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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

JANUARY, 1977NO. 285FROM THE VESTRYI am the ALPHA and the OMEGA, the beginning and the end.

Rev. 21 v.6

You may well be afraid to gaze into the New Year if your vision and horizon are determined by your humanity with all its frailty and fear. The very words "Happy and Prosperous New Year" have an empty sound to all but the most optimistic among us.

Newspapers, almanacs, and those who profit from fortune telling will take their own glimpses into the future, and confusion will follow confusion as muddle-headed prophets foretell disasters by air land and sea - the marriages of the famously fatuous leaders of this world's fashion setters - or else disturb us with rumours of wars. It is an oddly godless irony that the steel of Christmas appears to be so easily blunted upon the hard heads of our contemporary society. But remember that the WORD of God is sharper than a two edged sword!

Begin the New Year with Christ who is beginning and end, and all things are possible. Accept that the Creator and Saviour Jesus Christ holds the key to past, present and future and all things are hopeful.

It is in the acceptance of such a Lord that I greet the New Year, and invite your dedication with mine to His holy service.

Blessings & Love,

William Connolly.

MARRIAGE

Martin Jeffrey Collier

Jane Street

3rd December

"Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne"

IN MEMORIAM

In thanksgiving to God for His grace so manifestly seen in the lives of these His servants we record the names of those who have passed to the fuller life.

Angus Macaiven Campbell	9th Nov. 1976
Irene Beatrice Turnbull	13th Nov. 1976
Maude Alexandra Searls	23rd Nov. 1976
Ruby Maud Humphrey	4th Dec. 1976

"In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light"

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Mrs. D. Sawtell has now moved to flat 7,
73 Richmond Road, Worthing.

A young man (20) requires accommodation as a paying guest. Enquiries should be addressed to the MINISTER.

On Sunday, 19th December two wrought iron flower holders given by Mr. & Mrs. R. Turton and Mrs. D.M. Turner were received and dedicated.

Our warm appreciation of our friends' generosity, and grateful thanks for all the good work that goes into floral displays week by week.

To all friends who may be ill we send our loving New Year Greetings. Please remember to telephone the MINISTER at 48259 in case of illness or need. This number rings both in the Manse and Vestry. Monday being the Minister's day off he is availably only when urgently requested. All other days he is in the Vestry from 9.00h - 12.30h. A telephone call for an appointment will help.

The New Year brings thoughts and hopes of renewal among the people of God. Within this hope we invite any who may now be considering membership of the Church to see the Minister.

Fifty people responded in some way to a similar invitation last year, and we rejoice in the resultant blessing and growth of the Church.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. C. Emery and Mr. & Mrs. F. Wills on achieving this signal milestone in their lives.

Celebrations for the Emerys were held at home and in a neighbouring hotel with many greetings being received. Their life has been one of great interest and happiness - and coloured by many adventures.

Francis and Gwen Wills celebrated in the Church Hall as well as at the Hotel and at home. The toast to them was proposed by the former Minister, the Rev. W. Hayward, to which Francis "briefly" replied. Had all been told - the achievements and blessings of the happy couple would have filled a book, and a best seller too!

It is a source of great joy to know that these friends all desire to give thanks to God for His grace and love over these many years. God Bless them all.

HANDBOOK NOTES

Apologies from the Editor to Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Tel: 43942 and to Mrs. L. Cox, Tel: 200919. Error occurred in the December issue.

* Mrs. S. Batchelor, 64 Willow Crescent, Worthing.

BIBLE VERSESBEGINNING

St. John's Gospel I vv. 1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life: and the life was the light of men.

Psalms III v.10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Revelation 22 vv. 13/14 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

A PARAPHRASE OF THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush. He makes me to pause and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of spirit, and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to do each day I will not fret, for His presence is here, His timelessness, His all-importance to keep me balanced. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely, harmony and usefulness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk at the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house for ever.

(contributed by
JEAN BOUGHTON)

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION

It was good to see so many of you during September. Our Greetings to you all and God Bless. Dorothy, John, Andrew, David, Timothy, and Stephen Muir.

OUR JOYFUL THANKS What a joy it was to meet on 9th December in our Church Hall, so many of our dear Church friends and representatives of our other local organisations, to celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The presence of our beloved Ministers: Wallis Hayward and Bill Connelly, with their wives, added great joy to our hearts.

We received well over 100 greetings cards and many lovely flowers and gifts, and as we cannot write to all, will readers please accept our most gracious thanks, including the gesture of one devoted couple who added to their greeting card "or would a 'double diamond' be more appropriate!"

Our Saturday evening Dinner with our family and grandchildren was a grand success, including our return home for coffee etc. We were so glad we were able to join the congregation on Sunday morning service on the 12th, to humbly bow our heads in Prayer and Worship to the Almighty for our many past and present blessings.

Sorry we can't write to you all,

GWEN AND FRANCIS WILLS

FROM GINGERBREAD Would you please thank the children of Junior Church for all the lovely toys they sent for our group children. We will distribute these at our children's Christmas Party on 1st January. There will be at least one new and one older toy for each of them.

I am sure our Committee, members and their children would like to join me in wishing you all a peaceful

Christmas and a joyous New Year. Thanking you all once again, yours very sincerely,

JEAN SHOREY

TO THOSE WHO WERE NOT THERE Well, you would have had a job to get in. Why? Because the Church Hall was filled to capacity in early December with most of our young people and some of us older ones who had come to join in with their evening of Drama, Music and Comedy. The Band played, the people sang. The drama was tough, but through it came Christian witness. "Some mothers do 'ave 'em"! Well, he was there, so be on your guard when you need household repairs! We liked it all..... good work Youth Group.

LIONEL AND TRUDIE KNIGHT

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FOURTH OF DECEMBER? "Worthing is full of young people!" Well, ~~may~~ not full, but one might have been excused for thinking so on 4th December, when our Church Hall was packed to enjoy "an evening of drama, music and comedy" presented by Goring U.R.C. Youth Group. If you weren't one of the audience or participants you missed a very happy evening. Energetic youngsters made a quick response to Chris Byerley's "games", producing miscellaneous items, drawing song titles, acting nursery rhymes (we all joined in). For me the evening's highlight was a raising performance on bugle and drums from our Boys' Brigade band, but there was much more to come ... guitars on stage, Judy, Valerie, Katie had us singing along with them; tea and coffee were served and followed by a fine display of talent. There was Malcolm compèring "Top of the Pops" - plenty of music, some attractive young ladies doing a splendid routine under coloured lights to a top pop tune, and some hilarious - if not so attractive - young "ladies" (alias Mike, John & Dave) dancing in their own way. Frank Spencer, a character made famous by Michael Crawford, had us all laughing (was it really Colin Easey?); 'David Frost' and a spine-chilling interview with Count Dracula; a lazy team on patrol under Mike, the patient sergeant-major; more verses from vocalists and guitarists; and a hush seemed to fall as we watched the scene in the Christian coffee bar, as sane things came in to break things up, and we saw one lad return to say he was sorry, and hear the good

news of a different way of life with Jesus Christ. To our young people, we say "well done!" and thank you.

JEAN BOUGHTON

UNITY NEWS

Some excerpts from the Worthing & District Council of Churches November issue:

Drivers urgently needed for the Sunday morning ambulance provided by Worthing Council of Social Service, which brings handicapped people to Church services on Sundays. Duties average once in every 5 or 6 Sundays. No special driving test is required (apart from possession of a driving licence), and the ambulance is easy to drive. If you can help, will you please contact your minister.

CONTACT - Christian representatives in each road. We hope eventually that every road, or large block of flats, or housing unit will have a Christian caring person representing the group of local Churches. The CONTACT representatives will contact new arrivals in the neighbourhood, if possible on the day they move in, with a joint invitation to local church services. From this initial contact it is hoped that a caring relationship will be built up, so that each CONTACT representative will eventually represent the caring concern of the local churches, particularly for people who are lonely, or in need, or trouble. The CONTACT scheme will be officially launched at the Annual Service of Unity on 19th January. If you are interested in helping in the CONTACT scheme, please speak to the Minister.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: WEDNESDAY, 19th January at 7.30 p.m. Shelley Road United Reformed Church, Worthing. Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Huxtable (Secretary, Churches Unity Commission). COME '76 Mission Choir will lead the singing. (All members of the COME '76 Choir specially invited to book this date now.)

THE VOICE OF PROGRESS

Imagine not being able to read this, or for that matter any newspaper or magazine. This is a situation the blind face, and consequently they are deprived of much of the news that we take for granted in our local newspapers. They cannot see, but they can of course hear. True, there's such a thing as Local Radio for them to listen to, but it does not keep them as well informed about their immediate neighbourhood as would a local newspaper. The "Voice of Progress" is an attempt to fill this gap, by supplying them fortnightly with 90 minutes of local news, views and comment recorded on cassette tapes. Every other Wednesday these "talking newspapers" drop through their letter boxes. Side One of each cassette consists of news cuttings taken from the local press read by a team of volunteer newsreaders. Side Two is more of a magazine, and usually incorporates at least one celebrity interview. Harold Macmillan, Patrick Moore and Pam Ayres are just three of the many V.I.P.s who have been heard on the "Voice of Progress" - and the Prime Minister has agreed to talk to us at some future date.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Littlehampton, the "Voice of Progress" has been supplying the Littlehampton blind folk with a talking newspaper since the Spring of 1976. Now with the support of West Worthing Rotary Club, efforts are being made to extend the service to the Worthing area. It works like this: If a blind person expresses a desire to receive the service he/she is supplied with a cassette tape player on free loan and instructed how to use it. Then, every fortnight a tape will be sent through the post in a yellow plastic sachet. To receive the next tape, all the recipient has to do is to return the tape to us through the post - post free! All costs of the tapes and machines are borne by the "Voice of Progress" which is a registered charity. (Donations welcome - send to the address below).

If you have a blind friend or relation living in the Worthing area who you think would be interested in receiving our Talking Newspaper (and has not received one of our circulars), please ask them to contact us at the following address: The Voice of Progress, Rustington Hall, Station Rd, Rustington, BN16 3AY.

KEITH MILBORROW
(Committee Member)

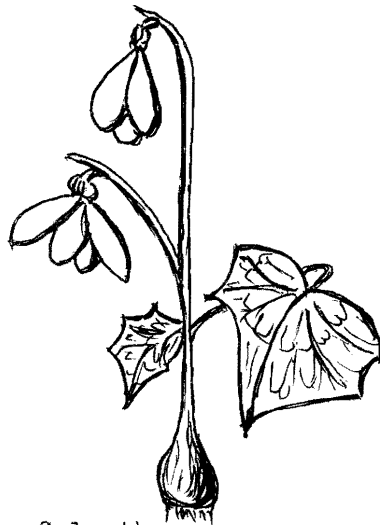
THE SNOWDROP

As several people have been kind enough to say that they appreciated the article in last month's Chronicle on wild flowers, here is another thought for the New Year.

January's wild flower must be the snowdrop. Although many of us grow it in our gardens, it is a native wild flower, growing especially in damp wooded areas, and one of the rare plants to flower while snow lays on the ground.

Did you know that in the language of flowers snowdrop means hope. Hope ... a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you. Ephesians 1 vv. 17-18

SNOWDROP



Galanthus
Nivalis

First born of the
year's delight,
Pride of the dewy glade,
In vernal green & virgin
white,
Thy vestal robes arrayed.

ROBIN BRADLEY

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

As a firm non-believer in New Years (they are too close to my birthday for comfort!) I want to pick up two themes from earlier issues this month.

BACK TO BRAZIL

Regular readers may remember our missionary friends, the Vaughan family, who returned to a new work in Brazil in August. From their recent letter they seem to be settling down very quickly in their new sphere of service. They now have a group of lively and growing churches in their care, two of which are faced with the welcome problem of having to extend their buildings to house their increasing congregations. Writing in early November, Frank was hoping that the smaller of the two would have its extension completed and open in time for their Christmas services! Perhaps building is simpler in Brazil.

Frank and Dorothy have also been blessed in the unexpected provision of a highly suitable house for their own needs - sometimes we forget that missionary families share the common problems of all families as well as the special ones arising from their calling. One of the latter is the enforced separation of parents from their children and of course Frank and Dorothy were looking forward to the reuniting of their family for the Christmas holidays, when Christopher and Ann were to rejoin them from their school in Sao Paulo, some 800 miles away.

One plea they make on behalf of missionary children (there are 40 British ones in their group) is for a supply of secondhand children's books, magazines, comics etc. Perhaps we could organise a small collection and despatch service in our own fellowship. I should be glad to hear from anyone willing to help in this.

MORE ON MAO

Perhaps I can return briefly to the subject of Chairman Mao, who gained this column a mention on Radio Brighton recently. There is a good deal in the

argument that he perceived in his last ten years that marxism alone could not solve all the problems of human society. He came to realise after some years that his own revolution, despite its euphoric beginnings, had merely replaced one autocratic ruling class by another, the Communist Party officials, who were even more difficult to remove or change and whose elitism had resulted in an inequality as marked as that prevailing in pre-Revolutionary China. His remedy was to preach and pursue a theme of more-or-less perpetual revolution and he plunged his country into further years of bloodshed and chaos with his Red Guard movement. Because of his ideological blinkers he could not see that the inherent selfishness and pride of human nature were the cause of his disillusionment and so could not consider the Christian answer.

ROBIN BRUFORD

G.E.A.R.

G.E.A.R. - the Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the United Reformed Church - are holding a weekend conference entitled "GEARed for Mission" from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April, 1977 at Capel (near Dorking) in Surrey. Speakers will be Rev. Dr. Charles Duthie, and Philip Vogel. Cost - £7.75 (£2.00 deposit). Sorry, no children. Accommodation mainly in double rooms and dormitories, in the Elim Bible College, is limited, so if you'd like to come please contact me for further details as soon as possible.

JEAN BOUGHTON

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Aid for December - £23.45p - Many thanks for your continued support throughout the past year.

HILDA HELE

WOMEN'S GUILD

A journey to the Far East is a wonderful tonic in the middle of a cold wet November, and this is just what Mr. & Mrs. Hobbs gave us on 14th. Few of us ever expected to visit Ceylon or Bali, but many had their dreams fulfilled that afternoon with the lovely colourful slides we saw, of what must have been a most wonderful holiday for Mr. & Mrs. Hobbs.

At the end of the month we were back home in mid-Sussex, when Mr. Keevil and friends through poetry, readings and research, reminded us how much beauty there was around us. On 11th January we meet for a Social afternoon, and on 25th January Mrs. Calsteren and Mrs. Cozens-Walker will give us their impressions of life in Canada and America.

If you have not yet been to the Guild do come along and join us for our Spring Session.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A Happy New Year to all our members! The programme for the Spring Session has been completed and I hope to let you have it at the beginning of the month. We commence on 11th January with a Members' Afternoon when some of you will be invited to talk for a short while on "Your Life". It should be interesting. On 25th January we have Mr. E.C. Turier, the Town Planning Officer, who will talk on "Worthing, Past and Present."

We very much enjoyed listening to Mrs. Wyatt, J.P. at the beginning of November, our visit to the Library and Mr. & Mrs. Donovan's delightful slides of Africa on 30th November.

REG GOODCHILD

CHURCH FLOWERS for JANUARY

2nd - Mrs. B. Chatfield 16th - Mr. & Mrs. Boyce
 Mr. & Mrs. Pullinger

9th - Mrs. De Pury 23rd - Mrs. E. Dearsley

30th - Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Jones

May I add a big "Thank You" to all the folks who have contributed to the Church Flowers during the past year.

VIOLET TURTON

FROM THE TREASURER

Collections during the month of November were as follows:

Loose Cash £159.19

Envelopes £281.81

The special Retiring Collection for the Turkish Earthquake Relief Fund amounted to £46.23.

NORMAN REDMAN

SUDAN UNITED MISSION

On 1st January, 1977 Geoffrey Dearsley takes over the post of General Secretary of the Mission. Geoffrey first went to Nigeria in 1950 and was appointed to a teaching post at Gindiri, later becoming Warden of Gindiri, an assignment which meant he was responsible for the whole of the Gindiri complex. In 1961 he took over the work at Jos headquarters. This coincided with the years when the wind of change was blowing over Africa and Geoffrey and Irene played an important part as they led the Mission through the days of civil war, various disturbances, changes of Government, all taking place over this period.

In 1969, Geoffrey was awarded the MBE for his services to education - a tribute to Gindiri as one of the foremost education centres in Nigeria. Now as he takes up this new

appointment and visits Nigeria again in January, we ask for your prayers for him and God's blessing on his work.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a lovely evening we all had together on 10th December and we are glad that so many of you were able to share that special time with us.

Already many plans have been made for 1977 and it is going to be a busy money-raising year too. We would like to have a sponsored "knit-in" a little later on in the year, so ladies, if you have any oddments of wool to spare, please may we have them? If you have any empty cotton reels or cheese boxes we would be glad of them too and once again your old Christmas cards when you have finished with them.

Our three young trainee officers take the final part of their examinations at the end of January. Remember them in your prayers and give thanks that they have answered the call of Christ.

JEAN WEBB

BOYS' BRIGADE

The Officers and Boys of the Company wish to thank you for your support at our Coffee Morning and your envelope contributions during our Boys' Brigade Week Appeal in November. The Coffee Morning effort raised £60 and the sixty envelope contributions raised £51. A very special thanks to the twenty Church members whose gifts of £5, £2, and £1 represented £30 of that total. With the monies received from the sponsored efforts of the Boys and from their parents and friends our final total was just over £200.

We look forward with prayerful interest to the progress being made by the Angmering Baptist Church in their formation of a new Junior Section Company. Your prayers for their work and ours will do much to strengthen our cause in the extension of Christ's Kingdom among the boys.

We still require storage space particularly for our camping gear and we would be most pleased to hear from anyone with perhaps a garage to let at a nominal rent.

We do wish you a most Happy and Blessed New Year and add our usual thanks for your continuing support.

FOOD for thought, One Officer in the Company Section travels from Bognor to attend on Fridays and Sundays, he also managed to raise over £14 for our B.B. Week. Paul is deaf. Three boys in one family raised over £22 for B.B. Week. To them it was probably easy. Uniform for a Company Section boy now costs over £10. Even a Glengary for an officer costs over £5.

Yours sincerely,

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

A NOTE FROM JUNIOR CHURCH

Please come and see us,
Please visit our rooms,
Please look at our work,
Please tell us who you are,
Please tell us something interesting,
Please bring us something to see.

At least part of the heart of the Church beats, and beats strongly, in the Church halls, (they're just through that door). You see us all every Sunday, but you are just a sea of faces to us. We love to have visitors, even if some of us are a little shy - perhaps you are a little shy too! Well we are a Christian family aren't we? Come and visit your Christ-children (God children?). They visit the Church every Sunday, and they would like to see you as you like to see them. They belong to you in the name of the Father. We thank you for your prayers, come and see how those prayers are answered.

HILARY REDMAN

Dear Boys and Girls,

You may think that January is the 'Dead Month' - too cold and dreary for anything to be out and about, and you may think that most birds and small animals, as well as butterflies and

insects have been killed off by the cold weather. Certainly most plants appear to be dead or asleep; yet signs of life are easily seen among them. The annual plants are dead, but their seeds are resting and waiting for the right time to grow. Some of them sprout when spring is a long way off. Some bulbs and corms such as snowdrop and crocus not only sprout, but also send up their flowering shoots before the winter is over, and brighten the drab winter days with their nodding heads and bold patches of colour.

The trees, apart from the evergreens, are bare or carry only withered leaves and the husks of fruits. However, these bare trees are not dead, they only sleep. It is easy to make sure of this by looking closely at the winter buds on their twigs. Some buds are long and slender, some short and stout; some green some black, some brown, some lying in pairs, others placed alternately. Winter buds are protected by firm scales against all weathers, for several months, while they remain the same; they do not swell or lengthen. They are dormant, or asleep. If you look inside the outer coat you will find a living green. Early in the winter the green specks have no particular shape, but later on, when the buds are beginning to swell, they take the form of tiny leaves.

I know that flower buds as well as leaf buds are there on the twigs and that if pieces from such shrubs as Forsythia and Lilac are cut and brought indoors it is possible to have flowers weeks before the flowers open on the bushes in the garden. Florists and gardeners have special ways of forcing sleeping plants and boughs to waken, and are able to have Roses in January, and Chrysanthemums in February. So in November, I brought in some branches of Forsythia, so that I might have flowers at Christmas. Those twigs have been in a special jar of water in a warm room for weeks - and weeks! Nothing is happening. They are not dead but they are not growing, and they may yet die, while the ones still on the trees in the cold garden will grow later on and give us a show like Moses's burning bush.

What is wrong then? Bringing the twigs into a warm room rarely works until later in the winter. The buds will not unfold if they are brought indoors just after the fall of the old leaves in autumn. To develop well, they seem to require two things: a touch of cold weather and a period of rest. I was trying to make them work too hard, too soon.

Some animals as well as plants give up active life in the winter. A great number of insects and other backboneless creatures go into hiding, and give up all activity for winter, and so do many cold-blooded backboned animals such as frogs, toads, snakes and lizards. Besides these there are certain warm-blooded or partially warm-blooded furry beasts that are either 'snoozers' or else deep sleepers or true hibernators.

Hibernation is no ordinary sleep. A true winter sleeper sinks into a state in which it is just alive and no more. While this lasts, the sleeper swallows no food and gets rid of no waste; the heart beats feebly and slowly, and the breathing movements can scarcely be seen. Yet life is still there, and the stored fat in the body supplies enough heat to make up for what is bound to be lost through the skin even inside a snug sleeping-place. The winter sleeper's body is like a low fire that looks as if it had gone out, yet is still glowing in the centre. Just as such a fire can be stirred into a blaze once more, so the hibernating animal can wake up and become lively when spring comes again.

The problem of getting through the winter is a difficult one. Animals try to solve it in various ways: by storing food, by migrating, by turning white, by hibernating and so on. They are not all successful. Some stores are stolen, many migrants fail to return, animals are killed among the snow in spite of their white coats, and not all winter sleepers reawaken. It is often the weaklings that are weeded out, however, and those that survive are well fitted to start the new life of another year.

So don't get too disheartened if things are not going your way all the time. Things worth waiting for are worth waiting for, and some hardship is often the strengthening factor when combined with the period of waiting.

Praise Him for the winter's rest,
 Snow that falls on nature's breast,
 Praise for happy dreams of birth,
 Brooding in the quiet earth.

For His year of wonder done,
 Praise to the All-glorious one!
 Hearts, bow down; and voices sing
 Praise and love to nature's King!

(William Channing Gannett
 1840-1923)

C.P. 641

MARY CONNELLY

THOUGHTS FROM MEN'S SURGICAL WARD
WORTHING HOSPITAL

There comes a time when, for no reason, you feel like having a rest. Sometimes it is well deserved, sometimes less, but as I lie on the bed in W.G.H. (not in it even) I feel as though I am really a gross fraud. Here in the centre of medical science where all seems to be a smooth buzz of controlled and expert activity; here am I feeling as fit as a fiddle, surrounded by a set of unfortunates in pain and suffering to a greater or lesser degree. Two young ex-motor cyclists down the ward are in contraptions that look more like a cats cradle than something remedial.

Visitors are beginning to arrive - it is 14.00h - only a few and they go to the bedsides of those who are still looking pretty bad. I hope there is still time for me to nip off home and forget all about the operation! Don't be a coward Eric, you know it is for the best, stick it out, after all you weren't brought in on a stretcher! Those loving hands of the nurses, and the skill of the surgeon's won't suddenly stop when it is your turn! - they won't will they(?), and besides, it's not your turn until tommorrow. So till then go on enjoying being a fraud - it will probably be different tomorrow

FEBRUARY, 1977No. 286FROM THE VESTRY Learning the Faith

In an age when the Christian believer has to be increasingly ready to give answer for the hope that is in him, we do well to try to learn more about our faith. There are many ways of doing this, from reading, to conversation, to sermons! I hope in the next few months to concentrate attention on the meaning of our faith through several series of sermons. I hope to include talks on "The Apostles' Creed" and the scriptural and spiritual meaning of the great words of Christianity like... FAITH: REDEMPTION: JUSTIFICATION: and so on. Your own questions will be of help here, and so I look forward to hearing from you with requests for subjects for sermons. I am most grateful in this to some of you who have urged such a need upon me - and I look forward to your help.

What about another Bible/Prayer Group? Anyone who would like to consider sponsoring one on the south side of Goring e.g. Alinora Sea Place Goring Road etc. would be doing a great service to us. Our most recent group on Bolsover Road is off to a good start. Please see me if you can help.

Thank you for all your Christmas and New Year Greetings.

God Bless you All,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FAMILYIN MEMORIAM

Muriel Gladys GRAFTON 23.12.76

"My peace I give unto you"

Harry SPENCE 18.1.77

"A merry heart is a good medicine"

Norman GREGORY 4.1.77

A sweet singer in Israel whose voice raised to praise God, whose mind offered to serve God, and whose gentle spirit given to bless us all has entered into the joy of his Lord. To Betty his widow we send our blessings commending her to

the care of a loving Father God.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

The Ministry of Healing and Blessing

Margaret Joyce had a most unfortunate accident in London in which both arms were broken ... we are thankful for her brave spirit which has gone far towards bringing about her improvement.

Miss K. Atkins is recovering after treatment at St. Francis. Loving thoughts go out to her with prayers for an early and happy recovery. Her many friends look forward to her being among us at the earliest possible time ... Bless you!

Mrs. H. Cox is now home again and both she and her husband look forward to improving health.

Mr. Greg Marriott is in St. Francis. We send our blessings and look forward to his return home.

Mr. R. Turton has been unwell but is making progress .. we miss him.

Mrs. E. Mabey gives thanks to God for a loving and loved brother whose life has blessed many - "in my father's house are many mansions".

Mrs. L.M. Cuff celebrates a special birthday this month .. and to a well loved Christian friend we send blessings.

THANK YOU ALL for Christmas flowers, decorations, music, gifts to Communion Fund to meet special needs. Most of all thanks to you all for another year's growth in grace in which all have shared.

MISSING Not people, but the Minister's books.... do have a word if you have borrowed any lately.

We would like to thank the many people of the Church for all their prayers and good wishes on our reception into membership.

Young People received on

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTSNEW MEMBERS

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- * Mr. C. Brown 137 The Quadrant, Goring
- * Miss R. Chatfield, 50 Reigate Road, Worthing 48313
- * Mr. M. Courtnadge, 98 The Strand, Goring 49125
- * Mr. P. Gill, 43 Alinora Avenue, Goring 47904
- * Miss F. Sandling, 12 Palatine Road, Goring
- * Mr. J. Wallace, 5 Abingdon Walk, Worthing

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. A. Flashman, 48 Willow Crescent, Durrington.
 Miss Ethel Dodd, Leaholm Nursing Home, 10 St. Michael's
 Road.

LETTER OF THANKS

May I, through the Chronicle, thank the Church for the lovely bowl of hyacinths I received at Christmas, and the Girls' Brigade for the very attractive calendar. Both these gifts are so welcome at this time of the year. I would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Tuiley for all their work to enable us who cannot now attend church services, to receive the recordings of these services and so enjoy them at home. These are much appreciated.

DOROTHY GAY

BIBLE VERSESCOURAGE

Joshua 1 v.9 Have not I commanded thee ? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord Thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 27 v.14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Isaiah 41 v.6 They helped every one his neighbour: and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.

THE LATE MR. NORMAN GREGORY

The very sudden passing of Norman was a terrible shock to all who knew him. On the Sunday he came over the Church to wish me a happy New Year. That was the last time I saw him.

When the Gregorys first came to our Church Mr. Franks the Minister asked me to visit them but as a friend of mine lived so very near to them in Ferring I asked her (the late Miss Jenny White) to go. They soon became friendly with the late Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Grew, and we used to meet together. Everyone who knew Norman will remember him for his excellent and very artistic handwriting, and this will be greatly missed by the Church. Also he was treasurer for the many garden parties and coffee mornings which were held to raise funds for the building of the Church. Besides being a Deacon Norman did a lot of fine work for the Church.

