
Let Him fill her heart and satisfy your soul,  
O let Him have the things that hold her, and His spirit,  
like a dove, will descend upon her life and make her whole.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

I should just like to say what a marvellous job our Reform Magazine distributor Sheila (Gooderham) does to encourage more of our congregation to buy and read this very excellent Church magazine. It gives a very good insight into what other congregations are doing and how people react to things that are taking place in society to-day. Also the letters from readers which get printed therein express so many points-of-view it helps us to keep our feet on the ground as all congregations are composed of people with thoughts and feelings quite different, at times, from our own. The 'precis' which Sheila gives of the contents of the Reform magazine, I think, are superb and which, when I read them in our Chronicle, makes me want to get home and read the full article in Reform, which also keeps us up-to-date with happenings in our Church in England.

Have you bought your copy Frazer Finley.

(I cannot agree more, Frazer, Ed)

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A FAREWELL NOTE.

To represent the Men's Fellowship Ron Jordan and I attended the Funeral Service of Mr. PERCY DOWLER which was held on June 12th at West Worthing Tabernacle in Rugby Road.

The title I choose is not inappropriate in that the first time I met Percy at the Fellowship he said 'Aha! A piano' and sat down and played some old songs at that ancient instrument in the East Hall, making it really come to life. Percy could play the piano from the age of six and was a professional organist at 15 years of age, and continued as such for high on 70 years, playing at The Tabernacle for 11 years.

I know Percy, who was always hoping to reach his 100th birthday since his Mother lived to 103 and his Father 96, died at the age of 94. However, in the past year he had lost the use of both legs and his eyesight went completely, but he still would converse quite freely with folk. It interested us both to hear the Minister, who spoke very highly of the work Percy had done over the years, inform us how, when, as a Civil Servant in an important Government Department in London, Percy applied three times for permission to 'join up' during the Great War, only to be refused; and that on three occasions also, when walking down Whitehall, some ladies had tossed a 'white feather' at him. (This was a signal of disapproval of young men having stayed at home and not joined the Forces). As Percy was well-built and tall of stature one could understand the re-action of the ladies, who apologised sincerely when Percy at last went over and spoke to them as to why he was still at home.

Whilst we have all lost a very good friend those who came in contact with Percy were enriched for having had the privilege of his friendship in which his keen sense of humour shone through. Frazer Finley.

(PS. He told me about the people who thought he should be in uniform. One was a Lieutenant Colonel who lived opposite to him. He, too, apologised when told the reason. Ed)

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

|           |                |          |              |
|-----------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| Explorers | 5 to 8 years   | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15 pm |
| Juniors   | 8 to 11 years  |          | 6 to 7.45 pm |
| Seniors   | 11 to 14 years |          | 6 to 8.30 pm |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards.    |          | 6 to 9.30 pm |

Officers:- Captain Mrs. J. Webb  
 Lieutenants Mrs. B. Brunton  
 Mrs. A. Baldwin  
 Mrs. M. Craghill  
 Miss D. Elliott  
 Miss J. Gardner

By the time you read this our holiday in France will be over and we shall be in the midst of last minute preparations for Bournemouth. We are going to Westcliff Baptist Church, Poole Road, Bournemouth from August 11th to 18th, and we Parade at Morning Service on August 12th.

After our return there will be just time for Officers to enjoy a couple of weeks 'off duty' before making plans for our new Session starting on September 11th.

We shall not be holding another Jumble Sale this year. The last one caused a lot of stress and I was very poorly afterwards. Instead we shall start off with an Open Evening and Table Sale. Anyone wishing to join us for this event is welcome. If you wish to book a table please 'phone me after August 25th. £1.00 for a table, and not more than two people sharing it.

Look for the postman between August 11th and 18th!  
 Blessings and love,

Jean Webb. Captain.

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BEANO CLUB CAMPERS WANTED!!

The recent camp organised by us was so enjoyable that we would like to invite anyone interested to another camp on the week-end of August 21st to September 2nd 1990. Cost per tent approx £11. Camp within half an hour's drive (from where?) Please come and enjoy a great time together at the campsite at Southwater, near Horsham. (0403 730218). Excellent facilities prevail. It will be a great week-end and even better if you feel you could join us. Please put your name on the list in the Church vestibule and someone will contact you with further details. Please decide soon.  
 Julian K. Brewer

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Warmest congratulations to the Minister and Mrs. Connelly on the birth on July 2nd of their third, respectively, grandsons - THOMAS AND SAMUEL .

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.

New Members:-

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| 1   | * | FAULKNER  | Mrs. G.        | 4 Doone End. Ferring. | 45125  |
| 3b  | * | JONES     | Mrs. J.        | 1 Mulberry Gardens.   | 501085 |
| 11a | * | BLACKFORD | Mr. & Mrs. A.  | 9 Grenville Close.    | 502821 |
| 14a | * | CRAGHILL  | Miss Nicola J. | 1 Vale Ave. Findon.   | 873806 |

INDUCTION OF A MINISTER.

During June I visited friends in Knebworth for a short holiday. They had recently twinned with Chatelaillan-Plage in Normandy. I called on Dulcie Jenkins' friends John & Nellie Borne and he took me to the U.R.C. the next day (Sunday) for their morning Service. I had a very happy joyous welcome there with 30 or so Members. There was no Mission Praise, but the hymns were all familiar in Congregational Hymn Book; the address was short and pleasant. I signed the visitors' book and added 'Goring U.R.C. sends greetings' I also left a Chronicle with John and Nellie.

They have been without a Minister for two years but can you imagine my surprise when I read in their News Sheet that a Minister was to be inducted on August 28th next - a Rev. David R. Viles, from Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley, London. N.12. He was coming, with his wife Josie and daughter Lydia, to the Manse at 39 Oakfield Avenue, Knebworth. I used to live in Finchley and know Ravensdale Avenue very well. It is also within easy walking distance of Friern Barnet where I started my married life, from 1952 to 1963. What a small world it is we live in!

Can we spare a thought for Rev. David R. Viles when he is inducted as their Minister on August 28th? I am sending him a copy of this Chronicle. Les M.

A VERSE FROM A FAVOURITE HYMN.

Light of the world, for ever, ever shining,  
 There is no change in Thee;  
 True light of life, all joy and health enshrining,  
 Thou canst not fade nor flee.

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BIBLE SOCIETY.

People need the Bible

Speaking to 'Word in Action' from Romania, Pastor Petru Dugulescu said that the Bible would give a new meaning of life for our nation, and that many copies are needed.

He said that to him the Bible is everything. It is the bread of life 'my light, my hope.' Many people now need the Bible. After 45 years of Communism - oppression, people are very hungry and thirsty for truth.

'We need a lot of Bibles because now we can go freely on the streets to preach the gospel. Many people are coming to the church, and receiving the Lord, but they do not have Bibles.' The Bible Society has now launched an £80,000 emergency appeal to meet this demand towards the £5,000,000 world wide appeal to meet the needs for this year alone.

ADVERT.

Anyone selling an AMSTRAD PCW 8512 or 8256, or a BBC computer MASTER MOD B MOD A and associated equipment?  
 Try Fadeal Services 2 South Street, Tarring or  
 DATA Chips Rugby Road (Where Ed bought his Amstrad)  
 Mr.C.D.Hinton c/o 65 South St. Tarring is enquiring.  
 Please contact him or I can pass messages to him. Ed.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE CHRONICLE.

There are now a number of APRIL and MAY Chronicles for sale in the vestibule. These were the months when they ran out early and people were asking for them.  
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JUBILEE.

Jubilee we celebrate,  
Praises to our God so great,  
Christians here in earlier years,  
Put aside their doubts and fears,  
Established then this house of prayer,  
Built its roof so high and fair  
With Cross raised up to proclaim  
The power of our Jesus' name,  
It reaches out to you and me,  
To give us peace and set us free.

Thank you Father for this place  
Thank you for fifty years of grace.  
Bobby Hitchin.

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THE JUBILEE CENTRE. CAMBRIDGE.

The Jubilee Centre is planning to set up the first ever Christian Think Tank, possibly the only one in this country, to make sure that from now on, issues of major importance going through Parliament will be evaluated from a biblical perspective, and that Christian thinking will be fed into national debate.

Time is pressing on, however. If the unit is to be operational in September 1990, in time for the State Opening of Parliament, plans have to be set in motion now. Urgent funds are needed at once if the Group is to begin work on time. Donations from committed supporters have already been pledged, but additional funds must be found immediately. Please consider sending your gift straight away to make sure that this work can start this year.

The Policy Analysis Group will be a Christian voice not only to Members of the Houses of Commons and Lords, but also to the whole nation. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support to this special initiative.

With warm thanks - Dr. Michael Schluter, Director.  
The Jubilee Centre, 3 Hooper Street, Cambridge. CB1 2NZ.  
(Extracts from print-out)  
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THE WINDERMERE CENTRE COURSES.

Monday 17th September to Thursday 20th September.  
An introduction to The New Hymn Book. Course cost £60.00  
For further details please contact Rev. Graham Cook.  
Windermere Centre, Lake Road, Windermere. LA23 2BY.

### PLANS FOR ONE WORLD WEEK.

One World Week this Autumn especially invites the young, and the young at heart, to 'SPEAK UP FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD' on such vital issues as Human Rights, Peace, Care of the Earth.

Many Churches will prayerfully consider a Christian vision of how the world should be, and will encourage people to 'Speak Up' as prophets of warning and of hope. Now is the time to consider how the theme can be brought into meetings, events, and Worship, in or around the time of One World Week, which is OCTOBER 20th to 28th inclusive (9 days). There are ideas for Sunday Schools and youth organisations to use, to enable them to contribute to special events.

Among many events being planned are :-

Friday Oct 19 8pm. ONE WORLD VIGIL at St. Mary of the Angels, with prayer, drama, videos, art and contributions from Youth Organisations. It may be planned to continue overnight!! Contact Breda Raleigh 39816

Saturday Oct 20 10am TOMORROW'S WORLD FAIR at Shelley Road United Reformed Church - with stalls from agencies working for a better world, and an open stage for brief performances by children, songs, sketches, displays of posters. Offers to perform or requests for ideas to Gill Ashley-Smith 32452.

Sunday Oct 21 6pm UNITED NATIONS SERVICE at St. Mary's - Goring. Details from Patience Fetherston 42088.

Thursday Oct 25 7.30pm THE MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT will speak in Brighton on 'Investing in Tomorrow's World' Ticket and briefing pack £1.50 from :- Tomorrow's World, DSR. Church House, 9 Brunswick Sq. Hove. BN3 1EN.

You will be welcomed at a ONE WORLD PLANNING MEETING at Shelley Road United Reformed Church at 8 pm on Wednesday September 5th. Ron Christopher.

(Only a very few of those attending Goring URC on July 5th were young people. Many more are needed. Ed)

'ONE WORLD WEEK'.

Books are available to purchase from:-

Gill Ashley-Smith at 3 Woodmancote Road, Worthing. (twixt Nutbourne & Gaisford Roads L15 on local map) Tel. 32542.

1990 Action Guide 'Speak Up' 50 pence.

Handbook 'We could do that' £ 3.50

Multicoloured balloon poster 50 pence

Read Psalm 49 verses 1 to 3. Page 565 Good News Bible.

### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Chairman - Robin Bradley. Secretary - 'Bobby' Hitchin  
Treasurer - Betty Razzell. Committee - Daphne Eames,  
Mary Luckin Doreen Norris.

A full report of the retiring Secretary Mary Monninger and the A.G.M. held in Cornwall Room July 16th will appear in September Chronicle. Ed.



JUBILEE

AUGUST 5th SUNDAY. Today, 50 years ago, our Church held its first Services.

SEPTEMBER 20 to 23. THURSDAY TO SUNDAY.

A team of Church Members will read the whole of the Holy Bible non-stop.

SEPTEMBER 29th SATURDAY 6.30 pm Jubilee Harvest Buffet Supper

7.30pm Mr. R. Colbourn. B.A. (Mus) Organist, musicians and soloists from Durrington High School.

SEPTEMBER 30th SUNDAY HARVEST FESTIVAL. 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship. 6.30 pm See Welcome.

OCTOBER 23rd TUESDAY Girls' Brigade supper for Serving Elders

DECEMBER 2nd SUNDAY. 8am Holy Communion. 11 am. Service of rededication for Church Members and adherents. Holy Communion. 6.30 pm See Welcome.

Commemorative Mugs may be purchased now £1.30 each for Pottery, or 4 for £5.00, and £2.00 each for China. Also Commemorative Pens at 25 pence for white Trend and 40 pence for black Royale.

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LADIES MOVEMENT WORKSHOP.

Ladies of all ages are warmly invited to attend the first Ladies Movement Workshop on OCTOBER 15th from 8pm to 9.30 pm in the Main Church Hall.

Please come suitably dressed as all will be participating during the evening. Jane Archer.

ONE WORLD WEEK IDEAS MEETING JULY 5TH.

I am afraid we had no great enthusiasm for this meeting when Dulcie and I arrived at the Church Hall. It was nice, after a time, to see friendly faces in the kitchen, and one or two in the hall.

I had 5 pence on me (I found it unexpectedly in a pocket of my coat) but I needed pounds - to buy booklets and leaflets telling me about One World Week. We had expected a Speaker to tell us of Ideas, but there wasn't one.

We were put into three groups to discuss the Theme and I was the only male in a group of 8 women, the youngest was at least 30. (Where were the young people?) They talked about Refugees. Arms sold to poor nations and then they had no money to buy food. We supplied the food and the poor nations had to pay high interest rates on the loans needed to pay for it. Recycling commodities. Paper in Council receptacles. Breast feeding. Changing soap powder. I was ignored when they spoke about the soap powder, so I had to say loudly that I hadn't changed mine for the past three years. I was still ignored. Of course, I kept quiet about breast feeding. They said there would be music and drama for publicising One World Week.

Various functions have been arranged and they will appear in The Chronicle gradually. The first one is not until September 5th.

I wonder if Dulcie will come with me to that? Ed.

FROM 'SAY ONE FOR ME' BY TONY BURNHAM.

Mighty God, we praise you that in every age you call girls and women, boys and men to stand up for what is right.

We pray for all those who are struggling today against the giants and powers of evil: arm them with your weapons of righteousness.

To those striving to overcome some stubborn illness of body and mind, give endurance.

To those struggling with the temptation to surrender to evil, give purity.

To those opposing the injustice of all exploiters, give knowledge.

To those contending with the opposition of loved ones, give patience.

To those wrestling with the gracelessness of the hard-to-like, give kindness.

To those arguing with the state over human rights, may the Holy Spirit give words.

To those fighting the battles of faith against the clever, give genuine love.

To those engaging in controversy in politics or the media, give truthful speech.

And to all who challenge hostile forces in your name, give power.

Mighty God, we pray with confidence for not only were you with David facing Goliath, and with Paul in afflictions and hardships, but also with Jesus, helpless on the cross. Against him all the powers of evil raged yet, in your power, he triumphed.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAISE YOU.

WORTHING NEEDS A LIGHTHOUSE!!

That was the clarion call of Rev. David Marrow of St. George's Church, East Worthing at a Service of Christian Witness at Beach House Grounds on Sunday afternoon June 24th. The Service was part of the Worthing Borough Centenary Celebrations attended by His Worship the Mayor.

Worthing resounded to the march of many Christians of all denominations, commencing at the Assembly Hall car park to Beach House Grounds, headed by the Salvation Army band. Awaiting them was a very large congregation from Churches throughout Worthing and district who had gathered to Worship in Praise, Song and Dance, led by the Salvation Army band and massed choirs. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Roy Parkington of St. Columba's United Reformed Church, President of the Worthing and District Council of Churches.

The Rev. David Marrow in his address repeated the challenge - **WORTHING NEEDS A LIGHTHOUSE THAT SHINES FOR JESUS CHRIST!** That Lighthouse needs no planning permission. It's Authority is given by Jesus Christ. Therefore, he declared - **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN WORTHING.**

That light shone very brightly that Sunday afternoon.

Ella G. Robertson.

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RECENT VISIT OF NEW U.K. GHANAIAN CHAPLAIN.

Derrick and Phyllis Dzandu-Hedidor visited us on June 23rd to 24th and Derrick took an active part in both morning and evening Services in our Church. They said they were astounded and pleased at the warmth of the welcome given to them and the lively worship that greeted them here. Compared to the small congregations with few children and young people which Derrick is used to in London, ours was a crowd. May we long be a 'crowd' in Goring U.R.C.

At the morning Service Derrick preached on the importance of our being ambassadors for Christ and each one of us should be sharing the good news of the Gospel with other people.

At the evening Service he wore his national costume and spoke about his work as Ghanaian Chaplain, particularly amongst the many students and families in London. It was sad to hear of racial prejudice and that some Ghanaians had lost the joy of their faith as they encountered unwelcoming or spiritually dead Churches.

A sincere thank you is due to our catering staff for all their efforts in providing lunch in the Hall after the morning Service for representatives from all the Church organisations. Following lunch Derrick spoke about his life in Ghana and his ten years in the Ministry.

Having learned that they were expecting their first baby in September the Church presented them with some gifts to greet the new arrival, which both surprised and delighted them. Phyllis is a dress designer.