CICELY NODES

I have received three Christmas letters, from Mr. Harry Horsfall, living in Morley, near Leeds, Mrs. Iveson in Auckland, New Zealand, and Mrs. Millward in Burwell, Cambridge. They send their best wishes to Mr. Connelly and all members who can remember them. They all did good work when they worshipped here.

C.M.N.

Mrs. Gregory thanks all the kind friends who have sent messages of condolence and sympathy during her recent bereavement.

EDITOR

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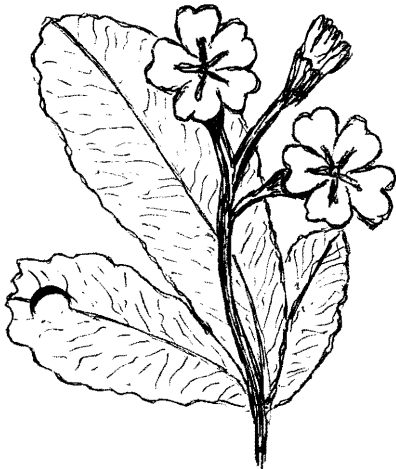
We are happy to announce the Engagement of Leslie Jean Easey, to James Edward Hood. 21.12.76

THINK ON THESE THINGS

God is broadcasting all the time - and good reception depends on us. We have to be willing to listen, then prepared to set aside time from all our other preoccupations for this programme; we must tune in to the right wavelength and maintain our set in good working order. His station never closes down; it is always on the air waiting for us to switch on.

There is so much good in the worst of us
 And so much bad in the best of us
 That it hardly becomes any of us
 To talk about the rest of us. EDWARD HOCH.

HANNY WEBER



PRIMULA VULGARIS

Towards the end of this month
 our first spring flower will
 make its appearance in woods
 and on shady banks. The
 Primrose - so fragile yet so
 sturdy a flower. Only to be
 picked sparingly, if at all,
 so that we may leave it to
 flower, seed, and carpet our
 woods another spring.

In February - damp and drear
 amid dead leaves of yester-
 year - Deep in the woods,
 beneath a tree
 Gold harbinger of spring I see
 With pale green leaves &
 upturned face
 A testimony to God's Grace.

ROBIN BRADLEY

FROM GEOFFREY DEARSLEY

In 1904 the Sudan United Mission commenced work in Northern Nigeria as an interdenominational society amongst a multi-tribal peoples with strong traditional African religious beliefs on the high central plateau.

After the early pioneer years small groups of Christians were established leading to a Paternal period while the churches grew. In 1954 the Church of Christ in Nigeria was officially constituted and a Partnership stage with the Mission was entered. During this period all mission ministries were progressively transferred to the authority of the Church. These included Bible Schools, Agrigulture extension programmes, Literature work and Bookshops, Medical and Educational Institutions.

All through these years the Mission has continued to exist as a foreign based organization in Nigeria, even though the Church has had strong representation at committee level. It has now been decided that from all points of view and in the best interests of the work of the Gospel, the Mission administration should be transferred fully to the responsibility of the indigenous Church. The Mission will continue in U.K. and will remain involved with the Church in sending out missionaries and supporting church extension programmes both in Nigeria and in other parts of Africa. In future missionaries will serve as church workers and the Church will assume full responsibility for them.

On 3rd January, 1977 this new participation relationship will be inaugurated in the Church in Jos. Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley as the newly appointed General Secretary of S.U.M. will travel to Nigeria and take part in this significant ceremony.

WORLD CHURCHSTRIKING THE LIVING WATERS

There was a time when there was some truth in the gibe that missionaries were only interested in the eternal souls

of their flocks and were quite content to leave them in hunger and want in this life. One of the most successful recent developments in mission work has been the arrival of the agricultural missionary whose aim is not merely to bring short-term relief to the hungry but to teach them how to get the best out of their soil and crops. Alan Casebow, who may be known to some readers as he spent some time in Worthing before his current assignment, is engaged in this work in Diptipur in India. A recent letter shows that the scope of an agricultural missionary has to be very wide:-

Alan's main task in these last months has been supervising a canal being cut through a hill. This cutting is 18 feet deep at its deepest point and will link one enormous reservoir with four smaller ones and so use water which would otherwise go to waste when the big one is full. The cutting is nearly finished but there are some obstinate rocks still to be dealt with and a concrete bridge has to be built over it. We have to wait now till next year's rains when the exciting part will come when the water actually flows through.

This year's total rainfall was not bad but the rains started late and finished much too early. Because of the early finish to the rain many have had a very poor crop and others just a fair one. Others whose fields are in the right places have benefitted from the water in the new tanks and thus saved their crop".

Of course, the evangelical aspects of the work are not being neglected and many young people and adults have been brought into the Church in recent days.

HELP FROM THE YOUNG

The Junior Church giving to Missionary and other causes in 1976 may be of interest:-

Council for World Mission	£66.89
Sudan United Mission	£55.02
Other causes	£58.00 (including £37 to foreign relief agencies)

.....BUT NO HELP (YET) FOR THE YOUNG

A resounding silence followed my appeal last month for people to help to provide children's books, magazines etc. P.10

to missionary children in Brazil. The Minister (charitably) suggests that you hadn't then recovered from your Christmas excesses. What is required?

1. Collection (occasionally purchase) of the material
2. Packing and posting
3. Money

Obviously this sort of job is best done by a small group under an organiser. I should be very glad to hear from any volunteers.

ROBIN BRUFORD

FROM THE TREASURER

Collections for the month of December were as follows:-

Loose Cash	£176.44
Envelopes	£278.52

Retiring Collection for the British & Foreign Bible Society (12th Dec.) amounted to £24.40. The Christmas Eve & Christmas Day collections on behalf of Fen Place amounted to £63.65 and a letter of thanks has been received which expresses the warmth of their gratitude. It is as follows:

"Your very kind letter with your generous cheque for £63.65 has been passed on to me, and I enclose receipt.

No words of mine can express adequately enough our gratitude for all the loving kindness and care your gift represents. It is such gestures as yours which remind us that we are still within the loving care of the Church. I can assure you that as one gets older this is a great comfort to know.

I am also Chairman of the residents, and I know they would wish to associate themselves with this expression of gratitude, inadequate though it is. Thank you again, and again. With warmest regards and every good wish.

TWO APPEALS

HELP THE AGED APPEAL The date for this year's clothing collection is Wednesday, 16th March, at 10.00 - 12.00h and 14.00 - 16.00h. Your interest and support will be very much appreciated once again. Gifts of money are particularly welcome to offset the increased cost of despatching the clothes and blankets overseas.

JANE BOND

APPEAL FOR WOOL AND CHRISTMAS CARDS I would be most grateful for any oddments of wool, however small. Also old jumpers and cardigans can be unwound and rewound into balls. I should be glad of these if you can possibly spare the time to do it for me. I also crochet shawls for warmth for the folks in various homes "Westholme" being one.

Unwanted Christmas Cards are also needed by

The Polio Fellowship,
 "The Lantern",
 54 Shelley Road,
 Worthing.

or to me

The Residents remake them into various things which brings them in a bit of cash to help with their expenses.

Thank you,

PHYL SCUDDER

LENTEN SERVICES

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		(stations of the Cross)	
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30th March	Wednesday,	St. Mary's	at 19.30h

Christian Aid for January

£19.25

Received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIRLS' BRIGADE Thank you for your used Christmas Cards, cheese boxes and oddments of wool. Please keep them coming in, especially the wool.

On Saturday, 19th March we are holding an 'At Home' day from 10.00h - 17.00h when we shall be pleased to see you for coffee in the morning, or for tea in the afternoon. There will be a few stalls with cakes, birthday cards etc., and at the same time the girls will be holding their sponsored "knit-in". Do come along and encourage them, stay and knit a square yourself too - we would like that.

Sunday, 13th February will be a day of much rejoicing as three new officers are dedicated and we look forward to sharing our joy with you all.

JEAN WEBB


WOMEN'S GUILD Too late to be included in the January issue was the combined meeting in December with the Men's Fellowship, when to a really crowded hall Miss Newson's Mixed Choir brought the real spirit of Christmas with their delightful music and inspiring their audience to some lusty singing of carols; including one new tune which was sung with equal gusto. On this occasion when well over 100 were present a beautiful Christmas cake made by Mrs. Jenkins was served with the usual cuppa.

The New Year Social with 60 members present got off to a good start with everyone joining in, in spite of the element of surprise. Tea was organised by the Committee. Thank you members all for making the afternoon a success.

On 8th February Mrs. Turton will give a lecture and demonstration on "Simple Flower Arrangement". This should help us all both in our homes and when arranging flowers in Church. On 22nd February - look at your programmes, members it's your turn!

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our opening meeting on 11th January was well attended and several of our newest members gave us an insight into their lives and activities.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of one of our Vice-Presidents, Harry Spence, who was  have spoken to us on 8th February. We have rearranged the programme and will now have a slide quiz of Great Britain on that afternoon. We shall look forward to hearing our old friend the Rev. Harry Warne from Bury Drive Methodist Church speak on "Treasures of the World" on 22nd February.

REG GOODCHILD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP Our spring session has barely started before this is submitted for print, however, we have not been idle over Christmas time and have enjoyed Family Circle Parties and Junior Church Parties, not to mention our own members evenings. We warmly invite everyone to our open meeting on Monday, 7th February when the Curator of the Worthing Museum will be coming to talk to us.

JANE BOND

FAMILY CIRCLE We believe by the compliments received from those who attended the Christmas Party that it was very successful, which has made the work of the Committee all worthwhile. We must give special thanks to the ladies of the Monday Evening Fellowship who provided the delightful refreshments "Thank you girls, a splendid effort!"

The Annual Slide Competition takes place on Monday, 28th February and is being adjudicated this year by Robert Lynes, who will bring a different approach to the judging of slides. The categories for the competition are:-

1. PLACES - Architecture, Landscapes
2. PEOPLE - Groups or single
3. APPEAL - This covers anything which has appeal to others than the photographer

Entry forms are available when purchasing your tickets (20p each) and the forms should be returned with your slides before Sunday, 13th February.

DENIS GILL

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

6th February - Mr. & Mrs. Edmonds
 13th February - Vacant
 20th February - Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Wills
 27th February - Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Stephens

Since taking over from Mrs. Winstanley I have found myself at some disadvantage in that I do not know so many members of the congregation. Also the only guiding line I have as to who donates the flowers every week is by looking at the old copies of the Chronicle.

There are many new members, also those who have moved away, or deceased who are on the list. I do not like having to ring people and ask if they will donate the flowers for any particular week, this seems to me all wrong as the flowers should be part of our worship.

There is now a list of the SUNDAYS of 1977, on the notice board in the VESTIBULE, and I would be grateful if those who wish to donate the flowers for any particular Sunday would fill in their names. This would save a lot of work and telephone calls throughout the year.

Thanking you very much in anticipation,

VIOLET TURTON

P.S. The list will be in the Vestibule as from March.

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

How did you like the snow? I hope that you had a chance to play in it before it disappeared! It's great



ROBERT BRIDGES 'London Snow'

☾ Birds do not seem to suffer from cold feet. They perch on wires and iron railings, and stand about on snow or ice, without showing any signs of being chilly. (have you ever seen a bird stamping its feet to keep them warm?) A bird's feet are mostly skin and bone and probably have very little feeling, but birds are sometimes frozen by their toes to their perches in Northern countries - not so often in milder Britain.

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and is holding layers of warm air between them and its body. Less heat escapes through air than through anything solid, and it is for this reason that people have double-glazing, and wear several layers of woolly clothes in winter, or wear fleecy-lined jackets and find that a light eiderdown quilt keeps them warmer in bed than a heavy blanket. The air entangled in loosely woven cloth or among the hairs of a furry coat or the down feathers of a quilt prevents body-heat escaping. In the same way, the air trapped among a live animal's fur, or a bird's ruffled feathers, keeps the warmth in.

Long before men used feathers for warmth in bed, birds were collecting loose feathers and using them to line their nests, to help to keep the eggs and the nestlings warm, and the eider-duck actually plucks down from her own breast for this purpose. She usually heaps the soft down round the edge of her nest and pulls it over the eggs, like a quilt, when she goes away to look for food. Fur is sometimes used for bedding, too, for the mother rabbit makes a warm blanket of her own downy fur and tucks it round her babies before leaving them alone in the burrow.

And though abroad the sharp winds blow,
And skies are chill, and frosts are keen
Home closer draws her circle now,
And warmer glows her light within.

O God! who giv'st 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)
C.P. 653

MARY CONNELLY

MARCH, 1977.No. 287FROM THE VESTRYLENT IS SPRING AND SPRING IS EASTER

"Now near the place where He was crucified there was
a garden" St. John 19 v. 41

Several people have been kind enough to ask that I should include some thoughts or extracts from sermons in the Chronicle ... and this I hope to do later on. May I begin to answer your request by first including some lines that I wrote for an order of service on Sunday, 19th Sept. 1976.

"Lord of the Autumn dews
And latest roses,
Shining through early mists,
Whose truth discloses
Beyond dark and winter
Spring!"

The word we use for this season of the year "LENT" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "LENCŢEN", which means SPRING. We do well to remember that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Spring. As His life in all the Glory of Resurrection touches ours... so we too are made young and new. None but those who know the loving faithfulness of God may enter fully into the meaning of these words, "Now near the place where He was crucified there was a Garden!" It means that the place of darkest night is on the edge of a New Day ... that the pains of the Cross and His wounds give us healing and forgiveness however sinful we have been. The Cross is the place where those who saw only human things remained in death's dark shadows. To those who have faith to believe in God's promises the Cross blazes with light which streams to a garden tomb and to a Resurrection in power and great glory.

Let Jesus be Lord of your spring for in Him is Life in all its fulness.

Blessings & Love, William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPIN MEMORIAM

Uraina Emily COLLINSON 18.1.77

Sarah Ann WING 26.1.77

Doris May BANKS 2.2.77

"My peace I give unto you"

We send our loving greetings to Ron Briggs, whose wife has so recently died.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee"

THE MINISTRY OF BLESSING AND HEALING

Miss K. Atkins continues to make good progress as also does Greg Marriott, and both look forward to coming back to Church and to giving thanks. Douglas Mooney is now much better and how glad we are! Miss A. Freeman and Miss I. Dymott are fairly well and send greetings as also does Miss D. Williams. Mrs. R. Gowen and Miss F. Lock are often in our prayers. Sheila Walsh to whom we send love, is again in hospital.

Do please remember to use the book for prayer requests in the Little Chapel ... and Thanksgivings!

GOOD NEWS!

Mrs. G. Ansell celebrated her 100th birthday on 19th February. We rejoice with her and with Dorothy ... they are very dear to us and we are glad to share in their thanksgiving.

Mr. R. Shelton has mended the Church front door! Thank you Ray, we were in danger of being locked out.

EXTENSION Now that the Youth Hut is beyond its period of useful service, the young people of the Church are anxious to see it replaced by a purpose-built classroom/coffee bar extension, which can be a meeting point for us all, and a centre for witness and evangelism. Discussions for a building - perhaps prefabricated - are going on and your ideas are invited. I hope that the

young people of the Church will raise the necessary funds during the next two or three years. Congratulations on their enterprise.

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS for decorating in the spring. You could begin by doing my Vestry! We should aim to have a cheerful room into which the many weekday visitors can come and feel at home. (The sermons would probably improve too!)

SMALL BOOKCASE & FILING CABINET Anyone able to help by providing these would be doing a great service for the Minister, whose shelves are overflowing in an already overcrowded vestry.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

- * ADAMS, Mr. C., The Bungalow, Old Barn Nurseries,
Littlehampton Road, Ferring. 47867
- * BAKER, Miss L., 6 Chancton Close
- * BEAMISH, Mr. & Mrs. J., 24 Durrington Gardens 502891
- * GREEN, Miss G., (Address to be notified)
- * TIBBATS, Mr. & Mrs. E., 50 St. Lawrence Ave. 30772

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. D. Sawtell, Flat 7, 73 Richmond Road.

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HARRY SPENCE

It was with great sorrow that Kay and I heard the sad news of the passing of our dear friend Harry Spence. He will be greatly missed not only within his family and the Church fellowship, but by the very many other people who were cheered by his ever present humour and helped in other positive ways.

Harry's life was marked by service to others. He came to Goring on retirement but "putting his feet up" was not his way of doing things. He very soon became a Deacon, Church Representative and served on many committees. The Family Circle in particular will remember his timely help in recent years when rather than see it fail for lack of volunteers for the Committee, he accepted yet another post at an age when most people are shedding responsibilities.

What may perhaps not be so widely known is the extent to which Harry in his own quiet way helped so many people in their own personal problems and difficulties. He was Chairman of the Residents' Association of a group of 48 flats where he lived, and became in addition the unofficial advisor and confidant to the residents. Not a few people have had cause to bless him for his help and encouragement particularly in time of bereavement. He was always at hand to assist in a practical way as well as to cheer and uplift.

Harry's sense of humour and quips were his trademarks. Even just over a week before he died when we spent the afternoon with him, he was still able in his weakness to crack jokes and cheer us with anecdotes. As the Minister so rightly quoted in his funeral address: Harry's epitaph will be "A merry heart is a good medicine". Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary at this sad time, who in her own indomitable way is bearing her loss with courage and fortitude.

TED WINSTANLEY

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

It is hoped to be able to arrange for the presentation of the Church Annual Reports at the July Church Meeting as was done last year. To this end, Secretaries of all Organisations are asked to be kind enough, as soon as

MINISTRY OF HEALING

All those who seek our prayers for a sick friend are asked to record their request in the book provided in the Chapel, or to inform the Minister.

Ministry of Healing Meditation Cards are available in the Church vestibule. They will be found in a special box which has been beautifully made by Mr. Calsteren. They can also be found in the Chapel. You are invited to complete one of these by inserting your friend's name in the appropriate section. Please convey or send the card to your friend so that he or she will know that you, and we, care deeply for them in their weakness, and pray for God's richest blessings upon them.

ELLA ROBERTSON

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(Interdenominational)

The theme for this year's Women's World Day of Prayer is "Love in Action". There will be two services locally. The first will be at 15.00h. at Bury Drive Methodist Church on 4th March, and in the evening at St. Symphorian's Church, Durrington at 20.00h.

Please, all women, do your best to attend one or other of these services.

EDITOR

COVENANT SCHEME

Will all those who use the Freewill Offering Envelopes under the Covenant Scheme kindly ensure that their payments are right up to date on Sunday, 3rd April, 1977, otherwise the Church's tax repayment claim will be reduced.

May I add a word of thanks to all Covenantors by whose thoughtfulness the income of the Church is increased by the amount of the tax repayment year by year. I shall be pleased to supply details of the Covenant Scheme to any who wish to increase their giving by as much as 53% AT NO COST TO THEMSELVES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE CHOIR wishes to thank the generous donor of the beautiful box of chocolates. We all enjoyed these very much, both at our theatre outing in January and also on subsequent Friday evenings. However, we are still puzzling over the quiz on the side of the box!

My most sincere thanks to all the Members of the Church who so kindly remembered me in their prayers, and the many who visited me during my stay in hospital. Owing to serious domestic trouble just prior to entering hospital, I felt far from tranquil, but the Minister's card awaiting me on arrival "Be still and know that I am God", comforted me, and I approached the operation with great calm.

I am now gaining strength and hope in the near future to resume a full life again in the Church. One thing my stay in hospital did was to really strengthen my faith.

A very special thanks to our Minister from my wife and self for his many visits, and help to both of us. May God continue to give him strength to carry on the great work he is pursuing in our Church.

GREG MARRIOTT

I should like to say a very sincere "Thank you" to so many of my friends who sent me "Get Well" cards and flowers; and to those who wrote letters to let me know that I was continually in their thoughts and prayers, of which I was so conscious. These and the many visits of our Minister while I was in St. Francis, and the Caledonia Nursing Home, have helped me so much in my good recovery.

KATIE ATKINS

We would like to say a big "Thank you" for the lovely flowers from Church and Guild received while we were unable to get out. Also for the kind enquiries and offers of help for shopping etc. from so many kind friends. We are pleased to say that we are both

recovering and hope soon to be able to get to Church again.

A. & E. EDMONDS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends in the Church for their kind thoughts and prayers, and the letters and cards they have sent me. So many have paid tribute to Harry's natural kindness, his humour and caring concern for others. He did not suffer pain, and died peacefully.

MARY SPENCE

Mrs. Margaret Joyce wishes to express her appreciation to all the many people who upheld her during her recent incapacity with their prayers, cards, messages and help. The kindness of the many friends who called on her daily to help and cheer her was a great witness to all the other friends who were not members of our Church, but who nevertheless also offered sympathy and help.

The progress of healing has been noticeable every day and she is confident that she will soon have the use of both of her wrists soon.

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

GOOD NEWS FROM THE EAST Despite persecution the Christian underground in Russia still manages to survive and pass on its message. The authorities' discovery and break-up in 1974 of a Christian press in Latvia was a severe blow. However there has recently appeared a new journal "Herald of Truth" which comes out with a varied and evangelical message - and even appears in three colours.

BAD NEWS FROM THE WEST According to a letter in the current 'Reform' (I don't know why we have no more direct information) the Council for World Mission has had to reduce its missionary expenditure for 1977 by 10% even though the cost of everything has gone up by something like 20%. This

situation is surely a scandal to those home churches - I am confident that ours is not one of them - which are not pulling their weight financially. Money is short, I know, (though not all that obviously short for many U.R.C. members) and perhaps some people are tempted to abstain from support for political reasons (see below). Nevertheless the obligation remains to support those who are working in Christ's name and are relying on us to supply their needs.

THE CHRISTIAN AND VIOLENCE: I. THE CHURCHES' ARMCHAIR
TERRORISTS

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It was good to hear the other Sunday a stirring declaration from the pulpit that 'right is right', combined with forthright support for the rule of law and a restrained but telling criticism of the ambivalence of some Christian spokesmen who manage to blur the distinction between right and wrong on some issues, usually social or political.

One of the subjects on which this criticism particularly applies is that of violence. One grows more than a little tired of reading pronouncements by this or that Bishop or Doctor of Theology or the World Council of Churches condoning indiscriminate violence in parts of Africa with the excuse that there is no other way of overthrowing some dictatorial government or other. Oddly enough, the people who use this argument have not so far as I know invoked it in support of the bombing in Moscow a few weeks ago, to which the same consideration surely applies.

We can all too easily allow our judgement on such matters to be clouded by our political leanings. We should almost certainly be unable, even in our own Church circle, to reach a consensus view on say the general issue of pacifism or on the use of force to topple a cruel dictatorship. I would hope however that we can reach unanimous agreement on one point. Bombs are notoriously incapable of distinguishing friend or foe, Catholic or Protestant, child or adult, black or white, Marxist or Conservative. Therefore to plant them in public places deliberately to bring death or maiming to whoever happens to be passing by must always be condemned as a

vicious evil, for whatever 'cause' it may be done and whether it is done in Madrid or Moscow, Cape Town or Cairo, Santiago or Sofia, Lisbon or London. No amount of sophistry or special pleading by leading clerics or anyone else should be allowed to persuade us otherwise.

ROBIN BRUFORD

LENT LILY



This most beautiful of wild flowers is unfortunately becoming rare, but I am told there are still a few to be seen in the fields between Kingswood and Highdown Barn just north of the crematorium. We would probably know them better as wild daffodils, but they are not to be confused with the cultivated variety, being smaller, only 6-8 ins. high, with pale almost white petals and a bright yellow corona. The reason the petals are so pale is to make them show up at night, as they are mostly pollinated by moths, and not by day-flying insects. "Consider the lilies of the field ..." Mat. 6 v. 28.

NARCISSUS Pseudo NARCISSUS

ROBIN BRADLEY

We have short time to stay, as you.
 We have as short a spring;
 As quick a growth to meet decay,
 As you or anything
 We die, as your hours do, and dry away.

Like to the summers' rain;
 Or as the pearls of morning's dew.

FROM THE TREASURER

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£35.61

NORMAN REDMAN

NEWS OF LOCAL U.R. CHURCHES

Our friends at St. Columba's are this year celebrating their Golden Jubilee; the 50th Anniversary of their first (Presbyterian) service in the Mansfield Hall, Worthing in November, 1927.

A Calendar of special events to be held in 1977 is to be issued, and a fitting start to this year of thanksgiving and dedication was made on the first Sunday in January at the service of Holy Communion in the morning, when all present were given a copy of the Prayer of St. Columba. In this petition Columba asks to be given the humblest of tasks in God's House - "if so it be that I can see Thy Glory, even afar and hear Thy Voice, O God! and know that I am with Thee".

PERCY BIGGS

U.R.C. FORUM '77

For those of you who don't know much about this annual event; it is a family conference for people of all ages and backgrounds from U.R.C.s throughout the country. The venue is The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbys. and the dates this year are from 20th - 26th August. The theme is "Christian Life Style", based on the book of that title, by the Dean of Liverpool Cathedral.

It is hoped to get together a group to go from our Church this year - why don't you join us. Do not be put off by the fact that this is a 'conference', for it is just as much a holiday, with plenty of free time to explore the

surrounding area. Unfortunately the cost has risen to £22 this year, but this is still excellent value for money. I will be pleased to supply further details and forms to those interested.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

BOYS' BRIGADE

We do apologise to the members of the Girls' Brigade for the extreme inconvenience caused to them by the overflow of jumble into their cloakroom. We are sure that in the true G.B. spirit of Christian love they will forgive our transgressions and ignorance of the 48 hour rule. It is hoped that by the time these notes are read that all the jumble will have been disposed of and that the money raised by the sale of it will be of some benefit to the Church.

We too have been inconvenienced over the past two months by the virtual loss of use of the Crew-Bus. It finally ground to a halt and had to be towed to a garage where repairs costing nearly £300 will have to be done. We do hope that it will make a full recovery and be fit for a few more years service. I am sure that the kind friends who made and promised contributions towards the repairs will not wish me to mention them by name but I do indeed thank them very much for their generosity.

The Junior Section Boys have raised of £40 in their Christmas Missionary Appeal. One boy raised £10 by his own efforts. A party of Juniors paid a visit to the first meeting of the 1st Angmering Company attached to the Baptist Church. We hope and pray that they will soon become well established and provide us with a little healthy competition. Six members of the staff attended the first part of their Basic Training Course at Horsham recently. Your prayers for them as they prepare for the second part of the Course will, I am sure, give them spiritual encouragement.

DONALD STEWART

GIRLS' BRIGADESATURDAY, MARCH 19th 'AT HOME' 10.00 - 17.00h

We shall be 'at home' knitting squares all day!! Coffee will be available between 10.00hr - Noon and tea between 15.00hr and 17.00hr. Do please come along some time during the day. We hope to tempt you with cakes, gifts, birthday cards and flowers and our target for the day, including the sponsored 'knit-in' is £100. The following will help you to see why we need this amount:-

50% of the cost of uniforms for our three new officers	£60
Compulsory payment to Headquarters for overseas work	£10
Compulsory payment to Headquarters for annual fees	£35

Thank you for letting us have your wool. Please keep it coming in. We hope to join all the finished squares together and give the blanket to charity.

March 13th will be another parade and day of rejoicing when we see three of our girls promoted to first stage young leaders. Please remember Linda, Ruth and Irene in your prayers as they undertake greater responsibility within the Company.

JEAN WEBB

BIBLE VERSES

Psalm 95 vv. 1-6. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

THE WORTHING CONTACT SCHEME

There are some signs that this ambitious project is showing some birth pangs, even if very slowly. In the April issue of "The Chronicle" it is hoped that a definite beginning in Goring's Lakeland will be announced. This will need a tremendous boost. Will any Church members who are interested please give their names to the Minister? This request is not limited to Goring only, for the names of friends anywhere in

treasures on 21st March. A very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us on Monday evenings.

JANE BOND

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP In March we have two very interesting meetings. On 8th, in conjunction with the Women's Guild, we welcome, once again, Norman Snow who will show us slides of Norway in springtime. For our visit to Brighton Power Station on 22nd, I would like the names of all those who wish to attend, and I think we should assemble at the Church at 13.45h. (not 1.50) to give us plenty of time for the journey. Anyone requiring transport should let me know.

We enjoyed the talk on "Worthing Past & Present" by Mr. Turier in January, and saw some very interesting slides taken during the past twenty years. The replacement programme on 8th February "Round Britain Quiz" seemed to be well received and could be repeated with another member's slides.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD Two delightful informal talks - Impressions of Canada and America, by Mrs. Calsteren and Mrs. Cozens-Walker revealed the fact that we have much to offer one another within the Guild. Little momentos, maps and pictures added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. 8th March will see us joining forces with the Men's Fellowship when Mr. Snow will delight us with his illustrated talk "Springtime in Norway". On 22nd March Captain McKenzie will talk to us about his work as a River Pilot.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

How many times in the last few weeks have you noticed something that made you think that at last spring was coming? Lots of times, I hope. What excitement there is when someone finds some willow catkins - 'Pussy' willow, or some hazel catkins - 'Lamb's tails'! Don't break off too many branches of hazel catkins, will you? If you want to find hazel nuts in the autumn, leave them there.

In the early days of spring,
 Pussy willow, pussy willow,
 When the birds begin to sing,
 Pussy willow, we find you.

Yes, the birds are singing, and are busy picking worms and grubs from the soil. The fields and gardens are coming to life - the brown earth begins to be hidden by the green of growing shoots. What had seemed to be dead is coming to life. When we see the willow and hazel catkins, we start to look round for the snowdrops and crocuses and for the green spears and swelling buds of the daffodils. These are the fore-runners of spring, and the bright yellow blooms of the daffodils have long been thought of as the fore-runners of summer.

Daffodils, that come before the swallow dares, and take the winds of March with beauty.

Spring is the time when a fresh start is made after a period of rest. From seeds and bulbs and other hidden stores, green tips come up through the soil; and seed-leaves push through. These, like the catkins and blossoms that open on leafless trees depend on the stored food-materials made by the leaves of the year before. The shoots of spring-time are drawing on stores made many months previously. That is why daffodil leaves, for example, should not be cut too soon after the flowers fade, but should be left to wither. By making food in its leaves and storing it in the bulb, the daffodil prepares for another year's growth. In the same way, food stored by plants in other underground parts, and in seeds, remains there all winter in readiness for the next growing season.

O happy band of pilgrims,
 If onward ye will tread,
 With Jesus as your fellow,
 To Jesus as your Head!
 The faith by which ye see Him,
 The hope in which ye yearn,
 The love that through all troubles
 To Him alone will turn;
 What are they but forerunners
 To lead you to His sight?

John Neale

C.P. 517

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STOP PRESSGIRLS' BRIGADE

We are thrilled to have been asked to attend the B.B. Battalion Display at the Corn Exchange, Brighton on Tuesday, 29th March, 1977 with our Brigaders in the "Special Guest" spot, repeating the club swinging routine they performed at our display last December.

Our Company meetings will therefore break for Easter, one week earlier, on Tuesday, 22nd March.

JEAN WEBB

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Ron Briggs and his daughter, Joan, wish to thank the many friends who have sent messages of sympathy following their recent bereavement. They are grateful to those who made contributions to the British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research instead of sending flowers.

SMALL AD.

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£10.00 O.N.O.

BOX NO. 1001, The Chronicle Office.

WANTED immediately, your discarded yoghurt cartons please (plastic ones only) for tomato seedlings.

For collection - phone 42906

ELLA DENNIS
or
EDITOR

The Annual Reports, Cont'd.

possible after the end of the current Session, to prepare their reports for the past year and to forward them to Mr. Reg. Goodchild, who has kindly undertaken, once more, to act as our Editor in this connection. - Only a reminder -

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The world itself keeps
 Easter Day,
 Saint Joseph's star is
 beaming;
 Saint Alice has her primrose
 gay,
 Saint George's bells are
 gleaming:
 Alleluia ! Alleluia !
 The Lord hath risen,
 as all things tell :
 Good Christians,
 see ye rise as well:
 Hosanna in excelsis!
 -oOo-

I well remember an old and
 earnest Minister telling his
 congregation that with advan-
 -cing years so had Easter
 and Spring become increasing
 -ly precious to him. We all

have happy memories of Spring in our childhood. How well I
 remember looking out for the first Celandines of March when
 out walking with my father... I could take you to the place
 now. A patch of green grass shining with that uncertain gold
 of Spring Celandines; as though to ask "Are we too early ?"
 And then we would be over the hedge and on with our moorland
 walk to Holymoorside.

Perhaps it is through the eyes of childhood and in old
 age that we best see Spring and Easter. The Child cannot
 take Springtime for granted, the aged dare not!

Among the many glorious words of Easter is the one speak-
 ing to us of that hope in Eternal Life to these who love
 Christ. Beyond sorrow, pain, loneliness ... beyond age and
 our power to see or touch or live! He is LIFE and in HIM is
 life in all its fulness.

The poet writing of heaven says "There everlasting Spring
 abides - and never withering flowers." We are right to
 celebrate Easter in the garden near to where He was crucified
 and to whose beauties the Saviour, Lord of our Spring invites.

Blessings and love,
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Will Connelly.

In need of Visitation or Prayers

The Minister or Rosemary are usually in the Vestry ...
Tel: 48259 from 9.00h to 12.00h except on Mondays. This
number also rings the Manse at the same time to provide
a useful service to us all.

The Book for prayer requests is in the Little Chapel
and for your use. Requests for prayers in the Ministry
of Healing are taken by Rosemary who also sends out our
cards to homes and hospitals. The Book of Remembrance
is now cared for by Mrs. Mary Stephens ... you are invited
to use it.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

George (Bill) Coates d. 10.2.77

"In heavenly love abiding"

It is good to see Jim Mason home again and making
good progress. Ralph Beale is in St. Francis,
Littlehampton for treatment, and we pray for his
restoration to health. Joan Catt is still troubled
by sickness ... our love to her. Dorothy Turner is now
making better progress and we are so glad bless you,
Dorothy.

ENGAGEMENT James Mark CONNELLY

to

Jane NEWMAN of Ramsgate

Christian love is our hope and prayer for them.

SILVER WEDDING Congratulations Jean & Roy Webb

5th April, 1977

EXAM. SUCCESS Congratulations to Kevin Croydon who
has recently qualified as a Certified Accountant, well
done Kevin!

HANDBOOK NOTES

- * ARCHER, Mr. & Mrs. P. 17 Lenhurst Way
- * PERKINS, Mr. S. 1 Selkirk Close, Tel. 47409
- Mr. & Mrs. E.S. RANDALL Tel. 48739
- Mr. & Mrs. J. BECKERTON Tel. 40810

I would be grateful to receive this month any further amendments and information for inclusion in the new edition of the Church Handbook, preparation for which will commence shortly.

JANE BOND

BIBLE VERSES

Arising out of our Minister's sermon on Sunday morning, 27th February, "Suffered under Pontius Pilate".

Hebrews 2 vv. 9,10 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour. For it became him for whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Acts 17 vv. 2,3 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures. Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

1 Peter 4 v. 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

A DISASTER

Much of Romania was devastated by an earthquake on 4th March, leaving many thousands homeless. The Romanian government says that it was the worst disaster of this century. Romanian believers report that they have found a renewed interest in spiritual things among the general public and they ask for prayer that they might speak the Gospel in power to all they meet and that "revival fires

may spring up anew from the ruins". The believers say that this disaster is the greatest opportunity ever given by God.

Please pray for all who are homeless, injured or bereaved and for all the believers in their witness for Christ, that many may be added to the Kingdom in these days.

RICHARD TULEY

MINISTRY OF HEALING

This ministry has been used quite a lot but not as much as one would have hoped. People do tend not to "bother us" which is sad because it defeats the object of the ministry.

It is a joy to hear of answers to prayers and of God's goodness. Here are a few extracts from letters:-

"Thank you for your letter and the card from the Church saying you have been praying for me. God has really answered prayer, I've had (in the opinion of one of the doctors present) a marvellous operation, and although I'm at present convalescing, I've made a very rapid recovery - even the doctors commented on it! In fact some people didn't believe I'd had an operation!"

"Thank you very much for including me in your prayers at Communion this Sunday. I went to Communion myself so added my prayers to yours you see I have absolute faith in the fitness of things; if God had ordained good for me, well that is something to give thanks for. If He has ordained that something other than good should befall me, well that is also something to be glad for, since I know that good comes out of everything that happens through God's intervention."

"Thank you very much for your card and I would like to say how very much I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness for my health. I am much encouraged by this, and it will help me when I eventually go into hospital". Here I would point out that the ministry outreach is not confined within the U.R.C. Here are

two extracts from letters written by Catholic friends. " I send my heartfelt thanks. I know that His most Divine Presence has been with me in my past worries and troubles ... I will pray for you and your good work also".

"You will always be in my prayers. May God bless your kindness".

Our thanks to all who replied.

ROSEMARY KITTO

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It fell to my lot to have to be admitted to Worthing Hospital some weeks ago due to an acute condition. I do so want to express my warmest gratitude to Bill, Robin Bradley, Geraldine Green and Irene Tuley for all the support, comfort and cheer they gave so generously. I was deeply aware of the atmosphere of prayer surrounding me, and although by nature being very easily frightened, my fears were allayed by knowing you were all thinking of me. For 48 hours it was touch and go as to whether I might have to undergo surgery, but I was saved from this further ordeal by all the strength and healing which flowed from you all. I cannot put into words how much it meant to know that I was so much thought of. I should also like to thank the Girls' Brigade for their kind card and message.

Perhaps it won't be too long before I can come to the Thursday morning Holy Communion and Prayer Service. My very special thanks to Bill for sparing so much of his off-duty time and to Robin too who gave up her coffee breaks to visit the Ward and see that all was well. Thank you all most sincerely,

JOAN CATT

I would like to send a very heart-felt thank you to all of you for the kind letters I have received on my retirement from "The Girls' Brigade". I have spent 25 very happy years with the girls, and although I am coming out of uniform, a part of me will always belong to G.B. May they continue to grow in strength.

PHYLLIS PRITCHARD

Very many thanks to you all for the lovely cards, messages and the prayers which I am sure were very helpful to my recent recovery. I am now feeling stronger although

I had a set-back last weekend when I underwent a total anaesthetic and bronchoscopy. However, the result was good, so now I hope to gain strength and then return to Goring. My love and regards to all,

EVELYN CURTIS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all friends in the Church for their thoughts and prayers, visits, messages and cards received during my recent spell in Hospital. Especial thanks to the Minister from Elsie and myself for his visits, cards and general caring during a difficult time. I am happy to say that I am now home and making good recovery progress.

JIM MASON

All of us at "Sunny Bank" unite to wish you all every joy and blessing at Eastertide. We would like you to know how greatly we have appreciated the knowledge of the care and prayer that has surrounded us in recent days.

Life for us all is now practically restored to normal, and we are deeply grateful.

WALLIS HAYWARD

My thanks to all kind friends who have supplied me with oddments of wool. These are always needed and are very welcome.

PHIL SCUDDER

TIME FOR RHYME

Welcome to Spring

Welcome with joy the first day of Spring,
 With crocus cups blooming and birds on the wing.
 Lift up your hearts to greet this new day -
 For Spring has returned and chased Winter away.
 Tiny green foliage appears on the trees,
 The bright notes of birdsong are caught on the
 breeze.

It's time for the primrose to show her sweet face,
 And the newly clad willow lends beauty and grace.

It's time for rejoicing - A new season's here,
 Bursting with life at this time of the year.
 For Spring has now come to this tired old earth -
 Bringing a message of hope and rebirth.

KATHLEEN GILLUM
 (J.B.)

A SONNET FOR EASTER

(One City, Two Worlds)

Into the street reluctant daylight spills,
 As if the Promised Brightness could not be;
 But from that window-box of daffodils
 Twelve golden trumpets hail Christ's victory.

 Twisted with age, and scarred by winter's hands,
 Alone upon a waste of trampled earth,
 A flowering rose-pink tree undaunted stands,
 Preaching the mystery of Love's rebirth.

 The city's fountain draws its casual crowd,
 And, rising from the pool with wings outspread,
 A white bird soars towards a whiter cloud;
 Yes, Christ has risen - risen from the dead!

 How royal, yet how homely, are Your ways
 Oh Lord of Eastertide. Accept our praise. Amen.

E.G.H.

SHOPPING

I must go shopping. I am completely out of generosity
 and want to get some. I also want to exchange the self-
 satisfaction that I picked up the other day for some real
 humility; they say it wears better. I want to look for
 tolerance, which is worn as a wrap this season. I saw
 some samples of kindness, and I'm a little low on that
 right now; one can't get too much of it.

I must try to match some patience. I saw it on a
 friend and it was so becoming. I must remember to get my
 sense of humour mended, and keep my eyes open for inexpensive
 goodness. Yes, I must go shopping today.

(From the Anglican
 Digest)

Contributed by a friend in Canada

CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Some of us have felt for a long time that our Church could provide a Christian care for the elderly which is often sadly lacking in secular institutions. We have been thinking of our elderly folk who can no longer cope with caring for themselves.

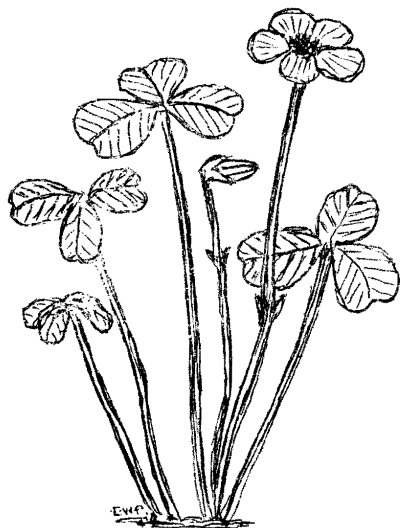
Yes, of course this would cost money! We know - but realise that we are privileged to have wonderful trained Christians in our midst who could do the caring.

If you have any ideas on this subject please contact our Minister who has the problem on his heart.

FAY BLAKEY

HALLELUYAH or ALLELUYA

These names for the Wood Sorrel date back many hundreds of years. A 15th Century herbal refers to it as "A plant of Good Magic" as it appears in our woods at Easter time



OXALIS ACETOSELLA

and has trifoliate leaves, reminding us of the three in oneness of the Holy Trinity. The plant itself is very common, the leaves closely resembling the clover, but with the flower being white with five fused petals.

The meaning of Wood Sorrel is Joy, and surely Easter is the most joyful celebration in the Christian Year.

"For we have great joy and consolation in Thy love".

Philemon 7.

ROBIN BRADLEY

FUND-RAISING FOR C.W.M.

The U.R.C. Overseas Missions Stamp Bureau is organised by Mr. P.C. Grimble A.I.B. of Gosport, a retired colleague of the writer of this paragraph.

During the most recent year of the Bureau's activity the sum of £3029 was raised for C.W.M., and in a letter to me this month Mr. Grimble told me that since last July he has earned £3200 for C.W.M. in 32 weeks (or £100 a week): a truly magnificent result. It has, however, taken Mr. Grimble 70 hours a week to achieve this!

Not only stamps, but also coins, pre-war post cards and many other saleable articles are dealt with by the bureau. Looking at the 1976 results it was interesting to note that one local Church "Stamp Gathering Group", namely - St. Columba's, featured amongst the "top twenty" by raising £26. The list was headed by the Group at Barnsley who raised £162.10.

PERCY BIGGS

If anyone in our Church is interested in starting a Group for collecting stamps please contact the Editor or the Minister.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS(S)EX CATHEDRA

The Pope recently put the shutters firmly up against women priests. No doubt there are plenty of good arguments on both sides of this controversy but he seems to have selected one of dubious logic; to ordain women priests, he says, would be contrary to the intentions of Christ since He did not ordain any women. Of course the rest of us are not in as good a position to know the intentions of Christ on this matter since we have no record of them (we know well enough the attitude of St. Paul regarding the place of women in the Church of his time but that, at least some of us think, is a different matter). Is it not equally logical to hold that only Jews can be ordained since Christ Himself gave no precedent for ordaining men of any other race?

However, we can hardly afford to throw any stones. Most Free

Churches believe theoretically that women have a place in the ministry but rarely do much about it. The main difference seems to be that with the Catholics one man blocks progress and with us lots of women do the same.

THE GOSPEL ON (AND OFF) THE AIR

The sad news of the enforced closedown of the Voice of the Gospel radio station operating from Ethiopia should at least remind us of the good work done by several such missionary radio organisations throughout the world. These stations are sometimes the only means of getting the Christian message into a country barred to other methods - China for example. Later in the year we are to hear more of the work of one such mission, Radio Worldwide, from Miss Heather Wraight, the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wraight, who serves with this Mission.

THE CHRISTIAN AND VIOLENCE

This is not the intended second article in this series. The first, which appeared last month, was written before, but published after, the news of two particularly evil acts of atrocity was received from Africa. The murder in Rhodesia of the seven Roman Catholic missionaries and in Uganda of the Archbishop horrified most people. The former tragedy did not however horrify the World Council of Churches, who came out with the comment which exactly illustrated the pernicious double-thinking I referred to last month. "We deeply deplore the senseless (sic) killing of seven Roman Catholic missionaries The atrocities perpetrated by all sides are the result of the (Rhodesian) regime's persistent refusal to negotiate a peaceful settlement with the Zimbabwe leaders". So far, the W.C.C. have not found a way of blaming Amin's atrocities on Ian Smith or his regime.

ROBIN BRUFORD

STOP PRESS Girls' Brigade Mrs. Caroline Barnett is anxious to move back to Worthing from Hove. Anyone knowing of a flat - unfurnished or part-furnished, please phone her on Brighton 775499 Ext. 240

GIFT DAY 1977April 30th Saturday/1st May Sunday

Family Church Week End will this year include Gift Day. The former "At Home" at the Manse will be held later in the year at a convenient date.

It is simply untrue to say that we are "well off" as a Church. We are rich in a happily growing and spiritually maturing membership of all ages. It is probable that we have the largest membership of any U.R. Church in West Sussex! - but inflation has challenged the depth of our commitment, for what we pay in support of UNIFIED APPEAL, of MINISTRY & MAINTENANCE has increased enormously. In addition we have hopes for expansion and need extra premises in which to do our work and witness.

Will you not make the coming Gift Day an opportunity of expressing your confidence in faith towards all that God is asking us to do in his Name? We are sure that you will, for now is the time to respond to the need of the Church to be relieved of financial anxiety and to offer a real sacrifice in a GIFT DAY that will glorify GOD.

Envelopes for your gifts (however small or large) will be available shortly.

WILLIAM CONNELLY
NORMAN REDMAN

FROM THE TREASURER

Collections during the month of February, 1977 were as follows:-

Loose Cash	-	£181.24
Envelopes	-	£342.32

Total amounts received this year to date compared with the previous year:

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Loose Cash	£369.72	£242.26	£127.46 I
Envelopes	£716.76	£605.93	£110.83 I

Please keep it up - this is encouraging!

NORMAN REDMAN

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

FAMILY CIRCLE Have you noticed that except for part of our Musical Evening on 28th March, all our events this year have consisted of entertainment by our own members? In January our Quiz Evening went down extremely well, although we were all squashed into the Cornwall Room owing to heating problems. Perhaps this was an advantage! The Slide Competition in February attracted an entry of over 180 slides many of which were excellent. We were grateful to Bob Lynes for judging the Competition and he had no mean task. The winners of Certificates of Merit were Mrs. Jane Bond, Mrs. Connie Gill, Miss Geraldine Green, Mrs. Pam Miller, Miss Mollie Hawke, Reg Hobbs, Arthur Cleverton and Ted Winstanley. Congratulations! What a pity the attendance was so disappointing! A report on the A.G.M. will appear in next month's Chronicle but we still have our final item on Saturday, 30th April. Last year we had "Festival Follies" and this year it will be "Jubilee Frolics" on the lines of an Olde Tyme Music Hall. (Has anyone got a tail coat, white tie & waistcoat to lend the M.C.?) Groups from all sections of the Church are busy rehearsing their items and we can guarantee a varied and entertaining evening. Last time the "House Full" boards were out and we hope we shall have another good audience this year. Although no charge will be made there will be a silver collection to defray the cost of refreshments and any surplus will go towards Church Funds.

DENNIS GILL

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP This Session has passed very quickly and we have enjoyed all our meetings. On 21st February we enjoyed Mrs. Fay Blakey's talk on Homoeopathy and on 21st March we had a wonderful evening on Victoriana led by Mrs. Dorothy Bruford, when we all brought our treasures to shew each other. These included Queen Victoria's own work box. We look forward to our next meeting on 4th April when Miss R. Kitto will talk to us. Our new Session starts after Easter on 2nd May, and we invite any ladies who are interested to join us on that evening when we shall have a talk on "First Aid in the Home".

JANE BOND

WOMEN'S GUILD Our Members' Afternoon on 22nd February proved an interesting time. More members offered to contribute than we had time for, but please remember we have another Session in the Autumn when your help will be needed. The Men's Fellowship joined us on our visit to Norway. What a wonderful afternoon Mr. Snow gave us with his slides. There were no spare seats. On 5th April we shall share our afternoon with the men for Easter Readings and Music, and on 19th April Mrs. Phyllis Gude, a friend of Mrs. Cozens-Walker will speak on the life and poetry of Elizabeth Barrett-Crowning.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP We conclude our programme for the Spring Session with an afternoon of Easter Music on 5th and the A.G.M. on 19th. We shall look forward to joining the ladies of the Guild once again for the musical programme and recall the wonderful afternoon we had on 8th March with Mr. Snow (see above, Ed.) I shall be pleased to receive nominations for the Officers & Committee for election at the A.G.M. but as far as I am aware at the moment all existing members are prepared to serve again.

REG GOODCHILD

HELP THE AGED Grateful thanks are extended to all those who so generously supported this annual appeal once again. We are able to report the collection of at least 25 bags of clothing and blankets, and nearly £20 in donations, and this represents a big contribution to the Worthing appeal. So thank you again and also to all our willing packers. Next year the collection at our Church will be arranged by Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor and we are very grateful that she has undertaken to do this.

JANE BOND

GIRLS' BRIGADE "It is more blessed to give than to receive". So many of you must have had this verse in mind when you shared our "At Home" day with us recently. You gave so generously and we are all deeply grateful. The total sum of money for the day £165 will now enable us to pay our home and overseas fees and buy some more uniforms for the girls. Once all the squares from the 'knit-in' have been joined together we shall have several blankets to give to the sick and aged, and the girls will distribute these themselves. We return after the holiday on Tuesday 19th April and start our Session with a Jumble Sale on Thursday 21st April at 18.00h. Please phone W 40516 or

W. 501675 for collection, after Easter.

May the dear Lord bless you all this Eastertide.

JEAN WEBB

YOUTH COUNCIL As the new Secretary of our Church's Youth Council I would like to invite more representatives from the various youth organisations within the Church to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th May at 20.00h in the Cornwall Room. I look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

ANNE JOHNSON

CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS Could you spare an hour or so of your time on a Wednesday evening from 17.30h. Are you capable of coping with about twenty young boys between the ages of five and eight (with the assistance of a couple of helpers)? Are you enthusiastic and physically fit?

If you can answer YES to all of these questions there could be a rewarding job waiting for you. The Officer in charge of the Boys' Brigade pre-junior section, Mrs. Lyn Garrod, will shortly have to give up her position for a few months as she is expecting a baby. We desperately need somebody NOW to "learn the ropes", and, when the time comes, help with the running of the Section (possibly on a permanent basis). If you are interested or feel you could help in any way, please ring Mrs. Garrod on Worthing 62560.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR APRIL

3rd - Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Beale	17th - Mrs. E. Mabey
10th - EASTER SUNDAY	
Mrs. L.M. Cuff &	24th - Mr. & Mrs.
Miss L. Wingrove	E. Poppelstone

The list in the Vestibule seems to be working as I get so many people saying how much they appreciate the flowers every Sunday. Quite gratifying, and I hope to make a real display for EASTER as Miss Wingrove is kindly supplying the Easter Lillies. Thank you all for your help.

VI TURTON

WANTED URGENTLY for Youth Camp. The Youth Club would be very grateful if they could borrow a family-size Frame Tent for the weekend 3rd-6th June. If you can offer any help please contact Chris Byerley on Sunday, or any of the Church Officers.

WANTED URGENTLY A large toy box, eg. Linen Basket or Ottoman or trunk, preferably one that can be closed.

BEGINNERS' DEPT.

BOYS' BRIGADE The members of the Company, Junior and Pre-Junior Sections plus Officers, Helpers and Instructors now bring our numbers to the century mark. Having seen the Company through most of its life and having seen our numbers down to about a dozen it gives me a feeling of great joy in knowing the Lord has helped us through. It is also a joy to see members of the Company both past and present playing a fuller part in other spheres of the Church life. I wonder how long it will be before a member becomes an Elder?

We wish those amongst our number who are or have been ill a speedy recovery. Two boys have lost their tonsils, one his adenoids and another is in hospital with kidney trouble. If you have any difficulty in counting your blessings do come and see our happy wheel-chair boy in the Pre-Juniors.

In the West Sussex Battalion Cross Country Run at Petworth in February Colin Easey came first in the Senior event. The Senior, Company and Junior teams all came second in their respective events. Thank you boys for your efforts and we will beat the 1st Crawley at something in the very near future! The Company Section boys are holding their Display at 19.15h on Friday, 29th April at the 6th Form College in Bolsover Road. Please make the entry in your diary now.

Would you please remember our Pre-Junior Section in your prayers particularly its' Leadership in the forthcoming months. (see P. 16, Ed.).

We have recently heard of the possibility of another B.B. Company starting up in Sompting which goes to prove that the B.B. spirit is still alive. A book entitled "Pioneer of Boyhood" is available at the Worthing Library and also in our own Church lending service, so you can learn all about the B.B. If you borrow our Church copy would you please sign your name inside the front cover.

Did you know that in six years time the B.B. will be celebrating its centenary? A Boy in the Junior Section wrote to the Queen recently on behalf of 5th Worthing, congratulating her on her Silver Jubilee. He is now the proud possessor of a letter from Buckingham Palace and signed by a Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

Looking round at you all each Sunday I see that you are steadily growing bigger and taller, so I expect that many of you are hoping to get a new dress or coat this spring. When I was a child we had our new dresses and coats and suits in time for Sunday School Anniversary, when we had to be 'up on the Platform' where we could be seen by the whole congregation as we gave our recitations, songs, duets and other tokens of our talents. Each year people could see how much we had grown both in size and knowledge.

A tree grows at its tips and in spring-time the growth is so rapid that the appearance of the tree changes from day to day. A very short time after the sticky brown buds open on the horse-chestnuts there are big green leaves, each like a hand with spreading fingers, and soon the flower spikes at the tips of the twigs lengthen and unfold, till in May the tree is in its full glory. It is not so easy to realise that, besides lengthening at its tips, a tree is increasing in girth all through the spring and summer. The size of the trunk and branches increases because during the growing season new wood is formed by a living layer just under the bark. Every year the tree adds a new ring of wood to its stem, and when a tree is chopped down it is possible to tell its age by counting the annual rings on its trunk. Each ring has a lighter and darker part, due to the spring wood having wider water-pipes than the firmer wood formed in late summer, and this makes the rings clear and easy to count.

The scale of a fish under a magnifying glass looks very much like a cross-section of a tree trunk, showing summer and winter growth rings - wider and of better quality in the summer ring than in that made in winter.

Similar growth marks are found inside the prickly spines of the sea-urchin.

On shells of mussels and other shell-fish growth is shown by ridges which run parallel to the edge of the shell. They are seen, too, on the shell of the common garden snail. A snail starts life with a very tiny shell and as the snail grows, the shell must get bigger. The shell is not a living thing, but it gets bigger and larger because more and more material, mostly lime, is added to it at the edge by the living skin of the snail inside it. The snail carries the same shell on its back all its life; it cannot leave it and back again. But it is not completely shut in, except when it closes the opening of the shell with a door of hardened slime in winter.