Their stay with Irene and Richard Tuley was greatly appreciated. Their love and consideration warmed the hearts of the visitors. We, too, thank their hosts for taking on this role. After all, they were our ambassadors.

Editor.

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HEY! YOUNGSTERS! This Chronicle is for you, too.  
 Speak now and never hold your peace. Youth should be seen and heard at Goring United Reformed Church. There is a pressing need for 'Ladybird' books for school use in Africa. Young people responded wonderfully to CWM's last appeal. Our next collection is set for Sunday October 7th. LM.

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TEATIME WITH 'BOBBY' HITCHIN.

This is an early reminder that on September 5th from 2.30 to 4.30 we are holding a Garden Party at her Home - 12 West Park Lane, Worthing. Our target is at least £100. We hope to be able to send this amount to our Christian friends at St. Thomas' Church, Bangladesh, where they are still trying to re-build their village. This was almost totally destroyed by flooding in the Autumn of 1988.

Tickets, at 50 pence each, will be limited to 50, and will be available from committee members nearer the day. Donations of cakes, preserves, plants, bric-a-brac etc., will be thankfully welcomed near or on the day.

World Mission Committee.

B I E N T O T - WHAT IS IT?

It is a quarterly Gospel paper sent world wide.

At the Bientot Office, loaned by the Worthing Tabernacle, meet Will Freeman who tells us :- Part of my job is making sure that folk who want more Bientot get them. Details from all letters coming into the office are recorded in our card index. I see that all new readers are taken care of by new or expanding 'sending' groups. We have to prepare about 1,400 address labels and wrappers for parcels to be sent to overseas distributors and sending groups in Britain, and we are continually updating our lists. Our wall charts show responses from 50 different countries. Some have found the Lord, or are going on with Him: some think we are a marriage bureau or employment agency. We had five critical letters out of 8,826 last year, but the majority tell of positive help received through the paper or our correspondents.

Lubanzadio Menakuntulu Zaire. I was born in a country village, in a Christian family. At the age of 9 my father died. I was persuaded to join a gang and we danced and pleased ourselves. In my first year away at college the Lord stirred my conscience to go to Church. During the service I knew I was lost. The Pastor read Romans 6 v 23. I left, feeling that I belonged to the devil. Later I joined a choral group - the following year I was baptised. I talked to my friends about the Lord - they left me. My faith was strengthened by reading a copy of Bientot given me by a friend.

Other letters of a similar nature were received from Kouassi Kouadio Daniel - Ivory Coast, Ngoma Sudikila - Zaire, and many many more. All were helped by Bientot.

Copies of Bientot go to France, Belgium, Switzerland and the French speaking areas of Canada.

Large single sheets of Bientot go to all other French speaking countries - Africa and islands in Pacific and Indian Oceans, etc. More about this next month.

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THE HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE is still anxious to purchase eight folding tables to replace the 11 stacking tables in the Church Hall. The stacking tables are heavy and very unwieldy to move about, and we are hoping to buy TWO large and SIX small folding tables to give us about the same surface area. Cost of a large table is £47.92 plus VAT. Cost of a small table is £38.62 plus VAT.

The Boys' Brigade cannot afford to purchase all Eight tables, and we would appreciate gifts from other Organisations or Members to help in raising the necessary funds.  
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### ECHO AROUND THE WORLD.

Here at Echo, (Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey.) as we look back on nearly 25 years of creation and growth, the challenges have never been greater. Despite years of unrelenting effort many hundreds of thousands still suffer because of medical deprivation. Fine Christian hospitals struggle to survive with dwindling funds and the growing medical demands created by the AIDS pandemic. Still far too many children fail to reach their 5th birthday, victims of malnutrition and of so many of the infant killer diseases from which vaccination programmes have spared our loved ones. How can we ever be complacent when approximately 45 million (45,000,000) people die each year from malnutrition and medical deprivation?

Yet we do not face the 90's with despair. Many good and positive things have been achieved - vaccination programmes are under way in many countries. Primary Health Care programmes launched some years ago with Western funds are beginning to improve standards of health and hygiene. Health matters are assuming a higher priority in the budgets of many countries.

There is heightened awareness of World problems created by the media coverage. Yet all too often the media obsession with disaster creates distortions which numb the senses and, even worse, may sometimes create a feeling of helplessness in the face of overwhelming problems.

Whilst not minimising the problems that exist, we shall seek in the months ahead to keep you informed on the more positive aspects of World aid generally and ECHO's role in this programme in particular. We hope to be able to demonstrate how, in God's strength, and with the continuing help of our loyal band of supporters, we can play a vital part in helping to reduce the toll of world misery.

To quote Confucius 'It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness'. Let us all be encouraged by these words and together light a few dark corners in the years ahead.

### ECHO'S FUND RAISING RESULTS FOR 1989.

In 1989, as a result of your generosity, we raised the magnificent sum of £167,000. This has been allocated either directly into Funds nominated by the donors, or has been earmarked through our General Fund to meet the needs of the various direct aid funds we have set up in recent months. For 1990 we have set a fund raising target of £225,000 to meet the growing needs of our sponsorship programmes. Thank you all for a magnificent effort in 1989 and we look forward to your continuing support in the year ahead.

You may be interested to know that in the luggage of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, when she travelled to Ecuador last August, was a Microhaematocrit Centrifuge and Reader, supplied by ECHO, for her present to the Clinica La Dolorosa. This was arranged at the request of the Vice Consul.

William Davies. Echo's Chief Executive.

ECHO - HELPING TO SERVE.

Romania:- Once again we ended the year providing emergency supplies for a major disaster. Last year it was for the Armenia earthquake - this year for the civil war in Romania.

We began to receive emergency requests for Romania and these occupied ECHO's emergency team well into the Christmas holidays. The largest consignment was 25 tonnes of medical supplies for the British Red Cross which flew on Christmas Eve.

Many new charities and groups have emerged to serve the Romania crisis and to date nearly 100 separate consignments of drugs and equipment have been sent to meet the appalling shortages and deprivations which are emerging on an almost daily basis.

ECHO has no expensive publicity machine. We rely heavily on our friends telling others about our work. If you want to directly support mission and charity hospitals overseas, or you want to tell other people who may want to give, the following summary of ECHO Service might be helpful to you:-

Echo is a unique supply charity. No other organisation has the range, diversity, follow-up and service capability of ECHO.

Many hospitals supplied by ECHO are in a situation of increasing poverty. They are less able to buy even low-priced goods than they were five years ago. ECHO is committed to continuing their essential supply.

ECHO has the contacts and expertise to ensure that funds are very accurately used for the purpose (specific country or hospital or subsidy) named by the donor.

ECHO is targetting an urgent medical missionary need (supply to unsupported rural mission hospitals) which is not the priority of any other agency.

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THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN.

Women are at the very heart of developing countries' economics. They spend their days in endless hours of back-breaking labour to provide food, water, fuel and housing for their families, and to generate income for basic household needs.

Yet women's vital contributions to their societies are often ignored by economic planners.

As a result they are given limited access to the technologies, training and credit which could ease their workload and increase their productivity.

UNIFEM provides technical and financial assistance to poor women in less developed countries who are outside the reach of mainstream development agencies.

Recognizing the value of their work UNIFEM seeks to make it more productive by providing labour-saving technologies, training and credit to enhance their roles as farmers, entrepreneurs, managers and technicians. This, in turn, improves the well-being of their families and societies.

UNIFEM is funded solely by voluntary contributions - from governments, non-governmental groups and individuals world-wide.

We invite you to join us in the challenge of helping women help themselves.

UNIFEM was created in 1976 by the United Nations General Assembly. It was first called The Voluntary Fund for the UN Decade for Women. Renamed the UN Development Fund for Women in 1985 it works in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme. (UNDP)

UNIFEM has two primary objectives: - to provide direct financial and technical support to women involved in co-operative activities, food production, fuel and water supply, health services, small businesses, management, and planning.

To ensure that the needs of both women and men receive consideration when large-scale assistance is given to developing countries - through involvement in programming and project design, monitoring and evaluation.

Since becoming operational in 1978 the Fund has made available 30,000,000 dollars to four hundred projects designed to assist rural and poor urban women in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Together, these projects have improved the well-being of thousands of women, their families and their communities.

You can help by publicizing the work of the Fund through individual contacts, organizational networks, meetings, newsletters, radio, television and news articles. Encourage elected representatives and the Government to support UNIFEM, raise funds through public events and private contributions. Persuade organizations to sponsor projects. Support your national committee.

Women are half the world's people  
 who do two-thirds of the world's work.  
 They earn a tenth of the world's income  
 and own a hundredth of the world's property.

90% of Africa's water is carried by women.  
 80% of Africa's food is grown by women.