For those animals whose 'coat', 'armour' or 'house' encases them completely, growing is a much more difficult matter. Insects of all sorts and crabs, lobsters, and others of that kind, instead of having a skeleton covered with soft flesh, like fishes and birds and other backboned animals, these armoured creatures have their hard parts on the outside. It is a complete set of armour, thinner at the joints to allow the animal to move its legs, but allowing no room for expansion, or very little. Crabs and lobsters moult two or three times a year until they are fully grown; after that they are content with a complete new suit once a year. It is no easy task to struggle out of a tight suit of armour, and when they moult they do it thoroughly. The crab discards every scrap of his shell covering - the back shield, the breast-plate, the stiff lining of the legs, antennae, claws and tail - even the very lining of the gills, eyes and mouth-parts. When, after a desperate struggle, he squeezes himself out through a crack across the back of his shell, he is limp, weak and exhausted and all his defences are gone. His new suit that has been gradually forming beneath his old one is as yet no more than a leathery skin, and he hides himself away in a quiet spot out of sight of the sharks, cod, skates and dog-fish who are all on the look-out for him at this stage of his life, when he could provide a tasty meal.

This state of affairs does not last long, and the new suit soon hardens. Clad once more like a warrior he comes boldly from his retreat ready to defy the world again.

MAY, 1977No. 289FROM THE VESTRY

"Thou visitest the earth and watereth it
Thou greatly enrichest it"

Psalm 65 v. 9

There are many stories told about those whose gifts of imagination have contributed so wonderfully to the beauty of the world. The legendary Johnny Appleseed who sowed apples in America a girl carrying tadpoles from Devon to Scotland at a time when frogs were in danger of dying out in her home village! I met that girl on a train and she showed me her gumboots half-filled with water and tadpoles. Another such lovely story is told of a man who enlivened his suburban train journey by sowing seeds on the embankment and enjoyed their growth and beauty from year to year, and shared it with others down the line.

Some of us have taken up this thought in relation to our own Church grounds. How well Mr. James works for us in mowing lawns and keeping all sweet and clean but we need your help. Adopt a square yard or so it may presently be a weedy corner or an untended piece of our embankment it may be a spot among the roses or a little place for a bush. Please don't ask permission Mr. James and I, and some others have already begun. A packet of seeds a marker to keep off other enthusiasts and you could add colour to Jubilee year. A Laburnum or a lettuce will be welcome, now! today! on this beautiful spring morning.

And don't forget what Jesus says of the sower and prepare your hearts for Gospel seeds and harvest.

Blessings and love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We are happy to say that Ralph Beale, Jim Mason, Alfred White and Mrs. A.B. Goss are making such good progress following their hospital treatment. We greet them and all our sick and absent friends with Christian affection.

How good to see Dorothy Turner among us again. Bless You, Dorothy! It was a pity that several of our older people were afflicted with illness at Easter. We remember them and look forward to seeing them soon.

A poem by a new member of the Congregation - David Myles of St. Giles, reads:

"What I felt on being a Christian"

While I am a Christian
I so enjoy putting my eyes
Into thinking about God's son Jesus.
And I do feel that I want Him so,
And love Him so ... in heart and mind.

But I am patient for Him
Trying not to suffer
In Satan's world.

Meet David yourself in Church and share the radiance of his faith.

Please remember the Vestry and Manse No. is 48259. Requests for visits early in the day please, and messages for Ministry of Healing to Rosemary ... we are usually here from 8.30h to 12.00h except Mondays. Duplicate messages are much better than forgetting or being forgotten!

BAPTISMS

NEIL ALLEN BECHLEY son of Ann and Michael
4 The Green Way. 10.4.77

NATASHA LEE BRAND daughter of Christine and Paul
37 North Farm Road,
Lancing. 17.4.77

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

JOHN ROBERT DALY
VANESSA GAY BRICKNELL

BRIAN HAZELTON 16.4.77
JACQUELINE WRIGHTON

"to have and to hold from this day forward"

ADA ANNE FREEMAN aged 86 years 18.3.77

"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ"

Cyril Calsteren has been responsible for repairing and redecorating the main Notice Board. Our warm thanks to him.

- * Mrs. A. Seaton-Mills, 11 Alderney Road, Ferring
- * Mr. J.L. Cook, 4 Acacia Avenue, Worthing Tel: 63443
- * Mr. & Mrs. W. Kimber, 49 Storemare, Storrington
Tel: 86/4113

1 Peter 1 vv. 3-6 The Living Bible

All honour to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again, so that we are members of God's own family. Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life: it is kept in heaven for you, pure and

undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure you get there safely to receive it, because you are trusting him. It will be yours in that coming last day for all to see. So be truly glad! there is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank you all very much for the many gifts, cards, and greetings that we received for our Silver Wedding. We had a lovely day.

JEAN AND ROY WEBB

A very warm thank you to all who sent me greetings, telephoned, brought me flowers and visited me during my recent bout of sickness. I was greatly blessed to have so much caring and prayers. A special thank you to the Minister for his many visits and whose cheerfulness raised me more than once from the doldrums. The tapes of the Church services gave much spiritual uplift at this time. What a worthwhile service this is for those who cannot attend Church.

DOROTHY TURNER

The Youth Singers would like to thank friends in the Church for donations received toward buying music. These are much appreciated since music is so expensive nowadays..

CHRISTOPHER CHATFIELD

The week beginning 28th March was one I will not easily forget. On the Monday the Youth Singers gave a performance of "Holy Moses" that made me proud of them. On Wednesday there was a performance of Oklahoma at Durrington High School which was enjoyed by all lucky enough to see it. Notably in the Company were five of our Youth Singers one Judy Bruce-Hay was a real star. On the Sunday there were five of the Youth Singers who have joined the Choir. I felt very proud yet humble that I had been able to help these young people.

J. ROBSON TURTON

SPIRITUAL BALANCE SHEET

From a loving member of the Church.

As we meet for worship in our Church, do we see it as something wonderful and blessed. Do we think of all that is done here in the service of our Lord? Are we not blessed firstly in our Minister. He spares not himself for us all. Have you read "He who listens" by Taylor Caldwell. Read it and you will not finish it without tears and thanksgiving. Yes, and our Minister is one who will always listen too. In our joy, in difficulties, in sorrow or pain, in our temptations and our sin, and in our forgiveness and in death. Blessed are we to whom we can talk and be ministered by - even as we should talk to Jesus and be ministered to by Him.

Think also of all the others who work and minister to us in our Church. So many and in so many ways, some unknown and concealed. May we think of all who minister to our young people. First again, our own Minister to whom the older ones can come and talk and open up their hearts. For those older ones who are constrained, nay called by Jesus himself to minister to the "little ones". The leaders and all their staff. The leaders and staff of all the various organisations. The number who are concerned with healing, who look up the Prayer Book in our "Little Chapel" for personal prayer under all conditions. Yes, think too of all who minister to us with refreshment and yet, even the "washing-up".

Yes, how wonderful and blessed are we in our Saviour Jesus who inspires our Minister to give us the wonderful sermons and inspires each one of us to do something for Him, who is our Lord.

It all began in the mind of God, our Father, in the love for each of us, in the stable to the cross where our Saviour gave Himself for each of us.

This is the true Balance Sheet of our Church. Love which passes all understanding for Jesus and for each other. Wonderful people of God, Blessed by and in our Saviour, Jesus the Son of God, our Father. Thanks be to God.

THE WORTHING CONTACT SCHEME

Thanks to the help of some of our own Church Members, with some other friends, a group of 9 "Contacts" has been established in the Lakeland area of Goring, to help in the development of this scheme. It is hoped that newcomers to the District can be visited and welcomed to Worthing, and given details of the seven churches in our area and their activities, as well as other information if required, and also that help and advice can be given in cases of real difficulty by lonely and old folk resident in the locality.

It is possible that some of the younger generation in our church membership may be enlisted later on, but at this early stage it is unwise to be too definite other than to state that the whole task is to try and carry out our Lord's Parable of the Good Samaritan.

As before mentioned many more friends are needed, and names would be warmly welcomed by the Minister.

L.N. PHILLIPS

THE TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND

Have you heard of the Torch Trust for the Blind? It was started to provide Christian literature in Braille, Moon and large-print, for blind and partially-sighted people. Then tapes and Talking Book Cassettes were produced and all these items can be borrowed from The Torch libraries.

Visually-handicapped people are welcomed as visitors at the Headquarters (Torch House, Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 8UJ) and the former H.Q. at Hurstpierpoint should soon be reopening for visitors. The work was extended by means of local Torch Fellowship Groups for blind and partially-sighted people and their sighted friends. There are now about seventy groups, including the Worthing one which was started in 1974 and now meets at Christchurch Baptist Hall, Christchurch Road, Worthing on the first Saturday in each month at 14.30h. This Group has formed a link with the small group in Dacca, Bangladesh.

Perhaps you could bring a blind or partially-sighted person to the meetings and/or introduce him or her to Torch Trust publications and cassettes. It could well open up a new world to them.

We need help with transport, too, on a regular or reserve basis, to bring people to and from the meetings. (please 'phone Miss Paul, Worthing 35845 if you can help). You may be interested to know that Mr. Peter Jackson, the blind pianist, is on the Staff of the Torch Trust. The work is interdenominational.

If any branch of the Church would like a speaker I am sure Mr. Blackmore would be pleased to come. He is closely associated with the Torch Trust, especially with the Talking Book Service and his address is:-

19 Gratton's Drive,
Pound Hill,
Crawley, RH10 3AD. Tel. (029-382-3048)

Further details available on request
from the Editor.

PHYLLIS WHEELER
Secretary of the
Local Torch
Fellowship Group

TIME FOR RHYME

A Litany for the Elderly

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing old,
Keep me from the habit of thinking that I must say something
on every subject on every occasion:
Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's
affairs,
Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.
With my vast wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but
Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give
me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains for the love of rehearsing
them grows greater as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace to enjoy the tales of others' pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.

Cont'd over

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing
humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory
seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be
mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet - I do not want to be a saint -
some are hard to live with, but a sour person is one
of the works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good in unexpected places and
talent in unexpected people - and give me the grace
to tell them so.

ANON.

ON THE SHORE

The lacey edge of the flowing tide
Caressed my naked feet;
My eyes sought out the horizon far
Where sky and ocean meet.

A little child was trying hard
Her bucket small to fill.
Despite repeated efforts, though,
It stayed half empty still.

We all stand on the shore of Time;
The wide sea is GOD'S Love,
As limitless, encircling, vast,
As shines the heav'n above.

Our tiny minds, like that child's pail,
Can but a fraction hold
Of all the boundless grace of GOD,
And mercies yet untold.

O Father-GOD, enlarge our souls
Compassion to extend,
With thankful hearts to keep Thy laws
And our faults to amend.

DORA BRIDGER

Indifference

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet and made a
Calvary.

They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His
wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was
cheep.

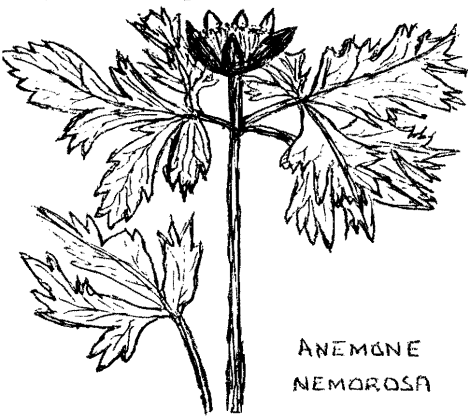
When Jesus came to Goring they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender and they would not give Him
pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the
rain.

Still Jesus cried, "forgive them for they know not what
they do",
And still it rained the wintry rain, that drenched Him
through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul
to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

G.A. STUDDERT KENNEDY

WOOD ANEMONE

A Shakespeare said of sorrows "They come not single spies,
but in battalions", so might be said of the wood anemone which
grows in profusion at this time of the year, especially in our
locality as it thrives on chalky
soil. Clapham woods are carpeted
with them just now, looking like
white stars across the ground,
among the primroses and sheltering
the violets.



ANEMONE
NEMOROSA

The leaves are deeply divided with a rather frilled appearance. The flowers are rather flat, star-shaped, with the petals usually white, although it is not uncommon for them to have a slightly lilac tinge.

The meaning of Wood Anemone in the language of flowers is expectation.

"My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him". Psalm 62 v. 5.

ROBIN BRADLEY

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

News - mainly good - this month from 5 continents:-

AFRICA

The Zaire government, which in 1974 nationalised the mission schools and banned religious education in all schools, has now revoked that law. It has even asked the religious organisations to re-undertake responsibility for their schools, permitted religious teaching and allowed the formal control of the schools to revert to these organisations, although understandably they are encouraged to appoint Zairean nationals to the senior posts.

AMERICA

Our friends Dorothy and Frank Vaughan have sent us a cheerful letter from Sao Jose dos Pinhais in Brazil. Since their previous letter they have moved into their house in that town and into the middle of their 'parish'. Under their closer personal attention the work is going forward on all sides, with house meetings proving particularly successful. On the personal side they still have problems, as the boarding school did not prove to be the answer for their elder daughter Anne. Learning is very difficult for her and they ask for prayers.

EUROPE

An extract from a long description of anti-Christian discrimination in Czechoslovakia:-

The state allowance paid to parents on the birth of a child is reduced to a quarter if they have the child baptized; the marriage allowance is similarly reduced for those who marry in Church.

Students who take part in religious instruction are usually not admitted to any form of higher education and never to a University.

Teachers who attend church are summarily dismissed.

ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA

Christian Aid have found a way of linking these continents to fill a need in both. Parts of Australia are in danger of severe overstocking with dairy cattle; while in most of India, of course, there is a perennial shortage of protein. Christian Aid have been able to provide the necessary oil to ease these two situations - they have paid for the shipment of thousands of the surplus cattle to India. There the best are being retained for breeding stock so that future as well as immediate needs can be served.

I'm sorry I have nothing from Antarctica - but then I don't easily come up with an ice story. Though, switching Poles, I did once meet a charming Anglican couple who were training to go as missionaries to the Eskimos. We thought they would very soon have to settle for becoming say Methodist missionaries instead. Can you say why? Prize for first correct answer.

ROBIN BRUFORD

REPORT ON THE ADDRESS BY THE MODERATOR, THE REV. R.J. HALL at
 SYNOD OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE, REIGATE PARK CHURCH,
 19th March, 1977.

During his travels he had heard varying comments from people. Some felt that the joining of the Presbyterians with the Congregationalists was the greatest catastrophe that had ever occurred. But others had said what a success the U.R.C. was. Some said that we needed to be more businesslike; some said that we should be giving a leadership to the whole world, rather than fussing over individuals. So he had chosen the title of his talk to be The U.R.C., Administrative, Pastoral and Prophetic.

First, thank God, we are not all good at the same things. Clearly, some are gifted as administrators; others are greater preachers. Secondly, when we think of the church as going out

to the world, then the wholeness of the Church will be seen at work.

In a new Church we have so much organising to do. But are we being over-organised and what can be done to meet this need? It is very easy to stress organisation too much. Sometimes we are so busy with our organising that we do not really do the job, but are smothered by the organisation. It is sometimes much easier to give our time to this, rather than to the running of the church. We do not always organise ourselves in the best possible way. Just in the work of our visiting we lose sight of some people because we do not go through our list and make sure of their needs. We owe a great deal to people who do administration. If you have good administration, careful planning and organisation, you are set free to do your real job. Good administration leads to good pastoral work.

The caring Church is a pastoral Church. Not only the Minister but the whole membership of the Church should be involved. There has always been an emphasis on pastoral work. There has always been a need in the Church because we are here to care for all men and women. I believe that all our ministers are pastors. We should always keep the picture of the Provincial Moderator as being a pastoral position. The people who criticise the Church are often the ones who most need the pastoral care of the Church. The family church where we all care for one another is an important image to maintain. Where children are an important part, the pastoral care is made manifest.

The Interim Moderator is a new face for the Congregational churches, and now many churches have found what a boon it is to have a minister who is a little apart and yet is with you, especially when choosing a new minister. And so we find that Pastoral leads on to Prophetic.

We sometimes feel that prophetic times are in the past. And yet the Christian Church is basically prophetic. The great contribution that Jesus made was that he announced the Kingdom and the good news of Eternal life. Jesus has

assured us of His love, forgiveness and power. When we look at the world we see all sorts of evils and it is therefore all the more important that we share with the world the love of God, declaring what God has offered and also stating what he asks of us. Condemnation was always a characteristic of the prophet, but this world needs prophets and those prophets need to share the good news of what God has done for us. We must be prophetic people and prophetic individuals. Are we experiencing this in the life of our churches? In the U.R.C. as a whole? in our Synods? in our District Councils? In our local churches? Are we encouraging our ministers to be all this? Sometimes we express it partially. Good administration and deep pastoral caring that doesn't hesitate sometimes to probe and even, in love, to hurt people in order to help them, is what we in the U.R.C. should be aiming for.

E.W. & M.B. POPPLESTONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

ANNUAL REPORTS Will Secretaries or Leaders of all organisations and groups please complete the preparation of their Annual Reports for the past year and forward them as soon as possible to the Editor - Mr. Reg Goodchild, at 4 North Avenue.

C.S.S.

ELECTION OF ELDERS - 1977 At the Church Meeting held on 31st March the following were elected to be serving Elders for a three-year term:

Mr. D. Blakey
Mr. R. Courtnadge
Mr. C. Nodes

Mr. R. Newell
Mr. D. Stewart
Dr. R. Webb

The Scrutineers reported that 200 voting papers had been received representing a 62% poll of the Members.

The ordination of Mr. Courtnadge and Mr. Newell and the induction of all the new Elders took place at the morning service on Easter Day.

It must be accounted a matter for much gratitude that the nominations were so well supported. We must continue to pray for the Minister and all the Elders. In particular that

rewarding period of activity in the more immediate service of the Master.

C.S.S.

WOMEN'S GUILD May sees the end of our yearly programme with our A.G.M. on 3rd May and our outing to Alfriston on 17th May when we have tea at the U.R.C. at Alfriston.

We have had some very happy afternoons during the two sessions, and we hope to make the A.G.M. such another thus ending our programme with your full support.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP During our last Meeting we all learnt to appreciate more of Life on Wheels from Miss Rosemary Kitto, who gave us a very interesting evening. We all came away better informed and with more understanding. She tells us her life has become fuller and richer inspite of her Wheels, and they have certainly taken her further round the world than many of us have been. One thing we learn, and pass on, is that though the head of a wheelchair occupant is lower than ours, it is not there to be patted, or talked across!

We look forward to an evening of Desert Island Discs on 16th May and to learning about the work of Dr. Barnardo's on 30th May.

JANE BOND

GIRLS' BRIGADE The summer session is now in full swing with lots of interesting thigs going on. Hopefully there will be more work on show in the Church in due course. We are so glad that you enjoyed our Easter display of work. We have been much encouraged by your interest and words of appreciation. We shall be holding an Open Evening on 21st June. Please make a note now in your diaries and we shall look forward to seeing you at 19.00h.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

BOYS' BRIGADE We are sorry if the 1976 summary of accounts in respect of the B.B. gives the impression that little went out in respect of Donations and Good Causes. The actual figure should have read £60 if you take into consideration our Mission giving.

We welcome into our ranks Mrs. Batchelor who has taken over the leadership of the Pre-Junior Section. Going by the two occasions I have seen her in action it would seem that she is going to cope with the 20 or so lively youngsters.

On Sunday, 22nd May we will be the host Company to the West Sussex Battalion at their Annual Church Parade. If the weather is kind we hope to parade with Band from the Maybridge area to the Church. The service is due to start at 14.30h and we will be pleased if you would like to come and join us.

DONALD STEWART

HAYWARD HOUSE Will you please note that Gifts for the proposed Antique Fair should be notified to the Minister by 7th May. Collection will be arranged. Only fairly small articles, e.g. Wooden Boxes, Watches, Coins, Glass, Silver, China, etc. are of interest - no large furniture or jumble can be entered.

The Minister will be pleased to discuss individual items with donors. It is hoped to hold the "fair" on Saturday, 28th May, at 14.30h. ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR HAYWARD HOUSE.

FLOWERS FOR MAY

1st	Mr. & Mrs. Calsteren	15th	Mr. & Mrs. Howe
8th	Miss Harding	23rd	Mrs. M. Wood
	29th		Miss F. Wharhirst

CHRISTIAN AID Amount received for April - £13.60

with thanks,

HILDA HELE

NAMIBIA

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES & WORTHING BRANCH
U.N. ASSOCIATION,

invite you to hear the Rt. Rev. Richard Wood,
(Assistant Bishop in Damaraland
deported from Namibia in 1975)

on Friday, 27th May, 1977 at 19.30h. in Steyne Methodist Hall.
In the Chair: The Mayor of Worthing, Councillor David Hill.

STOP PRESS:

Sitting comfortably at home in Storrington, I would like to express my thanks to the many friends in the Church, and not least Mr. Connelly, whose prayers, visits, cards, and telephone enquiries helped to cheer me and uphold me during my stay in St. Francis. The leg is daily getting stronger and I trust Hilda and I will be in Church again very soon.

RALPH BEALE

FAMILY CIRCLE At the A.G.M. on 28th March the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Gill, reported that the Family Circle had had a very successful year and financially ended with a balance in hand of approximately £10. Contributions had been made to the Communion Fund and to the Church. The Chairman said that he felt that it was time for him to retire as he had held the position for the past four years. This news was received with much regret. The Minister voiced his appreciation of the excellent service which Mr. Gill had given to the Circle. Thanks were also given to the ladies who had served refreshments at the meetings.

At a meeting on 22nd April Mr. Greg Marriott was appointed Chairman for the coming session and Mr. Dennis Gill, Vice-President and all other officers and members of the Committee agreed to continue to serve. Hopes were expressed that the Family Circle would continue to attract more members to its activities and it was suggested that, except for major events, no charge should be made but a collection would be taken to defray expenses.

REG GOODCHILD

FROM THE TREASURER Collections for the month of March were as follows:

Loose Cash	-	£157.06	
Envelopes	-	£279.14	
Totals to date:		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u> <u>Diff.</u>
Loose Cash	£526.78	£361.85	£164.93+
Envelopes	£995.90	£893.64	£102.26+

NORMAN REDMAN

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Last month we talked about signs of growth in trees, animals and shellfish, after the quieter winter period. There is a wonderful change when spring comes! Old plants that have been resting begin to show fresh green and new plants show their first sign of life, and shoot up for the first time. The time to grow has arrived and this period keeps on until autumn.

This is a busy half of the year and plants feed and grow, using some of their food to build up new parts, such as flowers and fruits, and some of them are also making stores of food to draw on when they start growing again the following spring. Plants that die at the end of the season do not have to store food for themselves, but, like the plants that live from year to year, they leave a supply of food in their seeds for the new plant - the seedlings of the future.

People this year are more than ever sowing seeds and watching very closely the progress of the new plant. When a seed sprouts, first one growing tip and then another pushes itself out. Though they look very much alike at this stage, they behave differently from the start, for the first is the root and the second is the stem or shoot. The root grows downwards into the darkness of the earth, while the shoot grows up towards the light and air. Even if the seed is planted upside down, root and stem simply twist round and grow away from one another each in the proper direction, for each one is seeking certain things necessary for the life of the plant. Yet there is one thing powerful enough to make a young root grow upwards and that is water. Roots always grow towards moisture. You can make yourself a little experiment to see it happen, if you like, by growing some seedlings of mustard and cress in a fine sieve filled with damp sawdust and hung up so that the underside can be seen. The roots come through the meshes and grow straight downwards at first, but as soon as they find themselves in dry air, they soon bend back and grow towards the moisture above them.. Remember this when you give the garden a watering and make sure that you give

enough to soak the earth well, and not a surface sprinkling as it may do more harm than good.

Fully grown roots are not all alike - carrots would not be carrots if they had roots like tomatoes! Some have tap-roots, often swollen with stored food, others have bunches of short roots or long branching roots, but all of them are important to the plant in two main ways. They act as anchor for the plant by gripping the soil and they draw in water from the soil. (

By the time the stock of food in the seed has been used up the seedling is ready to make food for itself. The root is taking in water from the soil and the first leaves at the tip of the stem are at the same time opening in the light and beginning to manufacture food in the green leaf way. The plant can grow for a time in the dark - even growing very quickly in length; but it becomes pale and sickly. When it has used up its food store it is bound to die. Its life can only be saved by light. If the plant is moved into the light in time it turns green, and so is able to make more food for itself and go on growing healthily.

I see Thy light, I feel Thy wind,
Earth is Thy uttered word;
Whatever wakes my heart and mind,
Thy presence is, my Lord.

Therefore I choose my highest part,
And turn my face to Thee;
Therefore I stir my inmost heart
To worship fervently. C.P. 599

(George Macdonald,
1824-1905)

MARY CONNELLY

JUNE, 1977No. 290FROM THE VESTRYWalk Tall at Whitsuntide

This festival is the Christian Pentecost, as Easter is the Christian Passover. It has been observed from earliest times in the Christian Church to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2 v. 1).

Various derivations of the name Whitsunday have been suggested. It may be that the name came from "Whit Sunday" i.e. White Sunday from the white garments the chrisoms, worn by the newly baptised on this day. Another suggestion is that the name is derived from "Wyt or Wit" Sunday from the old English word "Wit" meaning wisdom - which is among the gifts bestowed on this day.

Some of the Northern Counties celebrate the festival with walks .. bands... children's parties and Church re-unions. In Saddleworth on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire, the day begins with the visiting band waking the villagers to "Hail Smiling Morn!" at 6.00h Processions are formed at 10.00h and the day is celebrated with colours flying and brass bands calling the step. Strangely perhaps - their day of celebration is "Whit-Friday" whilst over the Pennines Monday is the more traditional day.

Some notes from a recent sermon on the Holy Spirit, may help us to walk tall at Whitsuntide.

"The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters to bring order out of chaos. Prophets were inspired to bring Nations to birth and to Judgement. Moses, David, Elijah rejoiced in the Holy Spirit's powers displayed through them to God's glory.

And yet it is in the New Testament at Pentecost that we are made fully aware of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit which follow upon the promises fulfilled in our Risen and Ascended Lord.

So many of our Churches and our people are still like primitive man who wondered at the sun, the wind, hot springs, fire and other forces which were beyond his power to accept and use to his good ... to say nothing of the power of coal, oil, and atomic energy which were totally beyond his understanding. And as he perished for want of heat and power when its source though close to him, was beyond him in his ignorance .. so too are churches dying today ... in ignorance or fear of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Power of God given to revive and sustain His people. Christ's promises are waiting to be fulfilled in the Church in the World and in us ... and it all begins when we confess Christ in the Holy Spirit and are baptised in His love and power. Let us not perish in ignorance or fear of the Holy Spirit, but walk tall in His power and glory."

Blessings & love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

It is good to see Mr. J.R. Beale and Mr. J. Mason back among us after their hospital treatment ... and both Mrs. A.B. Goss and Mr. A. White are now home again after a time in hospital. We send our love to Miss Joan Catt who is recovering after an operation, and also to Mrs. M.L. Foster who is still in hospital. We assure all friends of the prayers of the whole Church and of the Ministry of Healing through which we seek their good in the name of Christ.

IN MEMORIAM

Lilian Emily Brand died 18.4.77

Ann Jane Jones died 30.4.77

To all who are bereaved we send sympathy and hope in Him who is Resurrection and Life.

THANK YOU

To Messrs. Beckerton and Bradley for their work in decorating and cleaning portions of the interior of the Church.

To all who are planting flowers in the garden ... keep it up. To Mr. C. Calsteren for painting and redesigning the notice board.

WANTED

A carpet for Junior Church. Enquiries to Mr. E.W. Popplestone.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Eric Popplestone on being elected a County Councillor.

Take your seats Ladies and Gentlemen and when as on a number of occasions recently our seats have gone to a newcomer or visitor ... how welcoming you have been. This does help, since rather like the seats at our Lord's feast, we should be happiest when finding room for, and welcoming others ... its good to know that on many occasions all our 400 seats are taken at morning worship.

Sunday Morning Holy Communion - 8.00h A short and simple celebration will be held in the Little Chapel every Sunday morning at 8.00h. We shall use the common cup and break bread together. All are most welcome ... beginning the first Sunday in June.

A SURPRISE VISIT

Many folk will remember Mrs. B. Evans. Saturday morning, 14th May, the door bell rang and there was Mrs. Evans looking as young as ever. Over a brief cup of coffee we heard news of her folk and passed on news of many in the Church. She is still working, being the Secretary of the over 60's club at the Church in the Village. Wonderful for, shall we say an over 60 plus!

TRUDIE KNIGHT

BIBLE VERSES

Appertaining to Thanksgiving and Gift Days, 30th April &
1st May, 1977

Thanksgiving

Psalm 136 v. 1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 100 v. 4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

Philippians 4 v. 6. Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Gifts

Acts 20 part of v. 35 Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

2 Corinthians 9 v. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Thoughts on Pentecost (The Living Bible)Faithfulness

John 15 v. 26 But I will send you the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, the source of all truth. He will come to you from the Father and will tell you all about me.

Acts 2 vv. 18/19 After Pentecost, Peter said: What you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel 'In the last days' God said 'I will pour out my Holy Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams'.

Romans 8 v. 26 The Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how to pray as we should: but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.

PUBLICITY

Have you observed that our main Notice Board has had a face-lift? The beautician has been our good friend Mr. C. Calsteren to whom we are most grateful. This very fine piece of voluntary work, adorned, as always, by the devoted and loyal service of our poster artist - Mr. A.H. Reynolds, adds greatly to the presentation of our publicity. An attractive and efficient exterior, expresses to the passer-by something of the fellowship within.

ELLA ROBERTSON

HANDBOOK ADDITIONS

- * Mr. & Mrs. C. Patterson, 9 Charles House,
181 Goring Road. W. 49227
- * Mr. & Mrs. W. Kimber, "Fairfield", 49 Hormare Crescent,
Storrington.
(This entry was incorrect in the May issue)

CAR PARKING

At our last Church Meeting I reported a very near accident outside our Church one Sunday morning after service, due to members NOT using the car park provided, namely the Inland Revenue car park. You must park your car in the car park, please! There is another very important reason for not parking in the road, and that is if we have to call an ambulance during service (and this has happened on previous occasions) it cannot turn into the drive. The delay could be serious, it could be you. So please use the car park provided, the sign will show you the entrance.

NORMAN DOBSON

CAN YOU HELP OUR DISABLED DRIVERS'

CAR PARKING

Would all members of the congregation please keep the space in front of the Church clear at all times for the

parking of disabled drivers' cars and tricycles. It is very encouraging to see our members from St. Giles, Lancing, making such an enormous effort to join us each Sunday, and it would be a more obvious welcome if we reserve this space for them. May God preserve their faith and courage.

ERIC POPPLESTONE

ORCHIDS

There are over fifty different species of orchids to be found in Britain, of which about twenty may be found in our own locality.

The leaves are usually insignificant, often having brown spots on them, which gives the appearance of grass leaves dying. However the flowers are much more interesting often closely resembling small creatures, and when you know that they bear names such as Bee, Spider,

Butterfly, Lizard, Frog, or Ladies Tresses, you may imagine how fascinating they are.



OPHRYS
INSECTIFERA

This month the Fly Orchid is in flower, usually in woods but sometimes in a shady verge at the roadside. It is a tall narrow plant, sometimes reaching two feet in height. The flowers are a rich brown colour with a pale blue centre, and have a velvety appearance. Their close resemblance to a small insect attracts bees or flies which burrow into the stamens and thus help pollination.

"The flowers appear on the earth: the time of the singing of the birds is come".

Song of Solomon 2.12

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A sincere and grateful "Thank you" to our "caring" Church for prayers, thoughts, visits and flowers during my recent spell of ill-health; especially to our Minister for his prayerful, cheering ministry, to our Girls' Brigade for the very beautiful Easter and "Get Well" cards, and to our little ones for the wonderful scrap-book, Spring posy and card of good wishes. Visitation of the sick commences at a very young age in our Church. God bless you all!

E.M. RYDE

THE CENTRAL CHURCH, TOR HILL,
TORQUAY

I was interested in what Eric Popplestone wrote about this Church in the April Chronicle, as about six weeks ago I saw a service from there on Television, and was most impressed.

Also, we had an interesting letter earlier this year from Joan and Elwyn Jones who now live in Torquay. They have acquired a small hotel (Monton) Private Hotel, Bridge Road, Torquay) and I am sure they would be pleased to see any old friends from our Church who might be visiting the west country.

AUDREY STEWART

FROM THE TREASURER

Collections for the month of April were as follows:

Loose Cash	-	£172.69		
Envelopes	-	£295.53		
Totals to date		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Loose Cash		£699.47	£500.72	£198.75 +
Envelopes		£1291.43	£1150.78	£140.65 +

We give thanks to God for the very generous response to the Gift Day, the total sum so far received being £873.

In vacating the office of Church Treasurer which I have held for the past eight years, I should like to express

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my sincere thanks to all those friends who have given me such helpful support during that time. Thank you for the confidence which you have shown in my performance of this task, and also for the Gift Voucher which I received at the last Church Meeting. I offer to Mr. D. Blakey, my successor, the very best of good wishes and every blessing for the future.

NORMAN REDMAN

WORLD CHURCH NEWS.

THE GOSPEL ON THE AIR On 12th June we are asked to observe a day of prayer for Christian Radio (preachers and Junior Church Leaders please note). There is today a considerable array (hardly yet a network) of radio stations beaming the gospel message into nearly every land, particularly those where traditional methods of propagating the gospel are suppressed or twisted by state policy.

Perhaps we can begin on a note of thanksgiving that the various missionary radio organisations, some of which were originally fiercely independent, are now co-operating more and more to ensure that their resources are used to the best effect. Then we should pray for those who produce, write and edit the programmes; for the engineers who ensure that they can reach the intended listeners; then most of all for those listeners themselves that they may hear, understand, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, receive the Gospel.

As previously noted, we shall in October have the opportunity to learn more of the work of missionary radio when Miss Heather Wraight comes to tell us about the Mission of Radio Worldwide.

THE GOSPEL IN PRINT Good news from the Bible Society:- In its first three months the Good News Bible sold over a million copies. One of them is now used in public worship in the Westminster Synagogue. A New Testament has been published in modern Italian. Nothing special about that? The translation was made by a joint Roman Catholic and Protestant team.

THE CHRISTIAN AND VIOLENCE - III HAIN, HAIN, GO AWAY

I am not a bowls fanatic. I expect I should have exercised my freedom of choice not to go and see the South African team (or for that matter any other team) playing in the Women's Bowls Championships in our town this month. But I do object to having that decision made for me by a self-appointed and unrepresentative group of people who arrogate to themselves the power to decide which sports teams should be allowed to compete in this country. They have been allowed to exercise their censorship by violence and intimidation (or disruption, as they modestly call it on this occasion) for far too long. As some of us forecast at the time, the capitulation of the then Home Secretary (guess who) to this group when he virtually forced the MCC to cancel the 1970 Cricket Tour has proved to be a growing menace to all our freedoms. Apart from an understandable flagging in their campaign when their violence was physically resisted by Rugby supporters, the Hainites have largely had their own way ever since (though it was good to see that the Pot Black winner had somehow got through their net). My friend and colleague Jim Barter - he is Church Magazine Editor at Broadwater Parish Church - and I are normally poles apart on any political matter, but in the present instance I cannot do better than adopt his attitude as expressed in the Worthing Herald and join him in inviting Mr. Hain to demonstrate that his convictions are sincerely and courageously held by carrying out his protests in South Africa. Which perhaps might be fraught with rather more danger than threatening a few ladies and bowling greens while the British Government determinedly looks the other way.

Some Christians support the aims, and a few I fear the means, adopted by the Hainites. They would do well to consider how easily this form of dictatorship can be used against them and their faith.

ROBIN BRUFORD

I would like to recommend a book

Walk in the Spirit - by Michael Harper, price 50p. Some Christians have found a new dimension of living. They have discovered the source of power promised by Christ, but they soon learn that it can create problems as well as solve them. Others are still looking for this experience. In his introduction Michael Harper explains that the book is intended to

help people find this dimension of power, and avoiding dangerous shoals, to steer a straight course as the Spirit Himself directs.

Which Way the Family - by Larry Christenson, price 25p
We live in a time of great moral and spiritual upheaval, a stormy time. Storms are not times for polite or inconsequential conversation, and so this is direct and to the point: Father, the responsibility for the direction of the family is in your hands. As you take the wheel and stand at your station God will stand with you. And you will guide your family into "days of heaven upon earth!" This booklet is a practical down to earth help for the family from one of America's leading authorities on family life. These books are obtainable from our Bookstall or by request. See Miss J. Boughton or
Mr. R. Tuley

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Our winter session finished with a Display on 29th April. The Company Boys did well and perhaps deserved a little more praise from the Inspecting Officer. Despite a few snags and unavoidable gaps in the programme at least we held the Display. For the few critics we will remember your comments and will possibly be approaching you for some constructive help in the future!

The weather has not been kind enough for us to get a good start on our summer activities, although we have visited the Aquarena a couple of times. We had a glorious day in London on Saturday, 14th May. Whilst most of the younger ones visited the Imperial War Museum a few of us strolled through St. James Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. In the afternoon we attended The Boys' Brigade Display in the Royal Albert Hall and enjoyed it immensely. It was a thrill to see nearly seven hundred boys taking part, but the high-light was in having Roy Castle as Guest of Honour. He was not ashamed to admit that he was a Christian and he reminded the Boys of what the B.B. stands for. His trumpet solo "Thank You" perhaps summed up our own feelings in thanking the Lord for such a happy day.

We are holding our Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Washington and hope to include in the programme some unusual items. The most "dawn"ting prospect will be our Dawn Chorus on Chanctonbury Ring on the Sunday. After all what better time of the day could we praise our maker? If you have no wish to join us in our Dawn worship perhaps you would like to join us for tea on Sunday at about 16.00h, you will be most welcome.

DONALD STEWART

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Have you noticed what a lot of older girls we have in the Company? There are now ten Brigaders - girls over 14 years of age, and at the moment they are keen and hard-working and we rely on them to do many jobs for us, especially on a Tuesday evening. We realize however, that they must be our 'top priority' if we are to keep them in Brigade to become young leaders and officers. Remember them and us in your prayers as we seek to guide them ever nearer to Christ and His service.

Some of our girls will be taking part in the "Sword Dancing" item at Palatine Park on 7th June, and all the Worthing Companies have combined together to enter a float in the Jubilee procession on that day. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 21st June at 19.00h in the Church Hall when we shall have our annual Enrolment of new girls, followed by entertainment and refreshments and an opportunity for you to see the girls' work. A warm welcome awaits you all. Bless you and thank you for all your good wishes as I start my year's work as Commandant of the District.

JEAN WEBB
CAPTAIN

WOMEN'S GUILD

The A.G.M. on 3rd May concluded the two sessions of the Guild which have been marked throughout with a warmth of friendship and co-operation which forms the basis of any society, and we look forward to this spirit continuing when we resume our meetings on Tuesday, 6th September.

On 30th June we look forward to entertaining handicapped folk from High Cross Church, Tottenham. Once again through the co-operation of our members all food for this day has been promised. Please remember good folk to bring it to the Church

in time! By 13.30h or as soon after as possible. We hope it will be a fine day, but should it be wet in the afternoon we shall entertain them in the Hall and invite them to "Come to the Fair", etc.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We will be very pleased to welcome everyone to our Open Evening on 13th June, when Mr. Pennels of the Worthing Natural History Society will be showing us film called "Flowers in the Lakes", and talking about flower photography. Please make a note of the date, and come along.

JANE BOND

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the A.G.M. on 19th April all officers and Committee Members were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Reg Hobbs who was elected a Vice-President in recognition of his past services to the Fellowship. Mr. Ron Hurt was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee. We then enjoyed a thought provoking discussion on "The Changes in the Ministry during the past twenty years" introduced by our President, the Rev. W. Connelly.

Our opening meeting of the Autumn Session will be on Tuesday, 20th September, 1977 and we look forward to an influx of new members who will receive a warm welcome to our Fellowship.

REG GOODCHILD

FAMILY CIRCLE

We completed our programme on 30th April when members from most of the Church Groups came together to provide an evening of entertainment as part of the Anniversary Celebrations, under the title "Jubilee Frolics", in Olde Tyme Music Hall style. With Reg Goodchild as Chairman the Groups aided by individual turns from Robin Bruford and Mary Connelly, provided a wonderful variety concert. It was evidently much appreciated by the audience, and under the "baton" of the ever-youthful Robbie Turton, joined in the Community Singing with great enthusiasm. All those who took part and put

so much into providing costumes and props for their most talented acts are to be congratulated. A special word of thanks for Vi Turton who provided decorations for the stage and to all who helped on the night.

FAMILY CIRCLE COMMITTEE

YOUTH WING BUILDING FUND

So far about £100 has been raised for this project and a further £150 has already been promised in the form of interest-free loans. We are now looking for a volunteer to head the fund raising activities and also for anybody who is willing to help out by way of interest-free loans.

It is hoped that it will be possible to make a start with removing the hut and laying the new foundations during the next few months.

JOHN ALMOND

YOUTH COUNCIL

The next Youth Council Meeting will be held on 7th July at 20.00h in the Cornwall Rooms. If anyone has an empty garage or some similar building that they would be willing to let various youth organizations within this Church use as storage space for camping equipment etc, would they please let me know. Anne Johnson, 34 The Boulevard, Tel: 48940. I would be very grateful for any help. Thank you,

SECRETARY

HAYWARD HOUSE

The proposed Antique Sale for the funds of Hayward House, originally planned for 28th May has had to be postponed - a new date will be notified later. Meanwhile the Committee expresses its thanks to all those who have kindly offered items for the sale, and it is hoped that during the next month or two many others will be forthcoming. We have space available for immediate storage. Offers to the MINISTER, please. In addition to actual antiques, any other pieces of Victoriana etc. will be welcome.

F.J. LOCK

SPECIAL NOTICE

Are you sitting comfortably, then I'll begin. This is a phrase so well known to our children because it is so often used on the radio and in books. The Missionary children in Brazil have no English books to read from, so if you would like to help by giving ladybird books, or any similar sort of things, a box

will be in the Vestibule and the books will be despatched every month. Thank you. KEN FISH

Christian Aid for May - £18.50 received with thanks, HILDA HELE

WANTED - One large wardrobe or wardrobe-type cupboard. Please contact Mrs. Webb - W. 40546.

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Who likes to sit on stinging nettles? Who likes to eat stinging nettles? Not you? Well, soon there will be many bodies covering many of the stems and leaves of the nettles, and many jaws munching the leaves. You don't believe me? It's true!

A nettle bed is the place to find the black, hairy caterpillars of the common Small Tortoiseshell butterfly, and also spiky black caterpillars spotted with white that have come from the eggs laid by the Peacock butterfly, and possibly a few Red Admiral caterpillars, or some "Woolly bear" caterpillars of the garden Tiger Moth. They may all be there in June and if you keep watching, you may see butterflies hovering, then settling, on the leaves. After they have gone, you may find that they have left tiny pale 'buttons' stuck to the leaves. In about a week, these eggs will hatch, and out will come the tiny caterpillars, which at once begin to eat the leaves on which the eggs were laid. Some even eat the egg cases first! They have huge appetites, and hardly ever stop eating all day long. Of course, this means they grow very quickly; and in a few days time they find that their jackets are much too tight for them, and split down the back. They wriggle and twist about, and rub themselves against the surrounding objects, till at last they manage to creep out of them altogether and appear in new ones, which had been gradually forming underneath the old! These soft new suits soon dry and the caterpillar feels quite like himself again and starts to feed once more, as hungrily as before. But after a week their new skins are too tight for them and they have to change them again! This very often happens six or seven times before they are fully fed.

But at last they stop eating, throw off their skins once more, and appear as chrysalids.

You may often find these chrysalids on fences and walls, or on the stems and leaves of bushes and plants. Sometimes they are suspended by the tips of their tails from little silken pads, which the caterpillars spin for that purpose, and sometimes they are held upright by silken belts round the middle of their bodies. They have no eyes, so they cannot see; they have no mouths, so they cannot eat; and of course, they cannot move about. All that they can do if you touch them is to wriggle themselves a little from side to side. There, in their delicate prisons they remain, sometimes for weeks, and sometimes for months, until the time comes for the perfect butterflies to make their appearance.

Then, one day, the chrysalid will quiver and shake and burst open. Then, slowly a strange, crumpled creature will drag itself out, and creep up the stem. Limp and quivering, the strange creature will cling feebly to the stem, its wings wet and crumpled and rolled up in little bundles on its back. But as you watch, the poor, crippled-looking thing will change before your very eyes! The crumpled wings will unfold, showing their soft pretty colours. The creases straighten out, and the wings become larger and larger, and stronger and stronger, till at last they reach their full size and strength. The butterfly will open and shut them once or twice, as if to test their power and then, perfect at last, is able to fly away.

Believe not those who say
The upward path is smooth,
Lest thou shouldst stumble in the way
And faint before the truth.

It is the only road
Unto the realms of joy;
But he who seeks that blest abode
Must all his powers employ.

Anne Bronte, 1820-49
(C.P. 521)

MARY CONNELLY

JULY/AUGUST, 1977No. 291FROM THE VESTRYA Call to a New Consecration

At the beginning of the fourth year of my Ministry among you this call is greatly upon my heart. I have for long been grieved by the articles, notes, and letters which appearing in Christian journals express the most woeful and unhappy prospects for Christ's Church. The Evangelical Hope cannot take such things seriously except to say that such Authors seem to have lost sight of the gracious and conquering work of Christ given to all the world. My reading of the Gospels leads me to the position where I dare invite you to believe that the Church may well be on the edge of a new revival. To live in this hope as prelude to the ultimate reign of God was the inspiration behind most of our great evangelists ... and I am happy to share the hope with them. Let me then invite you to share in a new Consecration of

TIME consider stewardship of time in relation to Worship ... Bible Study ... Church Meeting ... Christian Service. We need to be more single-minded about our use of TIME ... many of us could attend Church twice a day - with all the inspiration this would give - if we really tried. Ask yourselves very seriously "what use do I make of Sunday when I have left Church after morning worship?"

TREASURE many young people need to look at their commitment to this part of their discipleship. How many people under 21 years have taken out covenants or joined the envelope scheme? Young Christians need to make early decisions about God's claim upon their money. I believe that if we took our witness as seriously as Christ requires ... financial problems would end overnight and our Mission be set forward beyond present measure.

TALENTS We are in need of helpers in the Junior Church and the Brigades! Those who can play an instrument or teach, or join in secretarial work are in demand. May I say how grateful I am to all whose talents have been so well used in decorating and gardening ... and visiting.

You will not think me to be critical of any; rather I express my appreciation of you all and all you are and do for Jesus Christ. And yet we do well to consecrate ourselves afresh to our Lord in whom we find fulness of joy as we love and serve Him.

Finally, a word about any who would like to consider Church Membership. It will be my happiness to discuss this with you at any time.

Blessings to you all,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Many of our friends who were lately in hospital are home again, and we send special love to Mrs. A.B. Goss who has once more entered hospital for treatment on her eye.

You will be glad to rejoice with us in our elder daughter Helen and her husband Victor, as they share in God's gift of a daughter. We hope to have the Baptism here at Christmas.

A number of our young people will leave us this Autumn for College and University and we hope to give you a full list so that you can remember them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dora Newell and Richard Tuley as they continue their work as Lay Preachers so successfully... and do remember Lionel Knight's help in this and to the Sussex Churches.

Mr. James Mason of 1 Courtlands Close has been appointed a Companion of the Imperial Service Order in the H.M. Queen's Silver Jubilee and Birthday Honours List.

A number of friends including the Beales and the Shaves have members of their families over from abroad, and it is good to see them.

A happy Cradle Roll service, attended by a large number of babies and their parents, was held in June and what a happy time we had together. Mrs. B. Chatfield does a lot of work in this department and we thank her.

SILENCE BEFORE WORSHIP Please help us in this and especially so when the Elder brings in the Bible.

BAPTISMS

SAMANTHA HILARY and

JAMES ANTHONY

on July 3rd

children of Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Guppy of 18 Galsworthy Close.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

MARRIAGE

KEITH PHILIP OLIVER

DWYNWEN ELIZABETH SHAW

on June 4th

"And the greatest of these is LOVE"

IN MEMORIAM

FLOSSIE LOCK

on June 3rd

"enter into the joy of thy LORD"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Once again may I take this opportunity of thanking you all for the cards, messages, visits and your upholding prayers during and after the time of my recent operation. I can only say that Bill's ministry helped more than I can say and the little Communion Service was a source of comfort and strength just when it was most needed. A very warm thank you too to Robin Bradley for all she did and especially for seeing me safely home where I am now gaining strength each day. It is a joy and a privilege to be a member of such a wonderfully "caring" church.

JOAN CATT

My most sincere thanks to all the members, Jean Webb and the girls of the Brigade who so kindly remembered me in their prayers, and to our dear Minister and Robin Bradley who visited me during my stay in hospital.

Many thanks to them for their lovely cards, with their words of comfort, from which I have made a good recovery. I shall keep them always. Peace and Joy,

CONSTANCE FOSTER

FROM THE TREASURER Collections for the month of May were:-

Loose Cash £205.06

Envelopes £424.00

Totals to 31st May

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>Diff</u>
Loose Cash	£904.53	£679.96	+ £224.57
Envelopes	£1715.43	£1468.40	+ £247.03

J.D. BLAKEY

BIBLE VERSES

GLORY

Psalm 19 v.1 The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Luke 2 vv. 13,14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Ephesians 1 vv. 17,18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints ...

Matthew 16 v. 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and he shall reward every man according to his works.

THE LAY MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Week by week, even day by day, this is going on. We see it in teaching in Junior Church, caring and sharing in the Fellowships, preparation for learning and service in the Bible Study Groups, leading and guiding in the Brigades, friendliness and concern in

all those who minister by visitation, these and so many more ways whereby the work of the ministry of the Church is carried out. But there is outreach too. Young people of ours leading and teaching in Brighton and already this year I have been joined with Dora Newell, Beryl Chatfield and Richard Tuley in the conduct of worship in our sister churches in Arundel, Petworth, Bosham, Pulborough and Billingshurst. So the work of the Kingdom goes on. Thanks be to God.

LIONEL E. KNIGHT

THE CONTACT SCHEME

On 8th June a meeting of our church members and friends who are co-operating in forming a Lakeland group of "Contacts", met for the third time, and it was agreed to commence the work entailed immediately.

The first task will be to visit and welcome newcomers to the district and leave with them the leaflet, which most members have already seen, giving addresses of the six major churches in Goring, and to give any local information required, and to be prepared to keep in touch.

The second effort will be the distribution of greeting cards as issued by the Worthing Council of Churches introducing the "Contact" Scheme, and to ascertain if any residents would like to receive occasional visits which would be acceptable to people who are living alone.

The third task will be the action required in cases of emergency which might be received, so that appropriate action or advice could be given.

As mentioned before, this Scheme is in its infancy, but the names of some more church members have been received during the past few months, and indeed more helpers are required to develop a fuller coverage of Goring and the Western Region of Worthing. The Minister would be glad to hear of some further prospective helpers.

L.N. PHILLIPS

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

ECUMENISM - IN POLITICS

There was once a smallish country in North-Western Europe where for longer than anyone could remember there had been a sharp division between Catholics and Protestants that pervaded every aspect of life. In politics this division overshadowed any actual ideological differences so that Catholics, whether of the left or right, always supported the Catholic Party and all shades of Protestants always voted for the Protestant Party, just as their fathers had always done. But this division began to be taken advantage of by other political groups, some extremist, who had much less concern for Christian influence in politics, and these groups began to make steady electoral progress at the expense of the feuding Catholic and Protestant bigots. So - wonder of wonders - the contending Christian parties, faced by this threat, dropped their differences and came together as the Christian Democratic Appeal to fight their first general election on a united basis.

No, this is not a fairy story. This election actually took place in May, in Holland. Perhaps it would have made a fairy-story ending if the united party had won the election, but it didn't, though it won the second largest number of seats. But it almost certainly fared better than the former warring denominational factions would have done. And most important of all, it stood as a Christian witness for unity rather than division.

EDUCATION - IN PRACTICALITIES

Education is an important aspect of many missionary societies' work these days, since it is vital to the economic and social as well as the spiritual aspirations of developing peoples. However, it has become increasingly apparent that the limited academic approach of encouraging students to gain 'pieces of paper' in exams so as to qualify them for 'white-collar' jobs has two dangers, especially in Asia. First, there are often more qualified people than there are jobs: second, this emphasis frequently leads to the despising of 'mere' manual skills

and a reluctance to get ones hands dirty (neither problem is entirely unknown in this country). Realisation of these difficulties is prompting a different approach to education - the adoption of an 'education for life' policy, which involves the inclusion of some compulsory training in practical skills even in the most highly academic courses. The missionary educationalists have the advantage of being able to point to the best possible precedents for this approach - the Carpenter of Nazareth and the Tentmaker of Tarsus were never afraid to get their hands dirty.

ECUMENISM AND EDUCATION - IN PRINT

The Bible Society reports that the number of languages in which at least part of the scriptures has been printed has passed the 1600 mark in the past year.

ROBIN BRUFORD

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEWS

Clermont U.R.C., Brighton

As I am often being asked how things are going at Clermont, I thought I would write a short report on what is happening with the youth work there at present.

It is now ten months since I started going over on a Sunday morning to help in the Junior Church, in charge of all the children aged 7 and over. Numbers grew, from 2 when I started, to 12 at Christmas, though unfortunately they have declined somewhat since then for various reasons. However, numbers are not everything, and various other things have been achieved. We have held a moderately successful disco there (which proved to us that there are quite a few young people in the area), and Goring Youth Club also put on a variety show. Then, more recently, our young people led the evening service. Some of us have also done some decorating, and it has all been much appreciated, since they have few younger people of their own.

There are now several of us at Goring who are actively involved at Clermont (usually one other person goes with me on Sunday mornings) and we have various ideas for the future.

In September we are planning to have a recruiting campaign for the Junior Church, and we also hope to start up a regular Youth Club. (If anyone has an old record player they no longer use, we could put it to good use in this venture). At the moment when the children reach a certain age, they tend to leave because there is nothing for them, and we hope a Youth Club will overcome this problem.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way towards the work at Clermont. Your prayers have been much appreciated, as has the financial support of several Church organisations and individuals, for without this I would have to walk to Brighton each week! In human terms our task is well nigh impossible, but since we believe we have been called by God, we leave Him in charge, and trust that by your prayers he will continue to strengthen us.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

Youth Club

The Spring Bank Holiday saw about 33 members of the Youth Club departing for camp at Handcross. In spite of the wet weather we all had a marvellous time. We played lots of games, had sing songs around the camp fire, long walks, including one walk which started at midnight!

I am sure all the members who came would wish to join me in thanking the people who gave their time to take some of us there in their cars, and most of all, Janice, Chris and John for all their hard work in making the trip possible.

LYNNE JONES

Variety Show

On Saturday, 9th July at 14.30h the young people are presenting an afternoon of music, comedy and drama. This will be an event for all ages and we hope you will come and support it.

C.C.

THE MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEETING, 2.6.77

The Minister in the Chair, apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Batchelor, Mrs. Blakey, Miss Jean Boughton, Mrs. Calsteren, Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Stephens, Mr. Beamish, Mrs. Newell, Mr. Stewart, Miss G. Green, Mrs. Wraight.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Church Family News of the Church family was exchanged. The Meeting expressed good wishes to members of the Boys' Brigade, the Youth Club and their leaders for their forthcoming weekend camp.