United Nations comment

## C A M P

David Warwick stopped his heavily laden van at the five-bar gate and nodded his head towards the field. "Gate's shut" he exclaimed.

"So it is!" his wife Cecily said.

"I can't drive in with it shut, dear." He blew his cheeks out.

"No, I suppose not, although it wouldn't be the first time you had tried to." She got out of the cab and he called after her in an irritable voice.

"That was the year after we got married and you still have to remind me"

"Well, David, it cost me a hundred pounds for a new bumper and a radiator and I had to fit them." She rushed the gate open, let it go and it returned to its original position. He had to look away to laugh unseen and the dollop of mud caught him on his right ear.

"Ow!" he exclaimed looking round at her.

She was standing demurely holding the gate back as wide as it would go.

"Come on, dear. You have to put the gear lever in first. There's another lot in here already." She said as she regained her seat in the cab after he had driven into the field. "Your map shows it to be dry - no rivers, no lakes." She pointed down the hill.

David frowned and drove their vehicle to the high ground. "The map says it's dry." he growled.

"There's Chris and Julian Kaye, darling" Cecily exclaimed. "They've got bivouacs for two. We should have brought ours."

"Leaks like a sieve and you can see through it when we put the night light on."

"Bessie and Charlie Draw have got here before us as usual. Their tent is attached to their car," she said. "Where are you going to park, David? The Stewarts have got the best place - under those trees."

As they were getting out their hefty tent four more people arrived in the field, Richard and Ida Leyton in their Jaguar car and two strangers who introduced themselves as Debbie and Len Maine.

"We're the people in those other tents," Len said with a smile. "We've been here all the week. We're going home tomorrow. We had a cloudburst a couple of days ago and another yesterday. That's where the pond came from."

"We were under the trees," Debbie Maine said with a fixed smile. "It kept on raining over us although it had stopped elsewhere. Have you camped before?" she asked. She turned round to where the Leytons were putting up their tent and raised her eyebrows.

"They have "Lots of times " David and Cecily spoke together.

"You'll need to meet Isaac Vokes and tell him you are in here," Debbie said. "He's got some cows and a bull ready to come in here. Barnes Farm - in the village."

"They're in the next field," Julian Kaye called across to them. He pulled a tent peg out of the ground and his coat came with it. It had gone through the buttonhole. He said a few words through the bivouac wall and they heard his wife's apology. She came to the flaps, laughter and perspiration on her face. She saw them and waved. Cecily and Debbie waved back. The men ignored her.

"We come from Barking - URC," Len said. "Where are .....?"

"Goring" Cecily interrupted "URC, too. We belong to a camping club. My husband has left his two fire sticks at home so we have to use matches or a lighter to light the primus." She laughed uproariously with Debbie then stopped as her husband yelled out.

"Cecily!! Pass me the mallet. Please. I can't see a thing."

"You've got it inside out, David," she said sweetly. "The hole reinforcements go inside dear."



She tossed her head at the bystanders who included the Maines, Leytons, Stewarts, Draws, and six people from Barking URC who had not yet been introduced but had decided to come up and join in the fun.

David Warwick could see nothing except the outside wall of the tent which was inside with him. It was very warm where he was.

"One thing" he muttered to himself "if it rains now I shall keep dry"

When he emerged fourteen pairs of hands took hold of the tent and whipped it over and put it back over him the right way up.

"You've sent the poles up into the trees, Cecily" David spoke through the canvas "They were in with me, dear. The mallet was somewhere handy, too."

"Julian found the mallet, David," Cecily said "He will be having an extra egg for breakfast, I expect."

Christine Kaye returned the mallet. "Thanks for the loan of the mallet, Cecily, although ours is quite adequate for the job in hand. Julian tried to take evasive action but his foot had got caught under the edge of the tent. He's bathing the lump in hot water. Our matches are damp," she informed Cecily.

"Damp?" Bessie Draw queried. "It's not raining."

"Julian caught them with his sleeve and then put them on his head. Did you bring your fire-sticks, David?" she called through the canvas.

"Where is he, Cecily?" Bessie asked.

"That's him moving about in the tent," Alice Stewart told her.

"Pole's wrong way up, David," Dennis Stewart helpfully yelled at the mound.

The ladies covered their ears and the men smiled gently.

"Come and have a meal with us," Debbie invited them. "We've got enough for all of you. It'll save you unpacking straight away."

The Barking URC members drifted down to a square tent that had ten guy-ropes securely pegged into the ground. A chimney-stack stuck out of the roof. David and Cecily had just managed to erect their tent so they were more than pleased to accept this kind invitation.

Only the Leytons stayed put as they were well organised.

After the meal a game of rounders was suggested and everyone took part in it. Barking versus Goring. Ninety minutes later twenty people lay exhausted on the ground. The ball had disappeared fifteen minutes before but that did not stop them chasing each other about.

At seven o'clock the Goring tents were all organised and meals were busily being prepared and hurriedly eaten. At nine o'clock all was quiet in the camp. Some tents were lighted up; others dark.

It rained at midnight and stopped four hours later. The Stewarts' rain started at two o'clock and stopped at six-thirty.

Barking URC moved out of the field at ten o'clock as the Goring ladies walked down to Barnes Farm to meet Mr. Isaac Vokes and tell him they were camping in his field.

While they were away Julian informed his friends that they were Red Poll cattle in the next field. He said he knew about cattle so they believed him.

The ladies returned. Cecily was their spokeswoman. "Mr. Vokes kept talking about his Paul," she said. "They are coming in this field the day after tomorrow."

"We leave then," David said.

The day after tomorrow dawned and the slow process of packing up began. The men did most of it as the ladies had gone for free range eggs and fresh butter, and to pay for the use of the field.

The Leytons were the first to leave in their Jaguar. Next came the Draws. The Stewarts skidded in the churned-up mud right to the gate and eventually gained the road. The remaining ladies met on the site.

"He's on about this Paul again," Christine said.

"They are Red Polls, darling" Julian said, "We just calls them Pawl. He's a common countryman. Chews a straw and scratches his head all day, I shouldn't wonder. We'll go next, David." he said,

They just made it to the gate and on to the road as the cattle entered the field behind them. The Warwicks watched the animals approaching and David moved the vehicle slowly ahead of them. Isaac Vokes sat still on his tractor on the road, his tow-rope extended into the field. Julian stood with the hook in his hands waving and yelling at David. The van's speed increased slightly. As it came to Julian its wheels spun round. He attached the hook to the front axle, the cable drum turned and the van was hauled out to the road. Fortunately David and Cecily went with it. Julian slammed the gate and secured it, then stood off, panting.

"That's Red Paul, David" Cecily said in a slow drawl, "It's the bull. Julian's just shut the gate in time. We left the primus behind but I remembered the little bit of wire that keeps the jet clear."

David ignored her and put his foot hard down on the throttle.

Written by the editor and dedicated to THE BEANO CLUB.

Next camp date is August 31st to September 1st 1990.

They are gluttons for punishment, and no mistake.

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Contribution from the Chronicle editor. As you will know the Minister is on holiday in Los Angeles, USA, hence the Chronicle frontispiece. I have asked Ray Close to write page 1. I thought I would add my fourpence & put it on the last page. GREETINGS!! I recently went to a group fellowship meeting where we were asked to pray aloud, in pairs. Now, I found I could not do this. I envy people who can make up prayers & say them aloud to others. I envy them with admiration and love, I hasten to say. I prefer to bring the names of people to the Lord when I am on my own. Usually when I am making a Castle Pudding and 16 small cakes on Saturday afternoon, I make a list of the names I am to mention, and as I prepare the ingredients I speak the names out loud to the Lord. Dear Lord, I say, remember at this time Alan has had back trouble, Gill is awaiting hip operations, Olive's eyesight is failing, Ivy has lung cancer. I must remember to put in more flour this time & grease the foil cover. It might not stick then. Christopher - he is a spastic of 10, Jim has heart trouble, there is Ena and Ron, both recovering from eye operations. & Sessie, too, William & Mary Jo. There are so many, Lord. Did I put the sugar in? Yes. Water's nearly boiling. As soon as it is I'll put the oven on. Rosemary & Bernard are in Canada with the Llanelli Male Voice Choir. What lovely voices they have on my tape. Amanda & her new baby, my sisters, Dorothy & Ida, there's my nephew Philip & his uncle George. Goodness, I think the cakes are done already. Turkey roast in now.....Two & a half hours later I am replete. I forgot to mention Jean's need for a successor. I also forgot my touch of gout in my left big toe. I remembered that when I walked down & upstairs just now. I'm glad Mary & Stan enjoyed my Castle Pudding & apple puree. Stan should be 95 on August 11th despite my Castle Pudding. Dulcie was out and Elsie was asleep. I shall be asleep very soon, Lord. I know I shall be in safe hands. Thank you for listening to my ramblings. Amen.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1990

- 1st. WED. Bible Study 8pm 38 Trent Road.  
Home of Glen and Geoff Dean.
- 2nd. THU. A R K. Field Place. 10 to 11.30 am.  
7.30pm Church Hall - meet Revd. Andrew Prasad.
- 3rd. FRI. Girls' Brigade return from Normandy holiday.
- 4th. SAT. Torch meeting St. Columba's Church 2.30 pm.
- 5th. SUN. 8 am Holy Communion. 11am Divine Worship.  
Rev. Bob Murray of St. Andrew's Rustington.  
6.30pm ~~Rev.~~ John Sutcliffe. New Life Church. Goring
- 9th. THU. ARK for Mothers & Toddlers Field Place as above.  
Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30 am.
- 11th. SAT. Girls' Bde. Juns & Senrs to Bournemouth to 18th.
- 12th. SUN. 8 am Holy Communion. 11am Rev. John Flack.  
6.30pm Mrs. Helen Hawthorn. Durrington LEP.
- 13th. MON. Monday Evening Fellowship. 7.30 pm. Hall.
- 14th. TUE. Durrington High School Prayer Mtg. 2pm. Church.
- 15th. WED. Bible Study. 8pm. 38 Trent Road.  
Last day for September Chronicle material.
- 16th. THU. ARK Mothers and Toddlers Club. 10 to 11.30 am.  
Field Place.
- 17th. FRI. Choir practice 7.30 pm.
- 18th. SAT. Torch Trust Fellowship Mtg. 2.30pm Jubilee Hall,  
Greenland Rd. Durrington. Girls' Bde. return  
from Bournemouth holiday today.
- 19th. SUN. 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am. & 6.30 pm. Divine  
Worship 6.30pm. Rev. Edward Symmons from Andover.
- 23rd. THU. Ark 10 to 11.30am. Mothers & Toddlers under 5.  
Field Place. 7.30 pm Elders Meeting ?
- 24th. FRI. Choir Practice 7.30 pm.
- 26th. SUN. 8 am Holy Communion. 11am Divine Worship. Rev.  
Ron Christopher celebrating 50 years in the  
Ministry. 6.30 pm. Rev. Beryl Chatfield.
- 27th. MON. 7.30pm. Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room.
- 29th. WED. Missionary Prayer Meeting 10.30am Open to all.  
Bible Study 8pm 38 Trent Road.  
Home of Glen and Geoff Dean.
- 30th. THU. ARK 10 to 11.30 am. Field Place.
- 31st. FRI. Beano Club Camp - to September 2nd.  
The Minister resumes his Ministry with Weddings  
on Saturday September 1st - 3 pm and 4.15pm and  
Divine Worship on Sunday September 2nd.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

THE WINTER'S WORK.

"and now that Summer has ended and Autumn has arrived we begin the Winter's work"

How welcome these words were to those who, having missed meeting during the summer months, were glad to return to the routine of Guilds, Bazaars and Jumble Sales.

But we speak of the Church of long ago when spiritual vigour was less lively and when activities of a more general kind were the vogue. It must also be made clear that we do not speak of this Church, whose spiritual vigour has rejoiced many souls through the years.

At the same time, we cannot evade the question 'WHAT SHOULD BE OUR PRIMARY WORK THIS WINTER?' The heart of our work must surely radiate from Fellowship, Prayer, Discipleship and Bible-study Groups which will, in turn, have their inspiration from the faithful preaching of the Word and the gifts and grace received from the Church's Sacramental Life. The nearer we are to the WORD and SACRAMENTS the more certain we can be that our work will be blessed and honoured of GOD. Make your contribution here by your constant attendance upon the means of grace. Remember, too, that many people are afraid of the winter. This Church excels in pastoral care from Elders and Members .... may this work be continued, increased and so blessed in the coming months.

Perhaps it is typical of our thinking toward the winter's work when we find only ONE hymn specially for winter in Congregational Praise - and this in a country where winters can be long, hard and cold. It may be that the coming winter, unlike the past three years, will be a really hard one.

Read, then, the one hymn on winter in Congregational Praise, and you will make discoveries that will help THE WINTER'S WORK. It is No. 653 ..... and ends:

'O God! who giv's't the winter's cold,  
As well as summer's joyous rays,  
Us warmly in Thy love enfold,  
And keep us through life's wintry days.'

Samuel Longfellow 1819-92.

GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

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Thank you Bible Class for reading 'KEY TEXTS' so nicely on September 23rd.  
Thank you Debbie Russell for singing 'THY WORD' equally nicely on September 23rd, and for the accompaniment of Andrew Close.  
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"EUROVANGELISM" has produced a video tape entitled 'Miracle in Moscow' which runs for 15 minutes. If you would like to borrow this for a Church or House Group please let me know.  
Phyllis B. Wheeler, 24 Wellesley Avenue, Goring-by-Sea.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Saturday August 11th saw 22 girls, Captain, Dr. Webb, Lt. Brunton, Mrs. Hayden and myself (Lt. Craghill) off for a week's camp at West Cliff Baptist Church, Bournemouth. The journey soon over, we set-to, unpacked, blew-up air-beds, prepared a meal and generally made ourselves at home.

The Church folk made us feel really welcome at Church Parade on Sunday, especially as this was Captain's fourth camp there; and how nice it was later on in the week to be stopped whilst out to ask how our week was going and to be told how smart and polite our girls were!

It was a busy, fun-filled week. We saw the town's Carnival procession, had three visits to the glorious sandy beach. (arrived at with a beautiful walk through Alum Chine) in sunshine, wind & rain, but it did not matter, we all had fun swimming, paddling, burying each other in sand, making sand castles, racing on the sand. Just letting off steam!! We also had two birthdays. Thank you Elizabeth and Abigail for letting us share in your day.

Our 2 days out were Tuesday, with a trip on the ferry to Brownsea Island, where the peacocks were determined to share our picnic, and Thursday, with a most interesting visit to Poole Pottery where many crafts were being demonstrated, followed by lunch in a restaurant and a look around the centre, with an opportunity to buy gifts for our families and friends at home.

Mrs. Brunton took our Morning Prayer-time and Captain had us enthralled in the evening hearing the 'Woodland Gospels'.



We heard how Captain Beaky and his Band - Reckless Rat, Batty Bat, Artful Owl, Timid Toad and Hissing Sid spread the 'Good News' to the Woodland Folk.

We certainly had a good week with love shared amongst us and, we hope, the folk of Bournemouth.

Thank you Jean for all your hard work and preparation in making the week possible. Thank you also parents and friends for the Ice Cream money donated - the girls really enjoyed their treats.

We ask for your prayers, please, for the coming busy session. The Young Leaders training week-end is at Storrington - October 19th to 21st. As part of our contribution to the Jubilee the Brigaders have pleasure in preparing a Supper for the Elders on Tuesday October 23rd.

The Company will all be busy preparing for our Display at West Park School on DECEMBER 8th. Margaret Craghill.

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A letter to the editor:-

I can understand your disappointment at not receiving items relating to our Jubilee Week, but as we get older we say to ourselves 'I will do it tomorrow', That is where it ends. (I wonder what the youngsters say?) However, here I go.

Firstly, Gift Day. It was a joy to meet friends and hand in my Gift. We have not heard the final total.

Secondly, thank you, Dulcie, for showing us round Hayward House.

Thirdly, the two Sunday Church Services, with the flight of the balloons, one being found in France, will be greatly remembered. (Was this ever acknowledged?)

I think the Tapestry was admired by many and praise was given to Jean Marsh personally. Ena G. Hanson. (Miss)

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Oct 9th Torch Trust for the Blind -  
Miss Rosina Sharp. Collection taken  
Oct 23rd Anniversary Service Joined by  
the Men's Fellowship.  
Address by Rev. J. Flack.  
Soloist Mrs. E.W. Flack.

We had a wonderful opening meeting on September 11th with 48 Members present, several new members, 13 Members of the Men's Fellowship and our Minister back from holiday in very fine form. Our new President, Mrs. Joan Burrage gave us all a very warm welcome and we look forward to an extremely happy session.

At our Minister's request three hymns were sung. One, No. 410 in Congregational Praise, is not a hymn we often sing, but worth reading or using as a prayer. It is difficult to summarise such a helpful talk as our Minister gave us, so just one or two points which I am sure helped many.

The text 1 Timothy chapter 6 verse 6 (to 9?) 'There is great gain in godliness with contentment. There is a time in life to be liberated from life's daily routine of years. Waste wisely your days....forget the hurry....stand still, listen and meditate and do not be afraid to make your own decisions prayerfully with God. It is He who is in control.'

Grandparents who stand on the touchline of the family, gain the confidence of your grandchildren and they will come to you when in trouble when others may fail them.