Mr. Bond read a letter received from Mr. Horsefall, a founder member, in reply to greetings sent by the Church for his 90th Birthday. The letter expressed great joy, during a recent visit, that the Church was growing and flourishing.

Membership The Meeting agreed to the transfer of Mrs. Roberts to the Batheaston Methodist Church, and to commend this Church to the fellowship of the same Church.

The Meeting agreed that the best wishes of the Church be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Hart on their removal to Beddington and to Mr. & Mrs. Ford on their removal to Rhyl.

Treasurer The Treasurer reported that New College, London, would be closing down in September and that it was proposed to make a presentation to the Rev. Dr. Duthie and the Rev. Geoffrey Nuttall on their retirement. Churches were invited to subscribe and the Meeting agreed to a donation of £10.

Wider Church Mr. Mooney reported that the Worthing Women's Aid Committee are running a Home for Battered Wives in Worthing. It is estimated that the cost will be approximately £900 p.a. and contributions were invited from the local Churches. It was agreed to allocate the proceeds of a Communion Collection in July to this cause.

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Church Appointments It was reported that as Mr. Mooney holds office ex-officio as Treasurer of the Council of Churches, the Church may make a further appointment. On the proposal of Mrs. Dearsley, seconded by Mrs. Chatfield, Miss Robertson was appointed as the representative of this Church.

Question Time The following matters were discussed without formal proposition:- Fen Place Annual Garden Party; Congratulations to the Editor of the Chronicle; Dangers of using the wrong entrance to the car park; outside painting of the Church.

Minister's Annual Report The Minister presented an outline of his Annual Report which would be included in the volume of Reports of Church Activities later in the year. The theme of the Report was thanksgiving and praise as exemplified in verses from Psalm 103 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits .." The Meeting received the Report with acclamation.

The Minister closed the Meeting with prayer..

BOOK CORNER

Something More by Catherine Marshal. A dramatic spiritual adventure demonstrating what happens in the twentieth century when we say 'yes' to the Spirit of Truth, allowing Him to invade us and lead us into the light. The true stories in this book, raw material from her life and the lives of those she encounters, show that Christian commitment is only a birth and a beginning. In a unique blend of autobiography, dramatic narrative and Biblical exposition she shows how the process of being moulded into a mature Christian becomes more challenging.

God can do it again - by Katherine Kulman. Every day in the ministry of Katherine Kulman, saw a miracle. A spontaneous cure of multiple sclerosis, the sudden and total disappearance of rampant cancer, a release from lifelong crippling and deformity, the will to die transformed into a will to live. She knows the answer is God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

Women's Guild

On 17th May 53 members of the Guild and their friends spent a delightful afternoon at Alfriston, one of the prettiest of Sussex villages. After exploring some of the old shops, the village church and the old Priest House, we visited Alfriston U.R.C. This was beautifully decorated with huge vases of gorse which splashed pure gold as the sun shone on them through the stained glass windows. It was difficult to connect this beauty with the turbulent history of the Church in the early part of the last century.

In the Memorial Hall of the U.R.C. we sat down to a delightful tea prepared by the ladies of the Church, who performed this task throughout the summer as a means of financially helping their Church, and everything was homemade. Miss Mann, one of our Vice-Presidents, in thanking them gave them the good wishes from Goring U.R.C.

September seems a long way off while writing this, but our meetings resume on Tuesday, 6th September when our speaker will be our own Mr. Connelly, and his subject - "Scenes from a Minister's Life".

We look forward to meeting all members and give a warm invitation to anyone to join with us at this and all our meetings, for which a good varied programme has been arranged.

E. DEARSLEY

Christian Aid

The amount received for June was £39.75. Many thanks to all contributors.

HILDA HELE

Result of the House to House Collection for our area was £83.23. Grateful thanks to all those who helped.

SYLVIA BATCHELOR

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, who celebrate their Golden Wedding on 2nd July.

An Appeal

Have you any margarine pots, kitchen roll centres, old greeting cards, half rolls of wallpaper, wool, beads or cotton reels? In fact anything that the youngest members of our Brigades can use in handwork and model-making. If so - contact Mrs. Batchelor. Craft materials cost a great deal of money and we can use so much that you might think of as waste. Don't forget that the Boy's Brigade are still collecting clean newspapers.

Sudan United Mission

For the folk in our Church who have an interest in the above Mission through Prayer Meetings in our home, financial support and the Lightbearer, this is just a note to say that the Prayer Meetings have come to an end. However, a new group has started in the Durrington area, details of which I will gladly give to anyone able to attend. They are actually held every third Tuesday in the month at 20.00h for those who like to be present in the Spirit.

My thanks to everyone in their support over the many years I have held my own Prayer Meeting.

AUDREY STEWART

Flowers for the Church

There is a list in the Vestibule on the notice board, so that anyone can enter their name for the Sunday they would like to donate the flowers. There are some dates for this year still vacant and we would be so pleased to see these filled.


To save space in the Chronicle we will not be entering the names of the donors every month, as they will already be on the list; and we give the flowers for the glory of GOD. I do thank everyone for the help given, especially that of Mrs. D. Turner for her assistance.

VIOLET TURTON

BOYS BRIGADE

Despite the poor weather we held our Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Washington and enjoyed ourselves to a reasonable extent. We had a few notable happenings some

of which caused a little concern at the time. We climbed to Chanctonbury Ring during the early hours of the Sunday, ready to greet the dawn, but unfortunately the sun arrived shrouded in a mist. The cook-house tent nearly went up in flames when a gas cylinder caught fire! Some Senior boys failed to rendezvous with the crew-bus during a night trek and were rescued by the Police in the early hours. The treasure hunting yielded only one horseshoe, so we look forward to better luck next time. Devotions conducted in a simple way also had their place in the Camp programme.

 We participated in the West Sussex Battalion Sports at East Grinstead on Saturday, 11th June and had varied success only to come away with the Senior Trophy. Thank you, boys, for your efforts, and we definitely will get somewhere if you keep trying.

Our District Day is being held at Withdean Stadium on Saturday, 2nd July, and we are sure it is going to be an interesting and busy occasion. Events include a Sponsored Downs Walk, It's a Knockout, Tug of War, Super Star Champions, and Six a Side Football. The day will conclude with a Rally led by the British Youth for Christ team.

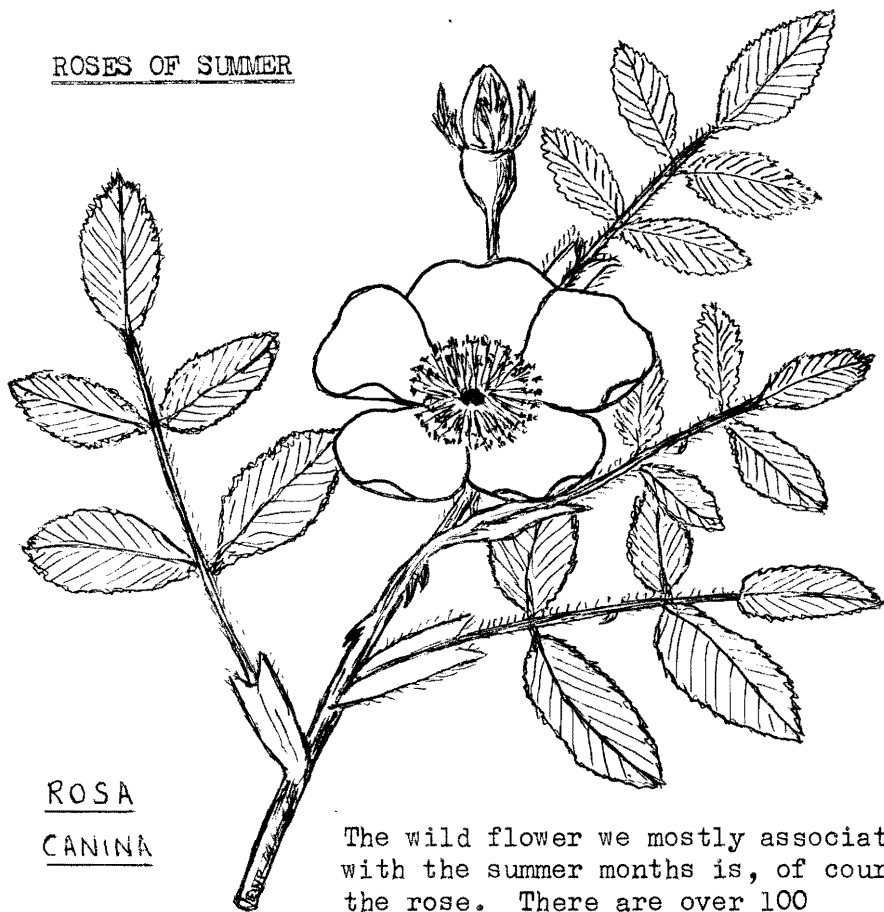
The 3rd Johnstone (Renfrewshire) B.B. Company will be spending a fortnight in Worthing in July and we look forward to some joint activities with them. They will be joining with us in our Parade Service on 17th July.

Your prayers will, I am sure, make all the difference to the success of our Junior Section Holiday and Company Camp on the Isle of Wight. The Company will be at Whitecliff Bay from 29th and the Juniors will be at Bembridge from 30th. The volunteering of Eric and Barbara Popplestone to supplement the staff to help deal with Juniors on their holiday has been most welcome.

We are planning a mammoth waste paper collection during the holidays, and we will be pleased to collect reasonable amounts from you by arrangement.

Thank you for your support,

DONALD STEWART

ROSES OF SUMMERROSACANINA

The wild flower we mostly associate with the summer months is, of course, the rose. There are over 100 varieties of wild rose in Britain, of which the most prolific is the Dog Rose. Its delicate pale pink petals are found in almost every hedgerow, and the fruits hang in bright red clusters of hips late into the autumn.

Did you know though, that a plant very common to our hedgerows, with its single flowers of yellow petals, surrounding a great number of stamens, arranged in brush-like bundles, is also called a rose, the Rose of Sharon.

This flower is quite small in comparison with the leaves, which are a glossy green about 3 inches long. Often these leaves were used as book marks, hence their nickname of Bible leaves.

The plant is one of the St. John Wort family, and it was used widely during the middle ages for the healing of wounds, which gives it its other name, All Heal.

What a lovely thought it is that the flowers which grow by our roadside are of the same stock as those that grew in Israel in biblical times. I like to think that Mary perhaps picked some and put them in a pitcher in her simple home, to welcome Jesus home.

In the language of flowers, a rose means love, so His love for us continues to grow throughout the years and is growing still.

ROBIN BRADLEY

"I am the Rose
of Sharon" -

Song of Solomon
2 v. 1



HYPERICUM CALYCINUM

GIRLS' BRIGADE

We are glad that you have enjoyed our recent display of Explorer work, and hope very soon to have some interesting Junior posters for you to study. As usual, we have been much encouraged by your interest and helpful comments.

It is hard to believe that the long summer's break is nearly here again, but we still have some busy days during the holidays. We shall be entertaining at the Mayflower Club on Wednesday, 3rd August, and in Camp at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Felixstowe from 6th - 13th. The coach taking us to Felixstowe will leave the Church at 10.00h on the morning of 6th August and we hope that some of you will come along and give us a good send off!.

Our next Session will commence on Tuesday, 13th September, when once again we shall be collecting jumble for a sale on Thursday, 15th September.

May the Lord bless you during the holidays, and may He show to each one of us "how to waste wisely" the time that is ours away from the usual routine of daily tasks.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

JUNIOR CHURCHExamination Results, 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Alison Brunton	1
Karen Lewis	1
Pamela Bruford	1
Amanda Stewart	1
Nigel Courtnadge	1
Michael Chatfield	Hon.
David Bruford	2
Peter Close	1
Caroline Curcher	3
Caroline Brunton	1
Anita Luckin	1
Ruth Chatfield	Hon.

CHURCH SUNDAY, 17th July, 1977

This year we are hoping to have a special Sunday, set apart for getting to know each other a little better. It is hoped that old and young alike will join in the activities to make the programme go with a swing.

The programme has been devised by the Junior Church and has been warmly recommended by the Elders. You will probably agree that it is time you got to know a few more members of the Church, - here's your chance. The programme will start with a Parade Service where the Boys' Brigade from Johnstone (Scotland) will be joining us. Lunch will be taken on the premises (bring your own sandwiches - we can supply tea or orange drink) and we will then proceed to the Beach or Alinora Green, where we shall have organised games and possibly a swim, if you bring costumes and towel. We will end with a short service at 17.00h. If the weather doesn't hold up (i.e. if it rains!) there is an alternative indoors programme planned out. You can't go wrong - Come along. B.M.

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls,

It seems only a little while ago that we were thinking about keeping warm in winter - and in Britain, it is generally more important to know how to keep warm than how to keep cool; yet there are days in summer when many living things, animals as well as plants, are affected by the heat. Remember those hot, dry days of last summer when the soil was baked to a hard crust, and flowers and plants drooped and grew limp, and much grassland died for lack of moisture? The birds were quiet, it was too hot for singing, and the hum of the bees was the only sound that belonged to a summer day. But although few birds sing in the heat of the day, some of them do enjoy warmth and sunshine. Sparrows take dust-baths in the dry, loose earth and blackbirds may be seen sunning themselves on the ground. They spread out their wings and tails and often keep still for so long that it looks as if they had been injured. However, if the heat is great, most birds prefer to stay in the shade.

Some of the furry creatures love heat - the domestic cat stretches out in the sunshine, as does the rabbit, which is chiefly active at night. The rabbit spends much of its day above ground, too. Instead of going down into his burrow after breakfast, he often makes his way to a grassy bed where he can enjoy the sunshine. Snakes and lizards are most often seen out lying on rocks and walls or on warm patches of sand.

Since cold-blooded animals tend to become as warm as their surroundings, it is obvious that those with tough skins or some other protective covering, are most likely to stand heat well. Other soft bodied creatures need to keep cool, for that also means keeping moist. Just as plants wilt if they lose too much water, so worms and slugs and snails, frogs and toads, and other moisture-loving animals are in danger of drying up and dying in hot weather. The slug is helped by its slime, and the snail by its shell, but if the weather is very dry, it tucks its body up into the shell and stays there during the drought. All of these animals are saved by hiding in drains and under stones or rocks and other cool places.

There are som animals that are not cold-blooded, and not quite warm-blooded either. Many young birds are naked and helpless when they hatch out, and they are not able to regulate the heat of their bodies, as their parents do. They must be protected from the cold by the mother bird, or their temperature will go down, perhaps so low, in the cool of the evening, that they will die. Young birds must also be protected from strong sunshine, and hawks and some other parent birds do this by standing over the little ones with outstretched wings. This dangerous stage in the bird's life lasts until the feathers grow.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth!
Shelters Thee under His wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen?

All that is needful hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth.

Joachim Neander,
1650-80 (C.P. 45)

FROM THE VESTRY

It may not have been the hottest, driest summer on record, that claim belongs to the spring and summer of last year! The spring and summer of 1977 may be better and more happily remembered as a time when the balance of rain and sun and all the other elements blended to give us a good harvest.

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease". Genesis 8 vv. 22.

Give thanks to God that this promise is again fulfilled among us and come with thanksgiving to Harvest Festival on 25th September. The way of it will be as in earlier years ... token gifts only, except for the children who will bring gifts to be taken out to our sick and housebound people. Names for this distribution will be welcomed by the Minister. On Monday, 26th September we hold our Harvest Supper and Barn Dance for which tickets will soon be available.

What Harvests of the Spirit have enriched us in the past year... only God may know the beauty, joy and grace of His own work, but we rejoice in the evidence of our own eyes. It is not only that our morning services have been crowded to the doors. or that our membership has continued to increase! However important these joys have been... they have been exceeded by a realisation of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that have blessed our worship, enriched our Bible study and prayer groups, inspired care and love in "Contact Scheme", Christian Aid and in our growth as a PARING CHURCH.

Pray for our young people and their leaders in Junior Church, Brigades and Youth Club ... what splendid work is done here ... pray that with the beginning of a new season their harvest may be great. Pray that every organisation of our Church may seek the evangelisation of our district, and pray for every leader, visitor and worker in the Church.

Remember us as together with a group of young people we share a weekend 'retreat' on the Isle of Wight from 9th - 11th September. The hope is that we shall learn to retreat from self in order to advance in the Love of God.

dates, its been good to have the rare experience of an August in Worthing, and well worth it.

Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

<u>BAPTISMS</u>	James Anthony Guppy	3.7.77
	Samantha Hilary Guppy	3.7.77
	Tonia Marie Hale	31.7.77
	Deborah Carol Clark	7.8.77
	Lisa Louise Clark	7.8.77

<u>WEDDINGS</u>	Keith Philip Oliver	
	Dwynwen Elizabeth Shaw	4.6.77
	Francis Tudor Bailey	
	Susan Anne Cane	2.7.77
	Richard Mark Woodland	
	Beverley Karen Ryan	6.8.77

<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>	Ethel Frost	8.6.77
	Ethel Jones	1.7.77

"I am the Resurrection and the Life saith the Lord"

We rejoice in two new boys! Sons have been born both to Mr. & Mrs. E. Hite and also to Mr. & Mrs. D. Garrod.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Arnold have now removed to 42 Mill Road. A number of rather shy friends ... or modest (!) have had celebrations recently ... we rejoice with those who give thanks for Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME It is expected that a number of our young people will be away from home at college or university next year.

Among them will be: Lindy and John Elliott, Chris Chatfield, Wendy Evans, Philip Gill. We should

TO NOTE Bible Study and Prayer Groups for the Autumn

WEDNESDAYS (weekly) at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Dean -
20.15h

FRIDAYS (weekly) Little Chapel - 21.30h

IN PRAYER Do continue your use of the Prayer Book in the Little Chapel. Remember among others - Bert Morgan in Worthing Hospital, Stanley Smiles in Southlands Hospital, and Margaret Chalk recovering from an operation.

HANDBOOK ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS

P. 5 Miss E. Robertson also serves on the Worthing Council
of Churches

P.26 *Miss L. Baker, 6 Chancton Close.

NEW MEMBERS

* McFARLANE, Mr. & Mrs. J., 36 Elm Park, Ferring,
44386

* WOOD, Mrs. G. 23 Walberton Court, Wallace Avenue

A BIGGS, Mr. & Mrs. P., 8 Winchester Court, (now transferred to St. Columba's)

I am always grateful when members keep my information up-to-date, so that this can in turn be passed on to you. It is helpful if you make a note of the changes in your own copy of the Handbook. You may be surprised how inaccurate the original has become by the end of just one year!

JANE BOND
Handbook
Editor

BIBLE VERSES

GOSPEL

Mark 1 vv. 14-15 Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 16 v. 15 And Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Romans 10 v. 15 How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

Philippians 1 vv. 3-6 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

TIME FOR RHYME

I love You more than the words can say,
I need to open your door.
I don't want to be weak and stumble myself
on the floor.

Sometimes, I may be a fool,
Thinking that I am far away from You,
But I still prefer to be in your Light
Than being in the Darkness.

DAVID MYLES

SUNRISE IN CORNFORD

Still is the morning
 E're the birds awake,
 All earth is silent,
 Waiting for daybreak.

Every eye is watching
 Looking toward the sky,
 Where the sun arising,
 Gladdens every eye.

Glorious is the sunrise
 Man can never paint,
 With his brush on canvas,
 Shades so radiant.

Watch the colours spreading
 Changing as they go,
 How the pattern's governed,
 Man can never know.

Written by, and in memory of Mrs. M.E. Mann who died on 7th July, 1977, having spent most of her life with the China Inland Mission.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Len and Ethel Boyce wish to give thanks to their many friends in the Church who so kindly remembered the occasion of their Golden Wedding in July last. Added congratulations from the Girls' Brigade was much appreciated.

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4th	Mrs. Sharp (for her wedding)	18th	Mrs. Hite & Family
11th	Mr. & Mrs. Shave	25th	Mr. & Mrs. Beale
			All donations acceptable for Harvest Festival

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount received for July	-	£10.85	with many
" " " Aug.	-	£15.35	thanks,

HILDA HELE

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY Since our last issue the 'new look' Council for World Mission has come into being. Those with long memories for this page will recall that the new scheme gives the indigenous churches on the various parts of the field in which the C.W.M. works a much bigger say in the running of the Council, with a corresponding reduction of the power and influence of the British representatives. With Christian goodwill there is much that the reformed Council can achieve and they will need our continuing prayers that they will be granted both patience and courage as they enter new ground.

CHARITY SUFFERETH LONG Although support of charities is not peculiar to those of Christian persuasion, it is virtually certain - and quite appropriate - that the financial giving of the Christian community is considerably above the average for the general community. For us, giving may be a duty. Like other duties however, it is best carried out with interest and understanding and not just automatically. Our giving should be responsible giving. If we were to give 50p in response to a meths drinker's plea for money for a 'cup of tea' we should at least be aware of what was likely to happen to the money. It is an unfortunate fact that some charities which started with unquestionably humanitarian motives have since become tainted; sometimes through the political ambitions of its leading figures (like Shelter, the effect of whose long-term policies is precisely the opposite of what is intended); sometimes because of the assumed need to be at the forefront of 'progressive' thought (e.g. the World Council of Churches' support for African terrorist groups).

The latest charity so to sell its birthright is War on Want, who have announced grants for the support of the families of people involved in the Grunwick dispute. Whatever the merits of that unholy affair (and there seem to be precious few on either side) I very much doubt if any of the people involved are 'in want' in any sort of World context - and if they are their many union supporters would be better employed in sending them money than in spending time and money in travelling to support their 'picketing'. I am quite sure

that very few contributors to War on Want would expect their donations to be used in such causes; and many will no doubt have seriously to consider whether they should be able to exercise better control over the allocation of funds and, if not, perhaps switch their support to one of the many charities covering a similar field who have not allowed political zeal to outrun their discretion.

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH (?) Our splendid government has given the lie to those who accuse them of spinelessness. They have taken a firm line with treason and have banned a team of Rhodesian children, 5 black and 5 white, all confined to wheelchairs, from coming to England to take part in the games for the disabled. Doesn't such firmness of purpose bring a warm glow to your heart ?

ROBIN BRUFORD

BOOK CORNER

Disciple by Juan Carlos Orteiz. It tells of a spiritual revolution which transformed a Christian congregation in Buenos Aires, based on a new awareness of the total Lordship of Christ in the life of the believer. Sharing with the reader his discoveries about the meaning of discipleship, Juan Carlos Orteiz writes with shrewdness and humour. This is a challenging, at times controversial book. You may disagree with it, but you cannot ignore it.

Heal the Sick by Reginald East. Aims to encourage Christians, ordained and lay, in local churches to take the healing ministry into their system. The author has been influenced by what is called the charismatic movement, but his book will prove of inspiration to all Christians. Since we are a unity of body, mind and spirit, which closely interact upon each other, healing of all three is examined.

J.C.

B.R.F., I.B.R.A. & FOCUS

Will members of the above Fellowship requiring any alteration to their order, or any non-members who wish to join, kindly let me know by the third week in September at the latest. (Don't forget the I.B.R.A. Missionary Appeal)!

Miss E.F. Shearmur, 2 Wyoliffe Court, Southview Gdns. Tel: 47870

MALLOWMALVA SYLVESTRIS

Wherever we look at this time of the year, on waste ground, hedge-row or even on the edge of the beach we see clumps of mallow.

There are eight or nine different species of mallow to be found in England, but the one we mostly see is the common mallow, although there are several clumps of dwarf mallow growing locally.

The common mallow grows 2-3 feet tall, and as it grows easily on the poorest soil, soon forms a straggly bush, as can be seen on the embankment at the side of the Church.

Dwarf mallow is a smaller flower, and straggles across the ground.

Common mallow has flowers of purple-blue colour, formed by five heart-shaped petals. The leaves are broken into five lobes which have toothed edges.

Dwarf mallow has white flowers with purple veins and the stems are rough and hairy. All the mallows are herbs, and were once widely used as poultices and ointments. The newly formed fruits were used as flavourings in cheeses and sweets, and the roots of marsh mallow dried to make medicines, and the sweet which bears its name.

ROBIN BRADLEY

PEN AND BOOK CLUB

Dear friends,

I am wondering if you know about our Service which sends books to homebound people all over Worthing, and in other South Coast towns as well. In addition to the library service, we also correspond with our members, seeking to establish a Pen friendship with them. This exchange of letters between our members and helpers has proved to give very great solace to people who seldom, if ever, go out, and who are thus cut off from so many of the normal contacts of life. We do not visit our members personally as this is a role fulfilled by the other Social Services, and, experience has shown that to allow personal contact between helpers and members is to destroy the particular value of a pen friendship.

I am writing because we are in great need of more helpers, and I am hoping that through your Church you may know some ladies, or indeed gentlemen, for that matter, who would be willing to help us for about two hours each week. We need people who will come into the office to choose books and write letters to the members. Each helper looks after five or six members, so that a real personal interest can be taken in each one. The books are delivered by a different team of helpers - people with cars who are willing to give up two or three hours a week on regular days for this work. When we deliver one book we collect the previous one, and the returned books are put away by yet other helpers. We should be very glad indeed too, to hear of one or two more people who would do delivery work as we are down to a minimum without any reserve.

Yours sincerely,

JEAN STEWART

Anyone who feels interested in this work and would like further information, should contact the Minister. EDITOR

NOTICES AND REPORTS

CATERING I have succeeded Mrs. Reynolds as Catering Convener, and hope the job will be done as proficiently as it has been done in the past. I shall be calling a meeting early in September to organise the Harvest Supper. A number of willing volunteers have offered to be on the Committee, among them Mrs. Reynolds, and I am exceedingly grateful for this, as her experience will be invaluable, especially to me as the "new girl".

VI BEAMISH, Tel: 502891

YOURS - is a national monthly paper for older people produced by Help the Aged, price 7p. Several members already enjoy reading this excellent newspaper, but I do have three or four spare copies now, of which I should be pleased to save one for you each month, if you let me know you would like one. I shall be pleased to show you a copy if you see me after worship, by the bookstall. (features in the last issue were: The truth about Music Hall mums-in-law, Health in High Summer, Readers' letters, Practical ideas about the bathroom, Golden days in the hop fields etc.) Do you visit someone who might like to read YOURS?

JEAN BOUGHTON

HOUSING ASSOCIATION We are still hoping and expecting to arrange the Antique Sale later this year. A number of items have already been given but, for the sale to be a success, we need many more objects. While we are not looking for large items of furniture, we have storage space available for small pieces. Please do not be put off by the word Antiques, we shall be glad to accept articles of jewelry, coins and ornaments etc. which are more correctly described as Victoriana. Please notify the Minister or myself if you consider you have anything suitable.

Our bank overdraft is being steadily reduced but we have heavy expense of £3/400 for decoration and repairs on the roof and exterior, hence our present effort.

J.R. BEALE

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP We are once more looking forward to the opening of a new Session and warmly invite new members and friends to join us in our Fellowship. On Monday, 19th September Mrs. Betty Razzell will be talking to us about her South American holiday, and on 3rd October we will be hearing about the Post Office from Mr. Ray Butler, and there are more pleasures in store.

JANE BOND

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our opening Meeting of the Autumn Session is on Tuesday, 20th September at 14.45h and members are invited to bring along a "Souvenir" and talk about it for a few minutes. I would like to have the names of those who would like to speak so that I can formulate the programme. As usual we are anxious to increase our membership which is open to all who are able to attend our fortnightly meetings.

I have booked a visit to the Engineerium at Hove for Tuesday, 18th October and will need to have the names of those wishing to attend so that I can arrange transport. The cost including the admission charge will probably be 50p.

A programme of events for the Session will be available shortly.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD An Afternoon to Remember

On 30th June we hoped for a fine day, for in the afternoon we were entertaining members of "The Fellowship for the Disabled" from High Cross U.R. Church, Tottenham. The day was fine and they were able to enjoy the sea before coming to us for "High Tea"!

From 10.00h the promised food began to arrive and under the supervision of Mrs. Jenkins, by 15.30h places for 74 people were set, food set out and tables decorated with flowers. We were glad to have both Bill and Mary Connelly and other of our Guild members sitting down to tea with our guests. To see them all enjoying themselves and expressing such appreciation was truly wonderful..

"Please could we buy a rose to take home?" To the drab streets of Tottenham! How lucky we are! Yes they

all went back with a posy of flowers quickly made up by our members. Tea over, they toured the Church buildings and the young folk who were helping with the disabled asked many questions about the Youth Activities in our Church. "If only we had lovely halls like these". They went away hoping that one day their dreams would be realised.

A busy, tiring afternoon? Oh yes, but one made worth while for the pleasure it gave. Thank you all for remembering everything you promised.

On 6th September we start our Autumn Session at 14.45h. Mr. Connelly will be our speaker and his subject - "Scenes from the Life of a Minister". We hope to see all old members and look forward to welcoming new ones. 20th September - Members' Afternoon, "Moods of Autumn".

ETHEL DEARSLEY

FAMILY CIRCLE

Having been asked to take on the task of Chairman for the coming year, I am sure that everyone who has been to an evening run by the Family Circle would want me to thank Dennis Gill for his years of service as Chairman. He has, however, been prevailed upon to remain on the Committee and in the role of Vice President.

I am fortunate in my new task, for all the officers and Committee members agreed to continue to serve. They are as follows:-

Miss M. Hawke - Secretary
Mrs. C. Webber - Treasurer
Mr. R. Goodchild
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shelton

Our thanks are due to them all for the wonderful work they have done, and in particular, Reg Goodchild who is always an able "Master of Ceremonies" when required, and also an excellent publicity officer. His efforts at the Festival Follies were really appreciated by all those who attended.

If you have not previously attended any meetings of the Circle, why not come along and meet members of the

Church Fellowship in a very happy and relaxed atmosphere? The Family Circle is the only organisation within the Church at the present time which covers all age-groups for fellowship and recreation. Perhaps therefore you can make a special effort during the 1977/78 session to support this part of our Church fellowship. It is an admirable way of getting to know one another.

As usual, our first meeting is the Harvest Supper & Barn Dance, on Monday, 26th September at 20.00h. Admission will be by ticket only as the numbers for this evening have to be restricted because of its popularity, the size of the hall and the provision of refreshments. Tickets will be available from any member of the Committee at 35p each. Programmes giving details of the various meetings for 1977/78 will be widely circulated.

GREG MARRIOTT

GIRLS' BRIGADE How quickly the holiday has gone but what a wonderful week we had at Felixstowe; we can't wait to go again. We are very grateful to all those who gave us money for ice-creams, and who remembered us with greetings and post whilst at camp. The week was full of fun and laughter, plenty of sunshine and lots of new experiences. We enjoyed worshipping in the Anglican Church and we were also allowed to use a side chapel for our evening prayers - these times together will be especially remembered for a long time.

Now we begin our Autumn Session and work towards our Awards Evening. We have a Jumble Sale on Thursday, 15th September and if you wish someone to call please 'phone W. 40546 and the necessary arrangements will be made. Please continue to remember us in prayer - we need at least three new helpers, as the numbers increase, and the register now has 85 names. Don't be afraid to come and offer help if you can spare the time. We are such a happy crowd and you would receive a very warm welcome.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

GIRLS' BRIGADE (Camp) On 6th August 22 girls and 3 officers of the Girls' Brigade left for camp at Felixstowe. The journey took about six hours.

A good time was had by all who went and many were sorry to leave. During the week there was an outing to Easton Farm Park and a visit to the local theatre. There we saw John Hanson, Lenny Henry, Peter Butterworth and Los Zapiros. We also swam in the North Sea although the water was cold. All who went would like to say 'thank you' to Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Norris and Miss Norris for a most enjoyable and memorable camp.

LINDA & ALISON

BOYS' BRIGADE - Praise the Lord! We had a very good and happy time at our Annual Camp at Whitecliff Bay on the Isle of Wight. The weather was brilliant, the food ably prepared by our cook, Violet Cornwell was even better. Most of the boys will remember the Chaplain at the Sunday Service using the five fingers on one hand to illustrate the importance of us all working together in the Christian life despite our different functions. We felt that everything worked together for good at the Camp and we are sure that the seed was well and truly sown in the hearts of some of the boys. We look forward to our Camp again next year and hope that every member of the Company Section will endeavour to be present. It was rather unique that on the Tuesday, with some boys of the Pre-Juniors visiting the Island, all three sections of the Company were represented. A big thank you to those Church members who made contributions of money towards the boys' enjoyment of the week.

We would ask your prayers as we go forward into a new session so that we may have the strength to do His work. There is much more we would like to do to make our programme more varied so once again we appeal to you for help if you feel you could instruct the boys on some subject. The Pre-Junior and Junior Sections are in desperate needs for a pianist.

DONALD STEWART

JUNIOR SECTION HOLIDAY - ISLE OF WIGHT, 1977 - And it came to pass that the Children of Goring didst pack their bags and took their leave of the assembled company of mums and dads. Then there came the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth of those mums and dads whose children were not departing! Thus it came to the fourteenth hour and the two white vans of the Red Circle did depart for the west by the Durrington Bridge, with many farewells. After many hours of driving and speeding they came at last unto the sea at the I.O.W. Ferry, whence they passed smoothly over the waters to the fair island of B.B. Campers. The Red Circles continued unto the eventide when they came upon the small hamlet of Bembridge. Finding the inhabitants already fled, the children of Goring took possession of the famous Village Hall and quickly unpacked their belongings and settled down to much food.

It was then that there followed such times as can only be spoken of in loud whispers. Those there were who spent their days eating sweets and drinking Pepsi. Others didst bathe themselves and didst swim in the great seas. Yet another group didst spend their time and their substance on the Canoe Lake at Ventnor. And yet it came to pass that they didst travel to Robin Hill, where many hours were spent in assaulting the assault course, and making friends with the local (caged) inhabitants, until at last, with blistered hands and weary bodies, they didst cry for more (sweets and Pepsi). Later, some careered round Carisbrooke and some didst howl at the wax horrors at Brading, whilst others did collect the sandy treasures of Alum Bay. And yet it soon came to an end and the Children of Goring, now renamed "The Little Unwashed" were found after a long search and repacked into the Red Circles, to be returned to the U.R.C. at Goring whence they had earlier departed. The weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth didst now change into howls of horror, as the mums and dads didst reunite with their dirty, untidy offspring, save a few of the wiser ones, who had previously departed from the environs of the U.R.C, Goring, vowing never to return. There then was held a conference of the Elders of the B.B. Junior Section, who vowed not to be lumbered for a second week and verily journeyed to the farthest point of Durrington to reunite the lost souls with their loving families.

And yet as the Red Circles were returned to their Garage, murmurings were heard in the houses of Goring - "Never again - not on your life - can't stand another week like that - not till next year anyway".

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM
FRINTON-ON-SEA, ESSEX

We often think and talk of you all, especially when we receive "The Chronicle", and are so pleased to read what a 'live' Church you have become, though it is sad to read of old friends being called home. We, like you, have the privilege of belonging to a fine Church with a membership of between 300 & 400 and growing all the time. Since we came a new Daughter Church has been built and was opened on Palm Sunday, 1976. The Main Hall built to seat 100 is practically full every Sunday Evening and we are already discussing plans to extend it, the debt which was expected to take 10 years to clear, was, with Tax-Free Loans cleared by the First Anniversary. Beside the Church Hall there is a Small Hall which is filled for Prayer-Meetings, a fine Kitchen - the envy of all the ladies of the Connaught Avenue Church, and nice little Minister's Vestry.

Of ourselves, Wynne keeps well, but like the rest gets very tired at times. I have not been at all well since the Autumn, first suffering from the same sort of breathlessness that I had at Goring and then with severe Asthma attacks. However I am glad to say that six weeks before entering Hospital for a major op. I was completely free from both. Since the operation I have made excellent progress, better in fact than any of the several patients who had identical operations that week, by God's Grace this could only be due to the many prayers offered on my behalf both from the Churches here, added to which were yours at Goring.

Please convey our love to all old friends at Goring. With kindest regards and Christian love,

CLIFF & WYNNE POWELL

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

You will often have heard this quotation:- "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise". So King Solomon said many, many years ago, and you may have it quoted to you many times in your life!

It was the ants we now call 'Harvesters' which King Solomon was thinking about when he made that remark.

These ants are not found in Britain, but in hot dry countries, mainly in parts of Africa, America, Australia and India. Their nests are very easy to find, for the ants make a clearing round them criss-crossed with roadways like the spoke of a wheel and often several feet in diameter. The ants march out every morning in search of seeds. These are carried back to the nest and examined at the entrance by ants whose job it is to sort the good from the bad. The grain is stored in the driest part of the nest for winter use. As buried grain germinates with the heat and moisture, the little farmers bite off the radicle, or the root shoot - the life-germ of the grain, so that it cannot grow. But when they want sugar, they allow some of the seeds to start growing, and then eat them.

Some people also think that the ants take the seeds outside when they begin to sprout, and plant them in an open space, where they quickly take root, and are tended by the ants. This is called 'ant rice', and they keep it free from weeds by biting down all other plants growing near, so making sure their crops grow well. When this cereal has ripened, they carry the seed underground to be stored until needed.

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The Sauba, or parasol ants, of South America, /so called because they may be seen in processions, each one carrying above his head a piece of green leaf. These leaves are not eaten, but chewed up into compost, on which the ants sow the spores or seeds of certain fungi (kind of mushroom). The ant farmers tend and cultivate these fungi as carefully as we tend our vegetables. When a young 'princess' ant leaves the nest to take her marriage flight, she carries, in a special pouch behind her jaws, a little hoard of fungus spores, which she will use to start off the business in a new nest. Just

as the young brides of the early pioneers and settlers in Maerica used to take yeast with them, which they used to make bread to feed their families! The princess mates with the males on the marriage flight, which fall to earth and die, their purpose in life fulfilled. The female is now sufficiently fertilised for the rest of her life and is a Queen. When she returns to earth she wrenches off her wings and runs around to find a crack or cranny in the ground where she begins to excavate further to make a new nest. Here she spits out the pellets of fungus spores she has brought. She prunes the first crop as it grows and licks it to keep it moist. At the same time she lays her first eggs. As the eggs hatch into little larvae the Queen feeds them on the fungus. As soon as the first adult ants emerge, they find there are jobs waiting for them. The fungus gardens must be tended; leaves must be brought in for compost. The nest must be guarded, the babies washed and fed and the mushroom cellars enlarged and new connecting corridors made until the whole is a system as complex as the London Underground!

Praise to God, who calls us ever
 In His harvesting to share;
 May he own our poor endeavour,
 Find us faithful everywhere;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 For our handiwork is prayer.

(C.P. 652 Henry Roberts
 Morley 1881-)

MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS

I would like to thank all who sent me letters, messages and gave prayer for me during my recent illness. Also my grateful thanks to Mr. Connelly, my sister joins me in this. I am pleased to say that I am now fit and able to come to Church.

MRS. F. MOODY

October, 1977No. 293FROM THE VESTRY

I am writing on the Eve of the Young People's "Retreat" to the Isle of Wight, and the opportunities we share together among young people are greatly on my mind. The recent 'day of prayer' was devoted to our care for young people, children, parents, teachers, Junior Church, Brigades and Youth Club. The experience was one that moved us all to thanksgiving that there are so many young people among us ... and to prayers of intercession for them all.

We do not build a Church by devoting our time to sensational interests and we try to bring Christ to all ages in hope that by His Grace all ages will blend as one, and so we mention our young people as part of the whole family - the household of faith in which we grow in Christ to become members one of another. Do remember this when you hear our invitations given that you may increase your joy by serving Christ among people both young and old.

It is hoped next month to publish a full list of all our young people who are away from home at College, School or work - do please let us have their names in writing - we need to remember them in our prayers.

A list will shortly be appearing in the Porch on which you are invited to indicate your willingness to take part in services of worship by reading lessons or leading prayers. This will be the means through which we shall be able more effectively to create a true Congregational Worship.

Finally, an appreciation of Mr. R. Edwards who will retire from his office as Organist and Choirmaster at the end of September. Mr. Edwards' gifts have rejoiced many hearts, and we hope to have his presence with us and his services at least from time to time. We shall provide an opportunity for a public recognition of his work in the coming weeks. Blessings both to Bob and to Mrs. Edwards, whose presence among us has always been a joy.

Blessings and love to you all,

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

In Memoriam Herbert Morgan d. 14.8.77

We remember Elsie and all the family in our prayers.

David Christopher Bater d. 28.8.77 aged 9 months

We pray God's blessing upon his parents and grandparents. "for of such is the kingdom of heaven"

Marriages Sydney Howard 3.9.77
 Ruby Sharp
 Reginald Henry Reed
 Pamela Maude Peacock 24.9.77

Baptisms

Deborah Carol Clark 7.8.77
 Lisa Louise Clark
 Rachel Heidi Bass 18.8.77

"Let Nazareth's holy love be known within her families"

Miss Ivy Holmes

presently in E. Ward, Southlands Hospital, thanks all friends for prayers, loving thoughts and gifts.

The Rev. Desmond Bending says how grateful he is for the care and uplift that the Church gave to Mrs. Mills during her recent stay in Worthing. She was very happy with the personal links she made. L.E.K.

A Personal Word

Our son, James Mark, was married to Jane Newman at St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate on Saturday, 17th September. Both are at Southampton University, and thank you for your greetings, gifts and blessings.

W. & M. CONNELLY

HANDBOOK NOTESCorrection

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New Address

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BIBLE & HYMN VERSESOCTOBER

One there is above all others
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's -
Costly, free, and knows no end:
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above,
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered
into the heart of man, the things which God hath
prepared for them that love him.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice

In recent weeks I have discovered that one of the
Junior Church's Top Ten is 'Deep & Wide', which rendered in
correct form sounds like:

Deep & Wide, Deep & Wide,
There's a fountain flowing deep & wide,

In our home, and I suspect in the back row of the Junior Church it is sung as 'Jump right in and lose your skin'!

Standing at the kitchen sink and hearing faint strains of the alternative version wafting in from the garden, I reflected upon the words. Perhaps the alternative version also contained a worthwhile message?

For those of us who are fortunate to know the joy of experiencing Christ's love and forgiveness of our sin, it is a very precious truth in our lives as individuals, and I wonder whether perhaps many of us need to lose our skins as well? I don't mean literally, but most of us have thickly impregnated walls of good solid British reserve around us.

If we desire to build up true love, fellowship and understanding amongst ourselves, perhaps we do need to remove the surface layers and learn to love and accept one another as we really are - I wonder?

From an anonymous member!

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

CHRISTIANS ON THE AIR Radio Worldwide is one of several organisations engaged in many languages in different parts of the world. There will shortly be opportunities to hear more about this work at first hand from Miss Heather Wraight (granddaughter of our own Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wraight), who will be speaking to the Monday Evening Fellowship at 20.00h on 31st October and to the Women's Guild at 14.45h on Tuesday 1st November. All ladies will be welcome to either meeting (or both) and I understand that men will not be turned away on the Monday evening. Anyway, I'm going.

"CHRISTIANS" ON THE BOX We should all be grateful that a television company is prepared to spend a great deal of time and money on a long series of programmes about Christianity, even if some might query the title 'The Christians' since most of what we have seen so far

has been about the Church, which of course is not always the same thing. Mr. Bamber Gascoigne, with a long-established claim to TV erudition, has guided us expertly through a great deal of history in a readily digested style, setting it where possible against the backdrop of the actual location of the events described. He has successfully put over the fascinating political, cultural, social and national aspects of the story of the Church. One thing however he apparently lacketh - the spiritual dimension. It is as if a very learned, but tone-deaf, professor of mathematics were to tell us all he knew about, say, the Fifth Brandenburg Concerto. He could illustrate Bach's amazing craftsmanship, the terraced structures, the balanced dynamics, the superb counterpoint, the subtle textures and so on. But he could not illuminate the soul of the music for us because he could not hear it himself.

CHRISTIANS IN THE WATER The latest letter from our missionary friends Frank and Dorothy Vaughan in Brazil gives an encouraging picture of expanding work and interest. The church activities other than Sunday worship are not so easy to organise there but they have recently succeeded in setting up men's, women's and youth groups in their congregation. In a recent baptismal service in a local lake four candidates gave their testimony of allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHARITY AT HOME - A longer look at Shelter My piece on charities last month has - thank goodness - brought some response. My friend Tony Hill, alias John Wellington Wells, and many other leading parts for the Congregational Players, is also local Secretary of Shelter, and in that capacity he has expressed some concern that my passing criticism of that organisation could result in the loss of some support. In fairness therefore I ought to say a little more on the subject.

First, the purpose of last month's piece was to encourage supporters of charities to take an intelligent interest in and exert some control over the way in which the charities deploy

their funds - a purpose with which Tony Hill is in full agreement. It was not intended to advise anyone to stop supporting any charity except perhaps as a last resort after every effort to correct wrong policies had been made.

Like most organisations, Shelter has its long-term and its short-term aims. Its short-term aims are to channel money to provide accommodation and/or relief to those in need of it. Fortunately most of the money donated is used for this very worthy and necessary work. It is the long-term aims - or rather one of the means by which they are promoted - with which I quarrel. In the past at least Shelter has identified itself with those groups seeking to tip the balance between landlords and tenants further in favour of tenants. They and their allies succeeded in getting various so-called security of tenure measures through parliament, with the result, to the misery of thousands of potential tenants, that far fewer properties are now available for renting. Since this has been the result of every piece of anti-landlord legislation since the first Rent Restriction Act in the First World War this unfortunate outcome was easily foreseeable - not that that is any consolation to the disappointed would-be tenants.

To my simple mind, supplying homes for people to live in is no more dishonourable than baking bread to feed them or making clothes for them to wear, yet popular mythology has made 'landlord' virtually a dirty word and governments have courted the popularity by heaping restrictions as well as abuse on the rapidly declining breed. The fact that there have been a few particularly bad landlords should have been dealt with by particular and not general remedies. After all, no-one has legislated against the probably larger number of bad tenants. In any event most landlords are, or were, one or two property people, like the old lady who let us our first little house at 18/6 a week and who nearly cried when explaining that she would have to increase it, following a rise in rates, to 19/6 a week.

I understand from Tony Hill that the present leaders of Shelter have now accepted that this particular policy was counter-productive and one hopes therefore that even their most vigilant supporter will now be happy with their policies. He is sending me their current literature, and he and Mrs. Armour, the local President, will be most happy to discuss the work of Shelter with anyone interested in finding out more.

I am grateful to Tony Hill for getting in touch and I hope that anyone else with comments to make about these pages will follow his example.

ROBIN BRUFORD

FROM THE EDITOR Yes, there has been another comment from a friend who is a member of Holy Trinity, and I have pleasure in printing a few paragraphs from a recent letter:

"I was delighted to have the opportunity of reading the September issue of your magazine CHRONICLE, which was passed on to me by a relative who attended a service at your Church recently. I found the contents of the magazine lively and interesting - a clear witness to the way the Lord is obviously working through the Christian family at the Goring United Reformed Church.

However, I was dismayed to read on page six, an article entitled 'Charity Suffereth Long' by Robin Bruford, which apart from making emotive and unsubstantiated comments on the activities of the World Council of Churches and Shelter, also contained a vehement, and factually inaccurate attack on War on Want.

As an active supporter of War on Want I can assure the readers of Chronicle that there is no substance whatsoever to Mr. Bruford's allegation that contributors' donations were used to help the families of strikers at the Grunwick factory. The money presented to the Grunwick strike committee by Rev. David Haslam was largely made up of donations by members of the War on Want council, together with outside contributions specifically earmarked for this purpose. Not one penny of contributors' money was subscribed to this cause without written consent.

It would be particularly sad if members of your congregation withdrew support from War on Want as a result of Mr. Bruford's false statement on the Grunwick affair, as WoW is one of the few development agencies that has had the courage to campaign on such vital topics as the links between poverty and the arms trade, the operations of drug companies in the Third World, the exploitation of Sri Lankan tea workers, and the need for fairer trading agreements. I therefore hope that the next issue of CHRONICLE will include a correction of Mr. Bruford's remarks.

Every good wish for the future of your excellent magazine, and for the continuance of the Lord's work in your Church family, with Christian Greetings,

SIMON BARROW

POETRY TIME

What heaven means to me

Man can never know about heaven,
Just as I do not know, but
I look forward to heaven,
As I hope many will.

When the time comes,
To go up to the Lord,
I will be at his home,
doing the right things for Jesus.

I believe I will see my dog and
My uncle who was good to me.
I will never be alone,
As Jesus will be with me.

I hope he will choose me,
To work with Him.
We will sing and pray,
With Jesus in person.

LINDA MORRIS

GALILEE REMEMBERED

I stood in reverence by that Inland Sea
Where waters lap the shores of Galilee.
The heights of Moab showed a purply-brown,
Forbidding, menacing, from base to crown;
Yet they were mountains which the Lord had seen
Across the Lake from places He had been.

The townships that He doomed no longer stand,
Except as stony ruins on the strand.
No boat I saw upon the heaving Lake
Because a sudden storm its calm did break.

Christ, working there was wonderfully kind,
Whose penetrating eyes could read man's mind.
His loving look would soothe a sinner's soul;
His gentle touch could make a body whole.

The Sermon Mount, the Church of Loaves and Fish
Commemorate the stories we cherish.
A mystic peace prevails, remote from strife,
Where Jesus passed part of His earthly life.
DORA BRIDGER

MAGAZINES FOR 1978

How quickly October comes round when I send to Headquarters Goring Church orders for "REFORM" for the following year! I do hope all those who have taken the magazine for 1977 will continue to do so for 1978, and unless I hear to the contrary I will assume this to be the case. Also, as there have been many new Church Members during this year, I sincerely trust that new subscribers will come forward, as I am often being urged by the Secretary for Publications and Publicity of the United Reformed Church, to obtain new subscribers.

The following is an extract from an August letter from the United Reformed Church addressed to me as Secretary for "REFORM", which they requested should be inserted in our

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Church magazine.

"You owe it to yourself and to your Church
to be informed

We know that being busy is not everything in being a Christian. We also know that doing nothing is not being a Christian.

To make the right choice between the two necessities being informed about God's world and His Church; this is where "Reform" aims to help. It reflects the thinking and describes the action of the United Reformed Church, without being tied to the 'official' line. And it does that on the local level and the world scene.

Reading it may make you a better Christian; it will make you a more informed person."

The price for 11 issues for 1978 (no August issue) is £1.55 per year.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Here too, I hope there will not be any cancellations, and that I can increase the order for 1978. I have a handbook for next year which I can show to anyone who is interested.

MOLLIE HAWKE
Magazine
Secretary

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

2nd Mrs. Toms	16th Mrs. Dearsley &
	Mr. & Mrs. Wraight
9th Girls' Brigade	23rd Mrs. Nodes & Family

30th Mrs. Ross

VI TURTON

NEW YOUTH HALL

The new Youth Hall fund now stands at £267.48½ of which £50 is in the form of interest-free loans. Further interest-free loans amounting to £100 have been promised. J. ALMOND

I had been shopping in town, and my bag was heavy, the handles were cutting into my fingers, and my shoulders were aching. When I had set out it had been dull and grey, so I was wearing a thick jacket, and now I was becoming hot and weary. If only I hadn't promised to drop in to see someone after shopping I could have come home on the bus, but my friend's house wasn't on any bus route, and so here I was walking through the side streets, fast becoming rather irritable.

When I reached the corner of Manor Road and St. Michael's Road I stopped by the side of the old cemetery to rest my arms. As I looked a squirrel ran down a tree on my right in front of my feet and up to the lowest branch of the tree on my left where he sat chattering away, angrily flicking his bushy tail and gazing at me with bright button eyes. After a few minutes he scampered higher up the tree where he started gnawing what appeared to be a hazelnut.

In front of me the sun was shining onto the tall dry grass surrounding the old gravestones, making a pattern of silver and gold. What an oasis of peace and quiet in the heart of the town this little cemetery was.

I picked up my bag and walked a little further, and saw two butterflies dancing on a buddleia. Further along the road a tiny girl was playing in her front garden, when her big brother came in the gate, in a brand new school uniform, swinging a shiny satchel with such pride, and oh how that little girl's face lit up with joy.

When I arrived at my friend's house she was waiting with a pot of tea and some scones, and although my arms were aching still, my spirit was soaring.

If my arms hadn't ached I wouldn't have stopped, and I wouldn't have seen. Thank you God for my aching arms.

ANON.

WITH LOVE FROM THE ISLAND

St. Mary's House in Whitwell, near Ventnor, is the home of Mother Mary Cecilia and Sister Margery Mary (Anglican nuns). Indoors, as we read, talked, ate, slept, discussed, prayed,

sang, laughed together - and out in the garden, where we helped with sickle and spade, broke bread together in the early morning, and enjoyed the afternoon sunshine - we were affected by the peaceful atmosphere and found it a place of blessing. Listen to this little conversation:

Interruption: "A - a - a - tishoo!"

Response: "Bless you!"

Thoughtfully: "Why?"

Explanation: "I mean, 'God bless you'. You don't have to sneeze before I mean it. Your sneeze just provided an excuse to say so!"

I want to say 'thank you' to all who so faithfully asked God's blessing, his protection and gift of happiness, on our weekend. Your prayers were answered, for we were certainly well cared for (not least in enjoying three fine days) and enjoyed a deep happiness. God's blessing goes deeper, however, than we at first realize. I believe each of us was spoken to in a different way - challenged, disturbed, encouraged. Let us all go on praying for one another - as our Lord exhorts us to - and give thanks together to our wonderful God. God Bless you, Amen. JEAN BOUGHTON

I personally found the weekend spent at St. Mary's House, Whitwell, Isle of Wight, very strengthening and full of blessing. St. Mary's is a beautiful house filled with the presence of God, and it enabled me to meet with the Lord and sort out quite a few problems that I had previously. I also learnt how powerful prayer can be. I was helped by others' prayers, and I hope others have been helped by mine. As I was new to the Church I have met new people and was able to have fellowship with them and now I feel that I really belong to the Church.

To summarize the weekend, I would just like to share a verse - "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight". 1 John 3:22.

SHARON BASS

The peace of God which passeth all understanding was with all at St. Mary's House. The weekend for me was the first of its kind. We all experienced the joy and peace of God. The house was filled with the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. In the quiet many a long hour was enjoyed. If next year you get the chance to come, please do. My memories of the weekend will remain with me a long time. Praise the Lord, God's love to you all,

MALCOLM NICHOLLS

CAMPIONS

☞ We all know the Campions which grow so prolifically in southern England. Red Campion usually grows in hedgerows and wooded areas, preferring slightly shaded conditions. It is a plant which grows up to two feet high, and is a mass of colour between June and September. The flowers are composed of five small cloven shaped petals, and the whole plant has a rather straggly appearance.

Bladder Campion has a white flower which resembles the Red variety, but has a bladder shaped calyx which gives the plant its name. The leaves are more grey in colour and the two plants are not actually of the same genus, but just closely related.



WHITE
CAMPION

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ALBA

when it gives off a faint perfume to attract moths and other night-flying insects.

Sea Campion lives on cliffs and rocky coasts with slightly larger white flowers, but with shorter stems and more fleshy leaves. We are fortunate in having a particularly healthy specimen of the last variety of this plant, White Campion, in our own Church grounds. The flowers are larger and more compact in appearance and open up fully at night

ROBIN BRADLEY

NOTICES AND REPORTS

Monday Evening Fellowship Everyone will be most welcome to join us for our October meetings. On 3rd, Mr. Ray Butler will be talking about the Worthing Post Office. on 17th, Mr. Connolly will be telling us about British Coins, and on 31st Miss Heather Wraight is coming to talk about "World Radio". This last will be a particularly interesting opportunity to hear about this important Christian work.