Mr. John Blackwood thanked Mr. Connelly for his helpful talk and together we said The Grace.

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October will be another wonderful month. On October 9th we are very privileged to have Mrs. Rosina Sharp from the Torch Trust for the Blind as our Speaker. Last year she was in Africa to discover where help from Torch is needed most. Come and hear her. She is a great worker for Torch both at home and abroad.

October 23rd the Guild's Anniversary Service is open to you all when the Rev. J. Flack will be our Speaker and Mrs. E.W. Flack the soloist, both very loved people within our own Church. 2.45 pm in Church. E. Dearsley.

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CHURCH OF BANGLADESH CHILDREN'S HOME,  
Mission House, P.O. BOX 13,  
RAJSHAHI, BANGLADESH.

Letter from Mariam Baroi

4th September 1990

Dear Ethel,

I hope this letter will find you well. I arrived home safely. My mother is fine. My relatives are also very fine.

I had two weeks holiday and I enjoyed them very much at home. After my holidays I have visited the children's home where I worked before. All the children were happy to see me and I bought some pens to give to each of them in children's home. They were so glad to receive the little gift. I was two days there.

I have started my job in another children's home in another place in my country. I have come here on 18th August. Sixty children are living in this home.

Some of them have no parents but most of them do have parents but they are very poor and they cannot manage food and education. That is why these children are living in this home.

The Child Care Programme; West Germany is sending money through our Church to run this home for poor children. Our mother-tongue (language) is Bengali but most of the girls' mother-tongue is not Bengali. They have a different language which I cannot speak but they can speak Bengali which I can speak. In school they cannot use their language, they have to use our common and official language which is Bengali. Most of the girls are from our Tribal Community, that is why their language is different.

My Mother has gone to Dhaka, which is our capital, for a few days Bible study. On 25th September my Mother is coming to attend a Women's conference in Rajshahi where now I am staying. She told me that before I come back to my country she sent you a letter. Did you get any letter from my Mother?

How is your son and family? Please write to me at my new address, Mission House, P.O.BOX 13, Rajshahi, Bangladesh. I am enjoying my work in this Children's home as a hostel in charge.

Hope you are fine. Best wishes and love to you all.

Thank you. Mariam Baroi.  
Bangladesh.

OCTOBER 23rd TUESDAY Girls' Brigade  
supper for Serving Elders

DECEMBER 2nd SUNDAY.

8am Holy Communion.

11 am. Service of re-dedication for  
Church Members and adherents.

Holy Communion. 6.30 pm See Welcome.

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Commemorative Mugs may be purchased,  
£1.30 each for Pottery, or 4 for £5.00,  
and £2.00 each for China.

Also Commemorative Pens at  
25 pence for white Trend

40 pence for black Royale.

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LADIES MOVEMENT WORKSHOP.

Ladies of all ages are warmly  
invited to attend the first Ladies  
Movement Workshop on OCTOBER 15th from  
8.15pm to 9.30 pm in the Main Church Hall.

Please come suitably dressed as all will  
be participating during the evening.

Jane Archer. (TRACK-SUITS)

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A TEAR FUND AND TEARCRAFT Coffee  
Morning and Bring and Buy Sale is to be  
held (DV) in the Church Hall on Saturday  
3rd November 10.30 am to Noon,  
Cake and General Stalls.

Tearcraft goods for sale.  
Admission Adults 25 pence  
(including coffee and biscuits  
Children 10 pence  
(including squash and biscuits

ALL ARE WELCOME!!! P.B. WHEELER, .....

**PROVINCIAL DAY**  
**15th SEPTEMBER 1990 ROCHESTER.**

The weather was very good and we all started out on time in high spirits. Mr. Sidney Hider carried two boards illustrating our overseas connections with Bangladesh and Ghana Churches. These boards ultimately joined dozens of others on the left aisle of the Cathedral. It was very interesting to note that many Churches had made connections with European Churches, including the Waldensian Church, and others with different African Churches.

'Sandy' and 'Bobby' took it in turn to carry the Church Banner which was on view with others in the nave of Rochester Cathedral until the final Service when all the Banners were paraded up the centre aisle and out on to the green for the epilogue, as it were, in the vicinity of the Castle.

A small band played for the hymn singing, and the very large crowd of U.R.C. members joined in with gusto. It was really lovely to see so many representatives of the provincial Churches.

What a wonderful day it was and the organisation was extremely good, having regard to the parking problem for the coaches in the ancient Dickensian town of Rochester.

The Cathedral was packed when we arrived so, having deposited our boards, some of us decided to venture outside and view something of Rochester.

We ambled up the High Street, which is pedestrianised, and viewed some of the very old-style shops, selling teas and groceries, tobacco, etc.

At last we came to Crow Lane and the U.R. Church, passing the Baptist Church on the way. We could hear the rehearsal going on therein for 'Pharaoh to Freedom' which Fury Group were presenting later on.

At the U.R.C. we sat and viewed a video recording for about twenty minutes. It depicted many aspects of our Churches' life and was very interesting. This video can be obtained from Chichester U.R.C.

On display in the Hall were many photos and literature on various projects being covered in the U.R.C. The New Battle of Britain, as one heading indicated, Channel Tunnel Projects; and an excellent display of literature and hand-painted and printed features of work being undertaken by women in the Church generally. It was interesting to note that some of the items presented here in the vestibule had the hall-mark of items which were considered by us on a day-course at Goring for all Church Members some years ago; but it would seem that some Churches may have taken the project and adopted it, whereas we let it slide. It is gratifying to know that many Churches, in differing locations and with other problems, utilise sometimes similar tactics to produce results.

On returning to the Cathedral for the Closing Service, which again was filled to overflowing, we passed a young group who, using the theme of the day 'Great Expectations', were presenting a sketch at the side of the Cathedral and were assessing the problems of various types of people e.g. footballer, pop-singer, etc., hoping to get into heaven. It was

attracting quite a lot of attention and was being very well done by possibly the Fury Group.

We can only end by saying that the Members who did not fill the vacant seats on the coach missed a treat. Our sincere thanks go to Sheila Gooderham who had all the arrangements to contend with and it was a very pleasant journey and a most informative day.

F.F.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.  
AUTUMN PROGRAMME :-

Monday 8th October. 'All wrapped up' Mrs. Barret of the card shop Littlehampton will show us how to wrap that special present and give general tips and ideas on wrapping gifts of all shapes and sizes.

8 pm.

Monday 22nd October. Members evening 'Holiday Postcards'. Members are invited to deliver a holiday postcard in person and tell us about their summer holidays.

8 pm.

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KESTRO CLUB OCTOBER FIXTURES.

October 5th Bring and Buy Sale.

October 12th Talk by Miss Hider

"All in a day's work"

October 19th What's My Line?

October 26th Talk by Mr. Trevor Richards.

"The work of the Community  
Health Council."



### CALLING ALL LADIES!!

The C.P.A.S. (Church Pastoral Aid Society) Ministry Among Women is once again holding a Ladies' Day Conference in Worthing to which all Ladies of our Church are warmly invited - 20 of us enjoyed their last one in March!

The Theme is 'OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST', based on Galatians and the Speaker is to be Mrs. HELEN COOKE from London. It is to be held on FRIDAY October 12th at Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, from 9.30am to 2.30pm and the cost is £1.50 to include 'drinks', but please bring your own packed lunch. A creche will be provided. DO COME AND JOIN US ON THIS OCCASION!!! Irene Tuley.

### A DIARY OF THE BEANO CLUB CAMPING WEEK-END SOUTHWATER 31st AUG TO 2nd SEPT.

Friday Aug 31st. A hive of activity, everybody busy putting up their tents. The kettle happily boiling away to keep everyone refreshed with tea. Once the children were safely settled in bed the adults met in the communal tent for Trivial Pursuit - Men versus Women. After a very close hard-fought game the women were the winners.

Saturday September 1st. A lovely hot day. The morning spent mostly lazing about. Some of the more energetic amongst us played tennis. In the afternoon quite a few members of the camp went swimming in Horsham. Friends joined us late afternoon to enjoy a delicious barbecue. Some uninvited guests, wasps, stung a number of us. Hayley and Keith both needed a hospital visit, but were thankfully soon back enjoying the fun. Early evening we were all set to have a game of football but the start had to be delayed. A hot-air balloon was making an unexpected landing rather too quickly. Would it miss the trees? Would it land in our field? The children wondered if the balloon would crash! The skilful pilots managed to land their balloon safely in a field at the entrance to the camp site. Excitement over, the delayed football match was played and the men won. Before the children went

to bed we had a time of Worship, singing choruses and songs. Once the children were settled in bed it was time for the return game of Trivial Pursuit. After another exciting close game the result hung on the very last question. Sorry lads, the ladies won!

Sunday September 2nd. Before our Morning Worship the men played the children at football. Camped at the bottom of our field were the Girl Guides from Horsham URC and our young people challenged them to a game of Rounders and then Football. Our Morning Worship was led by Giles and Paul. The talk given by Paul based on Ezekiel Chapter 33. A time of blessing for each one of us. Lunch time we were joined by more friends and once again enjoyed a delicious barbecue. All too soon it was time to take down the tents and prepare for home. We had all enjoyed a very special time of fellowship. On behalf of everyone a very big thank-you to all those who organised the week-end. A very special thank-you to Pete and Sue for finding the site, and organising the games. We will be camping again next year and would love more people to come and join in. See you there!! Keith and Jenny Merritt.

#### ANOTHER REPORT OF THE SAME CAMP.

Those of you who did not come to the Beano camp missed something special, and those who did are still recovering. (wasp stings and all!) It was held in the tiny village of GURC. At least that is what the signposts indicated along the route, thanks to the Mitchell family - otherwise known as Southwater near Horsham. About 9 families plus other individuals pitched their tents or caravans in an extremely large field. On the run-up to the week-end most of us keenly watched every weather forecast and duly came fully prepared for rain and low temperatures (Oh ye of little faith!), but the Lord, instead, provided us with glorious sunshine for virtually the whole time. Wimbledon was extended into September this year as the one tennis court was booked by the Beano campers. The children enjoyed this as much as the adults, plus the games of football, etc. It was a joy to see all the children

getting on so well with each other; even the little ones played happily, sharing their toys. In fact the sense of sharing and loving-fellowship was felt by all. Evening entertainment on both nights was a game of Trivial Pursuit which the ladies won on both occasions. This turned out to be a hilarious event lasting into the small hours of the morning. (Sorry, Ray, keep Yvonne Goolagong for next time). Keith's Cafe provided us with constant refreshments but the main restaurant was in the middle of the circle of tents where all helped in the preparation of some delicious barbecues catering for over 50 people! The combined washing-up afterwards was another form of fellowship - for some wet fellowship, but all good fun. It was also good to have fellowship with those who came just for the day. We hope next time they will stay for the whole week-end. Morning Worship on Sunday was led by Giles and Paul. Enjoying prayer and praise in the open air did not detract at all from the sense of oneness in the Lord; after all, we know that it is the people who make up the Church, not the building. Sue Mitchell, once again, brought along her famous bag of goodies for the 'silly games' competition on the final day. Have you tried eating a long string of liquorice with your hands behind your back? We were not just out for a happy time, though. As well as helping us to become closer as brothers and sisters in God's family we pray that on these occasions the Holy Spirit will be at work in the hearts of those who are not part of that family. May He show them, through our love for each other and for our Lord and Saviour, that Jesus also loves them and wants them, too, to join in His Family. Ken and Sue Arkinstall. The editor makes no apology for entering both these reports in full. If people are willing to spare their time they will have them entered fully in the Chronicle. If only Jubilee Week had been so fully reported. Well done JENNY SUE KEITH & KEN.

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BEANO CLUB QUIZ THURSDAY OCTOBER 11th.

BOOK COLLECTION SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER.

The Christian Literature Crusade continue to send books to Africa for the use of Christian communities. We are mounting a book collection on the above date. Books should be brought to the Church vestibule and left in the cartons. They will be sent to C.L.C. for sorting and despatching to African schools for teaching English. Those not considered suitable will be sold to buy other books for use in Africa. C.W.M.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Oct 9th Rev. J.W. Richardson will tell us about life as a monk. At 2.45 pm.  
 Oct 23rd Joining with Women's Guild at their Anniversary Service 2.45pm.

Bangladesh Tea

'Bobby' Hitchin.

The World Mission Committee are grateful to all who supported this event. £150 was raised from various sources and is on its way to our friends in NITTYANANDAPUR via the Council for World Mission.

A special thank you to 'Bobby' and her helpers.

5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade were delighted with the response to their recent Bring & Buy & Table Sale. £86.00 was raised. Of this £50.00 has been added to their HORSE FOR THE DISABLED FUND. The total for the HORSE is now £635.00. Thank you to those who supported this particular evening. Jean Webb.

BIBLE READING IN GORING UNITED REFORMED  
CHURCH 19th to 23rd SEPTEMBER 1990.

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I returned home from Sidmouth on Saturday 22nd September. I had left there at 6.30am and arrived back at 10.40am. I tried to get some rest on two separate occasions without success. Now, at 11.30pm I thought I might oversleep and not wake up in time for me to do my stint at 3.30am so I dressed and went to our Church.

It was a blaze of light in the dark night - a haven! There were half a dozen people inside. Amanda immediately stood up and gave me her Bible, showed me where they were reading it. Some people left, others arrived, changes were made, then at 12.45am I was given the opportunity to read.

I was nervous - my second time in 4½ years to speak out loud in Church. I was privileged to read about the blind man receiving his sight and, wonder of wonders, the first person he saw was our Lord!

I read the Bible as though it was one of my stories. (My first one is now in the shops) It took shape and meaning. I was there. I was watching the miracle of a blind man receiving his sight.

I did not get to sleep until 3am. I had been awake for 22 hours!

I woke later at 6.10am - my usual time.

William started the first chapters of Genesis and Mary the last chapters of Revelation.

Perhaps we can FILL November Chronicle with our impressions of this stupendous event.  
Les Montford.

September Reform report:-

It is back to the serious stuff this month with a lengthy article on the new inter-Church bodies and ecumenism. Is it just an ideal or can it work? This is by Rev. Dr. Peter Morgan. We are also told of the moves for the Southern Africa Alliance of Reformed Churches and how the URC and other European Churches together with the USA are supporting them financially. Would we like them to succeed?

The Editor writes a sceptical article about the International Congress for the Family held recently in Brighton. Lesslie Newbigin continues in the series 'What Christians believe' with a study entitled "Worship - cleaning the mirror" saying that worship is the heart of the Christian's life.

I for one will be sorry to see 'Music in our Church' disappear. This is the last of the Organist's view of his Church and its music - this month he writes about why so few hymns are used.

Roger Tomes writes about God accepting us as we are - to make us different.

Many pictures and newsy items show the diverse ways the URC worships and plays.

The Free Church Federal Council also celebrates its Jubilee this year and its General Secretary writes for Reform.

Letters, reviews and interesting advertisements complete this issue.

Sheila Gooderham, Reform Distributor.

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A Christian Cracker :

! What did the Minister say to his ancient car?

May you rust in peace!!

### HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE.

Following the request for new folding tables (P18 August Chronicle), the Boys' Brigade have purchased two small tables. The House and Fabric Committee are still anxious to receive further gifts from organisations or members so that we can buy 2 large and 4 small folding tables. This will enable us to replace all the stacking tables in the Church Hall. Prices of individual tables vary between £40 and £55 approximately.

We have been considering planting extra shrubs in parts of the Church grounds and we shall be grateful to receive any donations from members. Shrubs can be planted to commemorate our Jubilee Year or a memorial plaque could be placed by a shrub. Please contact Mr. Don Stewart who will be happy to arrange the planting.

All offers of help for the folding tables or shrubs will be appreciated.

Colin Nodes, H & F Committee.

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### FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

As a result of studying God's Word and learning how the early disciples had fellowship together over meals the two ladies' discipleship groups which meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings decided to get together over Sunday lunch. On 16th September the two groups, with their families and their guests, numbering about 70, enjoyed a buffet lunch in the Church Hall. The large colourful spread soon disappeared with the aid of many young healthy appetites and the husbands became excellent dishwashers! A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed by all!

Jane, Jenny, Liz and Irene.

I was on holiday in Sidmouth. Ed.

ACTIVITIES NOT SHOWN ELSEWHERE.

House Fellowship Groups for members living in the same locality.

Discipleship Groups for new Christians and existing Church Members.

Discovery Groups for new Christians and enquirers.

HOUSE GROUPS, Rev. Wm. Connelly.

Mr. M.A. Donnelly, or Mr. W. Davis.

Prayer and Praise Alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm Little Chapel, Mrs. I. Tuley.

Fridays Prayer Group 6pm Little Chapel.

Rev. Wm. Connelly.

Junior Church Sundays at 11am.

Church Halls Mrs. C. Davis.

Creche Sundays at 11 am.

Harris Room, Mrs. M. Matthewson.

Flower Secretary Mrs. D. Turner.

For further details of any of these activities please contact the person whose name is shown above. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ARE GIVEN IN THE Church Handbook, or can be obtained from the Vestry. If any of the information shown on the list needs to be up-dated please advise Mr. M. Ebeling on Worthing 40448 and the Chronicle Editor.

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APPEAL. Anyone got an Amstrad PCW8512 or 8256, or a BBC computer Master Mod B Mod A and associated equipment they no longer require for their own needs and are willing to pass to a deserving cause?

Mr. C.D. Hinton of 65 South Street, Tarring is in the market for such an item of equipment.

Please contact him direct or send your answer through me. Editor.



CHRISTIAN AID's income rose by 11% in the financial year 1989/90 to a record £31,000,000.

Covenants, pay-roll giving, denominational appeals and general donations contributed £5,300,000, and the generous response to the emergency in Ethiopia added more than £1,200,000 in direct donations. Christian Aid also received more than £1,300,000 through the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ethiopia Appeal.

The rise in income enabled Christian Aid to step up its response to the needs of its partners, and a record £7,000,000 was spent in Ethiopia. Some £17,000,000 was spent on development projects including support for rubber tappers in Brazil, tree planting in Uganda, school building in Cambodia and rural health care in Bangladesh.

Nearly £2,500,000 was spend on education work in Britain and Ireland to help people to understand the root-causes of poverty and respond actively.

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#### SCHOOL PRAYER GROUPS.

The Durrington High School Prayer Group for Parents will be meeting in this Church on TUESDAY afternoons, 2pm until 2.45pm. OCTOBER 9th NOVEMBER 13th DECEMBER 10th.

Carole Davis.

The Sixth Form College Prayer Group for Parents and Staff will be meeting in this Church on TUESDAY evenings from 7.30pm until 8.30pm. OCTOBER 9th. NOVEMBER 20th.

Irene Tuley.

An Appreciation of John Matthewson.

It was very sad to hear the news that John Matthewson had died.

He was a fine gentleman, one with whom it was always a pleasure to converse.

Ena G. Hanson.

We have lost a friend.

In the short time I knew John I took him for a friend. I remember that when I joined G.U.R.C. in April 1987 he welcomed me with a firm handshake, a friendly word and a smile. Over the following years his welcome to me was the same. I admired him immensely and he will be greatly missed by me and everyone he came into contact with.

Remember, Mary, that when we greet you with words we are silently including your John. Your sense of loss may fade in time but the memory of a loved one never does.  
Les Montford.

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An appreciation to  
Eric Popplestone and Eric Bond  
re Handbook 1990-1991

Thank you Erics for the time and effort you have put in producing, printing and stapling the Handbook yet again. It is a mine of information and I know I am one of many who refer to it continually throughout the years. Chronicle Editor.

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ST. BARNABAS' HOSPICE.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

At Durrington Community Centre on  
Saturday December 1st. 2pm to 4.30 pm.

A SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 12th.

On October 12th at 7.30 pm in Methold House Professor Rosalyn HIGGINS, Q.C. will talk on her work as a Member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. She is an International Law Expert.

Please come and support this meeting which is sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of which the Church is a corporate member.

Coffee and biscuits will be served.

The speaker is our Member of Parliament's wife.

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BIBLE READING NOTES TO HELP NEW CHRISTIANS

I would like to recommend a booklet, especially to new Christians or those who may need a fresh start in reading the Bible.

'First Steps in the Christian Faith', a colour editorial for New Christians of the 'Everyday with Jesus' series cost One pound (£1). It is available from the Christian Book Centre in Chatsworth Road, or ask Ron Jordan to get it for you.

Having tried it myself recently it really gets to the heart of the matter for the New Christian or those who feel they need help and encouragement in living a blessed Christian Life, deepening their relationship with God.

I find daily reading of God's word a necessary discipline and I have come to love it. This booklet, by a man who has become his gift, a teacher, makes clear to me what God is saying.

Michael A. Donnelly.

PLANS FOR ONE WORLD WEEK.

One World Week in Worthing will begin on Fri evening 19th Oct with a Vigil, involve children at a Fair and continue through the week with a variety of Services, meetings and coffee mornings. Look out for posters with full details. It is an opportunity to visit other Churches during the week.

Among many events being planned are :-  
 Fri 19th Oct at 8pm onwards One World Vigil at St. Mary of the Angels, Richmond Road. Come for one hour or several. It is planned to have Taize songs, prayer, drama and participation by youth groups. Contact Breda Raleigh, 38916 for details.  
 Sat 20th Oct 10am to 3pm. Tomorrow's World Fair at Shelley Rd U.R.C. with stalls for Traidcraft, charities and action groups, and an open stage for brief sketches or songs by children's groups. Prize winning speeches from the One World Middle Schools competition. Contact Gill Ashley-Smith.  
 Sun 21st Oct 6pm Service of Prayers for the United Nations at St. Mary's Church of England Church, Goring. All welcome.  
 Thurs 25th Oct 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm. Coffee Morning with a display of children's work at the Friends' Meeting House, 34 Mill Road, Worthing.  
 Thurs 25th Oct 7.30pm The Minister for Overseas Development will speak in Brighton on 'Investing in Tomorrow's World'. Ticket and briefing pack £1.50 from :- Tomorrow's World, DBSR., Church House, 9 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EN.  
 Sat 27th Oct A Social Evening with development games is being planned by the Broadwater Parish. Phone Church office 823916 for information.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1990.

- 4th Thu. ARK 10 to 11.30 am Church Hall.
- 5th Fri. KESTRO CLUB 2pm Bring & Buy Sale  
Choir Practice 7.30pm.
- 6th Sat. Youth Club meets at Worthing Aquaren  
Bring packed lunch. 80 pence.  
Finish in Church Hall at 7 pm.
- 7th Sun. 8 am. Holy Communion.  
11am Divine Worship/Holy Communion  
6.30 pm See Welcome.  
Book Collection C.W.M.
- 8th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8pm
- 9th Tue. Women's Guild 2.45pm Meeting.  
Men's Fellowship 2.45pm Meeting  
Durrington High School Pryr Group.  
Service, Little Chapel 2-2.45pm.  
Sixth Form College Pryr Group Svce  
Little Chapel 7.30 to 8.30pm.
- 10th Wed Bible Study at 38 Trent Road. 8pm.
- 11th Thu The Ark 10 - 11.30, Church Hall.  
Monthly Prayer Meeting  
with Holy Communion 10.30am  
BEANO Club QUIZ open to all. 7.45pm
- 12th Fri Kestro 2pm. Choir Practice 7.30pm  
C.P.A.S. Ladies. Broadwater Baptist  
Church 9.30am to 2.30pm. See "C"  
Special United Nations Meeting at  
Methold House. 7.30pm Human Rights.
- 13th Sat Torch Mtg. St. Columba's URC 2.30pm  
Youth Club meets. Club night 7pm.
- 14th Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
11 am Parade Service.  
6.30 pm See Welcome.
- 15th Mon Ladies Movement Workshop Church Hl.  
8.15 to 9.30pm.
- 18th Thu Ark for Mothers & Toddlers. Church Hl  
10 - 11.30 am.  
Elders Meeting 7.30pm.

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| 19th | Fri | Kestro Club 2pm. Choir 7.30pm<br>One World Week VIGIL 8pm,<br>St. Mary of the Angels, Richmond Rd                                                                                                                     |
| 20th | Sat | One World Week to October 28th,<br>Tomorrow's World Fair, Shelley Rd, U<br>10am to 3pm, Stalls & action group<br>Youth Club meets, 7pm, Church Hall                                                                   |
| 21st | Sun | 8 am Holy Communion,<br>11am Divine Worship,<br>6.30pm Holy Communion/Healing Svce<br>O.W.W. Untd Svce, St. Mary's Gorin                                                                                              |
| 22nd | Mon | Monday Evening Fellowship 8pm                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 23rd | Tue | Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm<br>Anniversary Svce,<br>with Men's Fellowship in Church,<br>O.W.W. Shelley Rd, URC Open Fllwshp<br>Girls' Bde, Supper for Svg Elders<br>in Church Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm                   |
| 24th | Wed | Bible Study at 38 Trent Rd, 8pm.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25th | Thu | ARK, Mothers & Toddlers 10-11.30am<br>O.W.W. Friends Mtg, Hse, 34 Mill Rd<br>Coffee Morning 10 to 12, 2 to 4pm<br>O.W.W. Minister for Overseas Dev.<br>Brighton, Speaks at 7.30pm. See "C"<br>CHURCH MEETING 7.30 pm. |
| 26th | Fri | Kestro 2pm, Choir Practice 7.30                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 27th | Sat | Youth Club Meets, Video evening at<br>5 Salvington Hill,<br>O.W.W. Social evening planned,<br>Broadwater Parish, 823916 details.                                                                                      |
| 28th | Sun | 8am Holy Communion,<br>11am Divine Worship,<br>6.30 See Welcome                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31st | Wed | Monthly Missionary Prayer Mtg 10.30                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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