JANE BOND

Men's Fellowship Our two meetings for October are noted in the Calendar, but I would remind members that I require names of those wishing to visit the Engineerium at Hove on 18th (cost approx 50p). I should also be glad if those who are prepared to provide transport would let me know. If you have not already received your copy of the programme for the Autumn Session, please give me a ring.

REG GOODCHILD

Housing Association A Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale is being held on Saturday, 5th November from 10.30h to 12.00h in aid of Hayward House. All friends are invited to come and support this fund-raising effort.

Antique Sale The Committee estimates they have received items or promises of such to the extent of about half what is necessary to make the Sale a success. Our thanks to those who have already responded, and in anticipation to those who have not yet decided if they have anything suitable. The Minister or Treasurer, (Mr. Beale) will be pleased to advise in this connection.

F. LOCK

At Your Service Two young ladies with one of our Junior Church teachers, have offered their services as hair-dressers. If there are any older ladies who would like assistance with washing and setting their hair in their own homes, this can be arranged. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. Beryl Chatfield Tel: 48313. It is suggested that those benefiting might like to give 20p towards the new Youth Hall.

Girls' Brigade We are now back in full swing and delighted to have Rosemary Read with us as an auxiliary helper. She is young, loves children and wants to serve the Lord through G.B. What more could we wish for. Please remember Rosemary in your prayers as she joins our fellowship where we trust she will be very happy.

On Saturday, 15th October between 14.15h and 17.0h you will be most welcome at our HELP G.B. afternoon:

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Enter and
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Purchase from our
Great
Bargains of

Calendars, Christmas paper, cards, gifts etc., Entrance 10p which will include a cup of tea and a piece of cake; we hope to see you there in the Church Hall.

Bless you for all your kind thoughts and messages which we received at the start of this Session - you are all a source of great encouragement.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

The Women's Guild We opened the Autumn Session on 6th September when Mr. Connelly was our guest speaker. "Scenes from a minister's Life" he gave us. That afternoon we really went "Back Stage" seeing the Ministry as a whole. I do venture to hope that we in the Guild are not just the audience but players to help Bill in his ministry among us.

On 4th October we have our Anniversary Service in the Church at 14.45h. We do hope that all women of the Church will join us on that date, and for tea afterwards in the Hall.

Ethiopia is in the news and on 18th October Mrs. Turner will show us slides of her holiday there. On 1st November we are to hear the work of "World Wide Radio" a Christian Radio Link and our speaker will be Miss Heather Wraight, our own Doris & Gordon's granddaughter.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

20th September brought a very full attendance and several new members were welcomed. "Autumn Moods" was our theme and after a harvest hymn and a prayer Mrs. Calsteren (Vice-President) handed the meeting over to our Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dearsley

who had devised the afternoon's programme. Mrs. Dearsley opened with an extract from a sermon by John Donne, poet and Dean of St. Paul's, reminding us that "God comes to us in Autumn as the sun at noon" and that "All times are His seasons". We should rejoice therefore in Autumn, a time of fulfilment.

Readings by members followed, extolling the beauties of autumn as seen through the writings of authors and poets who saw in it colour, fruitfulness, variety, God's bountiful provision for His children and such wonders as the harvest and hunter's moons (John Freeman's "It was the lovely moon") and the west wind (Shelley), unloved perhaps but bringing health and spreading the seeds of life. John Betjeman's poem "Diary of a Church Mouse" brought smiles but a nudge of conscience at the end, and there was the delicious thought of the last apple on the tree wishing to fall into the hand of God - a note of comfort and hope. In an interlude between these readings by Mrs. Dearsley, Mrs. Tilbury and Mrs. Hite, Mrs. Calsteren sang, most appropriately, "The Crown of the Year" by Easthope Martin.

But this was not all! Into the Hall burst a singing band of ladies gaily dressed as for the Autumn Fair and laden with flowers, who proceeded to sing solos and choruses from "The Arcadians". This was recognised as a welcome repeat of their contribution to the revels at the Church Anniversary weekend. What a demonstration of hidden talent and what a cheerful end to our afternoon when the audience of members were constrained to join - "with a smile" - in the final chorus.

Thank you, Ethel, our indefatigable Secretary, for such a pleasurable and uplifting afternoon.

ETHEL GILBY

Christian Aid

Result for September - £17.10
received with thanks

HILDA HELE

Boys' Brigade Despite the atrocious weather conditions, we set off on our last week-end camp of the summer to Warnham on Friday, 2nd September. How blessed we were in that on the Saturday and Sunday we enjoyed the very best of sunny weather. We were close to a dairy farm run by a B.B. Officer and several boys took a special interest in the various activities of farm life. Feeling we were a little bit too scruffy to go to the local Church we held our Sunday service seated round a large fallen tree.

Please pray for all sections of the Company at the beginning of our new Session and that we, as officers, may play our part in extending Christ's Kingdom among boys. Pray for those boys who in particular find it difficult to maintain their Junior Church attendance. We are pleased to welcome Brian White and Brian Easey as new Officers in the Company.

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

This summer, as we usually do, we had cows in our garden. You don't believe me? We did! And there were herdsmen looking after them, as well. Some of the cows were black, and the others were green. You might say that the Manse garden was flowing with milk and honey! These cows were quite different from the ones you see out in the fields - the ones that say 'Moo!' These cows belonged to the ant colonies in the garden, and give - not milk, but honey!

I told you last month what good farmers the ants were, in growing their crops - well, they are also very good 'dairy' farmers. The ants' cows are aphids - (greenflies or blackflies), both of which were to be found in plenty this year. As you probably know, aphids live on many kinds of plants and trees, and with long, tube-like beaks they bore tiny holes in the stems of plants and suck the sap. They have long antennae curving backwards like horns, and at the end of the abdomen are two special tubes called TUBERCLES.

The aphids lay their eggs on the rose bushes and green plants in the autumn, and the ants immediately start collecting them, carrying them into the nest and putting them into specially made pens where they are kept safe all winter. When the young aphids hatch in the spring the ants

farmers take care of them much in the same way as human farmers take care of their cows.. On warm sunny days they carry them out to pasture and keep them in herds perhaps on rose bushes or on the broad beans and other garden plants. You will see the little 'herdsmen' busily running up and down the stems.

The ants milk their cows by gently stroking their sides with their antennae, and the cows give them sweet 'honey-dew' through the tubercles. The ants love this honey-dew and if a branch becomes overcrowded and dying for lack of sap, the herdsmen each picks up a honey-cow, makes it pull out its sucking tube, and carries it to a new pasture on another stem, where it can again suck vigorously, and the ants can start 'milking' again. The ants lick up the honey-dew greedily until their stomachs can hold no more and then go back to the nest to feed the other workers and babies.

The aphids can give an enormous amount of milk and just one has been known to give over forty large drops in a day, and a large ant colony can be kept well supplied by one herd of honey-cows. The cows are rounded up at night and carried back one by one to the safety of the nest. Some ants even build covered pathways from the entrance of the ant-hill to the pastures in order to give more protection to the herd. The winged varieties of aphid are likely to have their wings removed so that they cannot fly away. There is no rhyme in the ant nurseries containing the line "The cow jumped over the moon".

Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord for he is kind:
For His mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need.

C.P. No. 44.

John Milton
1608-74

MARY CONNELLY

NOVEMBER, 1977.NO. 294FROM THE VESTRYGood Health!

And since we cannot properly separate spiritual and physical health, whether in ourselves or in the Church, our greeting is given to embrace the whole life of us all.

I have been greatly encouraged by the many people who have shared their thoughts on the Health of the Church. In every case, their concern has been to see the Glory of God in the Church through worship and praise, and to see Christian lives, centred in prayer and set free from those wasting preoccupations of personal and public anxieties on the meaning of faith by Christ Himself. To bring faith, love, hope, care, healing to others is also their care. To have a life so well balanced in faith and works is as they see it essential both to personal and corporate health in the Church. And how right they are!

A person who is fully in Christ who knows that he owes everything to Christ will not be anxious. His faith, prayers, good works will be ONE as a visible and invisible offering to God ... and in our world how important the visible offering of God's love must be.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only"

St. James 1 v. 22

"Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God".

1 John 4 v. 7

Bless you and Good Health,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

News of the Fellowship

MISS I. HOLMES has returned home from hospital, and we share Miss L. Sexton's rejoicing.

MISS K. ATTKINS returns blessings to all who remember her in prayers and visits.

MR. G. WRAIGHT makes progress, as also does MRS. M. SPENCE. To all friends who are ill we send our love. Please use the Prayer Book in the Little Chapel, and inform the Minister or Mr. E. Bond, or the District Elder, in case of illness or need. Rosemary in the Vestry (Tel: 48259) looks after requests for Ministry of Healing.

BAPTISMS

Oliver Bruce Hite 25.9.77
Lorraine Claire Rich 9.10.77

INFANT DEDICATION

Christopher David Garrod 2.10.77

"And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands upon them and blessed them"

IN MEMORIAM

Beatrice Patricia Shave d.30.9.77

The Minister's address at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Pat Shave was built upon two texts from Philippians chapter 1.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

"Now I would have you know brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the Gospel".

Our loving thoughts and prayers go out to Geoff, to Joan, and to all the family whose Christian faith has been a blessing to us all.

Away from Home - The following young people are away from home at University, School or College. Your prayers for them and for Christian witness in the Colleges is invited. All their addresses are available from the Minister and a letter from you would be a joy and ministry in fellowship to them.

CHRIS CHATFIELD	London Polytechnic
JAMES CONNELLY	University of Southampton
FIONA CONNELLY	Wentworth Milton Mount
LINDY ELLIOTT	University of York
JOHN ELLIOTT	School of Maritime Studies, Plymouth.
WENDY EVANS	University of Swansea
PHILLIP GILL	Banstead Place
MARY MARSHALL	Leeds Polytechnic
JIM MARSHALL	Leicester University

All the above have received greetings from the Church ... We pray God's blessing upon them and their parents who will miss them. Please help us by supplying any further information or corrections.

The Ministry of Music

Mr. R. Edwards has retired as Organist/Choirmaster after a period of service lasting three years. We thank him for his service to us and pray God's Blessing upon him and Mrs. Edwards. Presentations were made in appreciation of Mr. Edwards' services by the Church, the Choir and Girls Brigade.

Mr. Richard Colbourn has re-joined us as Organist/Choirmaster and he has been warmly welcomed among us. We trust that Richard's ministry will be a means of blessing to us all.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Annual Reports We should all like to extend our warmest thanks and appreciation to Do and Reg Goodchild for all the work they put in to produce the Reports this year. These were adopted at our September Church Meeting.

I should like to say a very grateful 'thank you' to all my dear friends who visit me so regularly in the Caledonia Nursing Home, and for all the flowers, goodies, and loving messages from other members of the Church which have brought such joy to me. The regular visits from our Minister always keep me in touch with all those dear folk who mean so much to me, and whose prayers have been a constant help.

My grateful thanks and love to you all. I do hope you will continue to come and see me.

KATIE ATTKINS

HANDBOOK

New Members: *Mrs. K. Nowell, 86 Barrington Rd. Tel 46109

*Mr. & Mrs. S. Howard, 4a St. Raphael Rd.

*Mr. & Mrs. A. Fillmore, 14 Pendine Ave. 33099

New Address: Miss G. Green, 53 Hudson Close, Tel: 66559

BIBLE VERSESRIGHT HAND

Psalm 16 v. 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 98 v. 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Psalm 118 vv. 14,15 The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

Hebrews Chapter 12 vv. 1,2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

BOOK REVIEW

Appointment in Jerusalem by Lydia Prince. This is an unforgettable story of a twentieth century woman who dared to take the bible at its literal face value and in so doing discovered what many seek but few ever find; Joy, Peace, Perfect security - no matter how desperate the external condition of her life. This is not a story that glosses over the struggles and difficulties of the Christian walk, but one that offers practical help for every man, woman, embarked on this most exciting journey of all.

Cry of the Human Heart by Juan Carlos Ortiz. The author of Disciple follows his first success with this further challenge to a new and power-filled way of life. Most Christians think they are living in the New Covenant, but they are not, instead, they have made of the New Testament a set of rules and they are trying to fulfil

the laws in the flesh. This misconception, Juan Carlos Ortiz believes, accounts for much of the spiritual defeat which Christians experience. They are frustrated, disappointed with themselves because they cannot fulfil that deepest cry of their hearts - to please God.

GEAR

G.E.A.R. (Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the United Reformed Church) is holding its national conference for 1978 from 24th - 26th February at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Entitled "Power to the People" the main speaker will be the Rev. Tom Smail, Director of the Fountain Trust. The programme will include worship, Bible study, special seminars and opportunity for ministry. Accommodation is mainly in single rooms, though there are some double and a few family rooms. Special activities for children will be provided during the main sessions. Early booking is essential. The cost for the weekend is £9.50 (less for children). A travel pool will operate so that costs of travelling are shared equally between all adult participants. For further details (particularly regarding reduced costs) and booking forms please contact me as soon as possible.

JEAN BOUGHTON

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The Christian Book Centre, which supplies our Church bookstall, has a large range of Christmas goods in stock. Please see me as early as you can if you would like me to order - Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Good News Bibles etc. as presents, also 1978 Calendars. Thank you.

JEAN BOUGHTON

HERNE BAY COURT CONFERENCE

Dear friends,

This letter comes to bring you details of the above Conference for 1978. It will be held from Friday, 17th Feb. until Sunday 19th Feb. at Herne Bay Court, Herne Bay.

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It is with great pleasure that I am able to tell you that Rev. Norman Birnie, M.A., Minister of St. George's U.R.C., Bexhill, has consented to be the speaker. The subject of the Conference will be "The Caring Church" locally and in the wider situation.

The Rev. Cyril Franks, the Moderator of the Southern Province will be the Chairman for the week-end and we shall look forward to having both Mr. and Mrs. Franks with us again.

I am sorry that I am not able to give you the cost for next year, as I am still waiting to hear from Herne Bay Court regarding this. It is hoped to arrange a creche for those wishing to come with young children. This will probably mean a greater demand for places, so it will be a matter of booking early if you wish to avoid disappointment. Programmes and further details will be sent to you in October.

IRENE TILLMAN

Organizing Secretary,
U.R.C., Southern Province,
3 Graystone Road,
Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent.
CT5 2JY.

POETRY TIME

Comfort

Some sorrows in life we find hard to bear,
But they can be made easier with a little prayer,
For God above us knows just what we need
When there is trouble and no one will heed.

There are times when one is in need of a friend,
to comfort and help one on his way to send,
To get over difficult times which we all go through,
So remember someone who could just do with you.

MRS. TOMS

I AM GLAD

I am happy to be with God's Son, Jesus,
Otherwise I would be miserable,
Without Him.

I am happy to say that He is my Heavenly
Father,
Who loves me as well as the other
Christians.

I am happy to know that CHRIST is the
HEAD of this house, THE UNSEEN GUEST
at every meal, THE SILENT LISTENER
to every conversation.

I am glad that Jesus Christ is my
Great comforter.

I am glad that God's Son, the Lord Jesus
Christ
Is the Powerful, Superhuman Being in
Heaven as well as on Earth, and He has
won the Victory, because Hell could not
hold Him!

I am glad that Jesus Christ is
The Righteous Man and Law-keeper, but
I know that the Bible says we all sinned
Because we are related to Adam.
I am trying my utmost best, to do what
God wants me to do.

I am glad that the Lord Jesus Christ
Died on the Cross to take
The blame for our sins, and rose
From the dead after three days,
Not to condemn the World we're
Living in but to save us.

DAVID MYLES

I make no apologies for taking this following thought from another magazine.

We have heard of building a church, but what about building a Pastor. You can build a pastor, or you can tear him down.

1. BUILD his spiritual power by praying for him. When you pray for your Pastor, you pray for your church, your community, your family.
2. BUILD his repuration by speaking well of him. He will have his weak and strong points. His influence will depend on which you stress.
3. BUILD his leadership by working with him, for every great leader needs followers.
4. BUILD his pulpit power by hearing him. Full pews challenge a man to deliver great sermons. Empty pews discourage him.
5. But the greatest thing you can do for your pastor is to follow the Christ he preaches and embody His Spirit.

R.K.

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

6th - Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine 20th - The Choir
 13th - Mrs. C. West 27th - Mrs. D. Turner
 (Remembrance Day)

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed in such a marvellous way to the Flower Fund throughout this year. It is only because of your generosity that we have been able to maintain such a standard of floral decoration in our Church. The list for next year will be found in the Vestibule. Would you please be good enough to fill in your name at whatever date you wish to contribute.

Again, many thanks,

VI TURTON

P.S. May I add a big 'Thank You' to all those kind folk who helped with the Harvest Thanksgiving, both in

providing foliage and flowers, decorating, and also with the distribution on the Monday, 26th. This was all achieved very smoothly.

V.T.

WORLD CHURCH PAGES

WHOLENESS AND HEALING

Rarely can the case for medical missions have been set out so clearly as in a recent address by Miss Kathleen Ince, a missionary nurse working in Pimu, Zaire. Here are just a few sentences from it :-

'I believe that if as a medical missionary I am only offering physical health, then I am failing my African brother and sister. Christ came to make people whole, and healing is more than an absence of physical symptoms. Wholeness does not come only from the surgeon's knife and the nurse's injections. Wholeness involves sharing life. So often it is easier to give than to share because sharing means involvement and this can be costly. But this is what healing is all about: sharing birth and death, work and relaxation, sharing joys and sorrows, sharing pain and fear, all the events which make up life, but above all it means sharing Christ Who alone brings meaning to life.

It is in sharing life, the good and the bad, the sad and the joyful, as well as in preventing disease, treating illness and training nurses, that we as medical missionaries can play our part in bringing true healing, that wholeness which can only be experienced through Jesus Christ.'

The full address is well worth reading. It appears in the October Baptist Missionary Herald, which may be borrowed from me.

WAR ON - WHAT ?

Well, I asked for comments and I am happy to receive even those which refer to my 'false statements' as did Mr. Barrow last month. Here then are the facts about the War on Want contribution to the Grunwick strikers, as gleaned from their own literature :-

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- a. The Council of War on Want decided to make a contribution from their own pockets and they asked other people to join in with them. Their own staff contributed as also did some of the other people approached.
- b. The contribution was handed over as coming from War on Want.
- c. The national and religious press publicised the transaction.
- d. Lots of people read about it and many of them complained.
- e. The Council issued a very lengthy statement of explanation which both denied that the contribution was from their normal funds but explained that even if it had been it would have been properly made within the organisation's aims (so why all the fuss).

I leave readers to decide whether my statement was false or whether the Council of War on Want were trying to cover up a gross error of judgement (and of public relations). Incidentally, the statement contained no word of regret about the violence outside the Grunwick gates and the injuries to police on duty there.

Mr. Barrow was good enough to pass on to me more general literature about War on Want. As I have said before, it is not my concern to try to stop people contributing to any charity but to advise them to find out first what the aims and objects of the charity are. Here are some of the, perhaps more controversial, beliefs of War on Want, again as gleaned from their own literature:-

- a. It is necessary to bring about a 'radical change' in this country's economic system (and I don't think they mean abandoning state socialism for full-blooded capitalism).
- b. World poverty was largely caused by colonial oppression.

- c. All the atrocities in Rhodesia are the work of the Smith regime.
- d. The arms trade should be abolished (but apparently with an escape clause to allow arms to continue to reach the Rhodesian 'Freedom Fighters').

If you believe these things you may well wish to continue, or to begin, supporting War on Want, which incidentally was founded by the late Harold Laski and the early Harold Wilson.

I am grateful to Mr. Barrow for assisting me with the facts about the organisation he supports and I am sure that we all wish him every blessing in his studies at the London Bible College.

Next month I expect I shall give an account of Miss Heather Wraight's talks on Radio Worldwide (31st October at 20.00h and 1st November at 14.45h) unless, as I hope, you save me the trouble by turning up in force to hear her for yourselves.

ROBIN BRUFORD

FROM THE EDITOR Further to Robin's article in the September issue entitled "Charity Suffereth Long" I now feel I should publish a letter from the Secretary of Shelter which I received this month:

"My verbal discussion with Mr. Bruford following his first criticism of this charity has led to a misrepresentation in his October article. I would like, therefore, simply to correct this misunderstanding.

Referring to security of tenure, Robin says 'I understand from Tony Hill that the present leaders of SHELTER have now accepted that this particular policy was counter-productive...' In fact, while the reduction in privately rented accommodation is self-evident, SHELTER still believes that security of tenure was essential to counter widespread harassment of tenants. The privately rented sector has been shrinking inexorably since the war. In recent years it has been more profitable for landlords to sell with vacant possession than to continue as landlords; hence increasing eviction and homelessness. The 1974 Rent Act, while giving security of tenure, adequately protects landlords against

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those that misbehave. Resident landlords are free of the Act's provisions; and those requiring a house for retirement can make agreements enabling them to gain possession.

The law relating to housing is highly complicated, and many areas could be tidied up to the benefit of both landlords and tenants. SHELTER's policies are directed always at minimising the numbers of people who are without a home, or live in unsatisfactory conditions.

With best wishes,

TONY HILL
Secretary

GIRLS' BRIGADE

How lucky we were on October 15th for our HELP GB afternoon. The weather was perfect and we were able to add £75 to our funds. We shall now be able to make another donation to the Youth Building fund and to care for the elderly and housebound, the battered wives, the Cheshire Home, the Polio Fellowship and others as the Christmas season gets nearer.

November will be a busy month for us all as we prepare for KALEIDOSCOPE - an informal evening of music and song to be held on TUESDAY. 6TH DECEMBER in the Church Hall, commencing at 19.00h. Our girls will receive their Awards that evening too. Please make a note in your diaries now - it's going to be a happy evening - mince pies, tea, carols - you will come, won't you?

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB
Captain

BOYS' BRIGADE

BOYS' BRIGADE WEEK, our Annual Fund raising effort, commences on Saturday, 19th November with what we hope will be a bumper COFFEE MORNING & MINI-BAZAAR. We do cordially invite you to come along and give us your valued support. There will be stalls of all descriptions including Cakes, Books, Cards, Toys, Handicrafts, Bring & Buy etc.; etc; If you are able to spare any

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form of goods to stock some of the stalls we would be most appreciative. During the next week the Company Section Boys will be busy in various ways such as sponsored efforts and odd jobs to help raise the much needed funds. On the last day, Saturday, 26th November at 14.30h we will also be holding a Jumble Sale and once again we would appreciate any items that you care to give. We would be only too pleased to help you clear that loft or garage, just ring 43787 or 66812 or contact any of our members.

Thank you for your support and we do look forward to seeing you especially at the Coffee Morning and Mini-Bazaar.

DONALD STEWART

AMBERLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Obsequies or Harvest?

On Thursday evening, 20th October, 1977, we once again entered the beloved building, where for over 100 years folk living nearby have gathered to worship, and learn from their beloved Lord Jesus Christ, their Saviour. Of course there was sadness in our gathering, but sadness overborne by joy: for tho' this was to be no more the place where we meet in rejoicing, the world is full of such places where we can rejoice.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Smith, B.A., Secretary of the District United Reformed Church, who read a letter sent from the Rev. C.Cyril Franks, the District Moderator. He then preached a remarkable sermon on "Harvest". The prayers of thankfulness and joy were spoken by Lionel Knight, Lay Preacher from that pulpit many times. The reading of the gospel, from Matthew 16 v. 13 onwards, was by the C. of E. Vicar, the Rev. Nightingale.

Surely the Holy Spirit was present throughout - a sad farewell, but full of rejoicing amongst many friends.

MARY STEPHENS

NOTICES AND REPORTS

Christian Aid

Contributions for October amounted to £12.30 received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

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From the Treasurer

Collections for the month of September were as follows:

Loose Cash	£182.33	
Envelopes	£324.16	
Totals as at 30th September	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Loose Cash	£1691.83	£1314.32
Envelopes	£3022.65	£2582.78
		DOUGLAS BLAKEY

I.B.R.A. Missionary Appeal

May I, on behalf of the General Secretary of the I.B.R.A. express very grateful thanks to those members whose generous response to the above Appeal amounted to £6.30.

It is the knowledge that the Association has the continued support of friends in this country that makes it possible for them to continue the work they have undertaken overseas.

E.F. SHEARMUR

Youth Council

Dear Members,

I have been asked to co-ordinate and assist in the raising of funds for the new Hall. At the last meeting of the Youth Council it was suggested that a sale of craft work be held in the centre of Worthing at about Easter time. For this I should be grateful if anyone will donate such things as: soft toys, paintings, artificial flowers. I understand that there are available some patterns for the making of soft toys. Perhaps members will get in touch with me if they are willing to help in the making of these things.

ARTHUR RAZZELL

Leprosy Mission

On behalf of the Leprosy Mission, many thanks to all who have a phial and contributed £27.55 in the May collection. I have taken over the work of the Mission from Janet as she cannot collect in the daytime when people can see

who is calling and will open the door. I will be collecting the phials again the first week of November.

Unfortunately, the number of people holding a phial is dropping yearly, i.e. many are Senior Citizens who cannot continue donating because of rising costs on a fixed income.

WILL YOU TAKE A PHIAL?

A phial takes 5p pieces and a box, 2p pieces. I can easily deliver one to you if you are interested. Please give me a ring on W. 45846 or give your name and address to Mr. Connolly who will forward it to me.

MARY LUCKIN

Men's Fellowship

At our Members' afternoon on 20th September, no less than twelve members produced interesting souvenirs and spoke about them. This proved to be a worthwhile experiment which might well be repeated. We were very pleased to welcome several new members.

Our programme for November is in the Calendar, but it will be a special occasion when we welcome The Rev. J. Logan Armour from our sister church, St. Columba's, on 1st Nov.

REG GOODCHILD

Monday Evening Fellowship

We have enjoyed a really happy start to this year's activities with increasing numbers; several new friends and also some more familiar faces joining us.

We have learnt how to enjoy a really wonderful cruise aboard a P and O liner, and what happens to a letter when we post it. At our last meeting we welcomed Mr. Connolly on our 20th Anniversary and he fascinated us with his collection of rare old coins.

Many of our friends may be interested to know that we are trying a new arrangement with the Creche rota. This is for a trial period, and we hope that we will need to call on our friends less often, and that it will be easier to run. We would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people who have helped us with this service over the years.

JANE BOND

Family Circle

We hope that all those who supported the Harvest Supper and Barn Dance in September, and filled the hall, will be there again when we present a programme of fun and games and other entertainment at our Christmas Party, on Saturday, 17th December. The Youth Singers will be taking part, so book the date now!

Copies of the Circle Programme for 1977/8 are available from the Chairman, Greg Marriott or myself.

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild

On 4th October we were delighted to welcome members from seven local churches, and members of our own Monday Evening Fellowship and Girls' Brigade to our Anniversary Service. It was good to have Mr. Connelly as our Chairman and our own Mrs. Newell for our Speaker, and Miss Netta Passingham for Soloist.

Mrs. Newell's subject - "The Work of the Holy Spirit within the Church" - so honestly delivered, left us all spiritually enriched. Miss Passingham's solos chosen to suit the subject of the afternoon, and so beautifully rendered, added much to the thoughts Mrs. Newell left with us.

Thank you members for providing the tea and our thanks too go to Mrs. Jenkins and her helpers who worked hard during the morning preparing everything.

I wish you could have heard the words of appreciation from the members of the visiting churches as they left our building!

ETHEL DEARSLEY

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Peter Marshall on his recent achievement of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Does anyone have access to a supply of old computer printout paper? The Junior Church can use large quantities of the normal waste paper for drawing paper and if you can help, contact the Junior Church Secretary.

GERANIUM

There are many species of the geranium family which grow wild throughout the summer, some of which are still to be found flowering well on into the autumn. The best known of these is probably the blood red geranium which grows in profusion all along our coastline. This only bears a single flower, and is not to be confused with the garden flower we all know which should correctly be called the pelargonium.

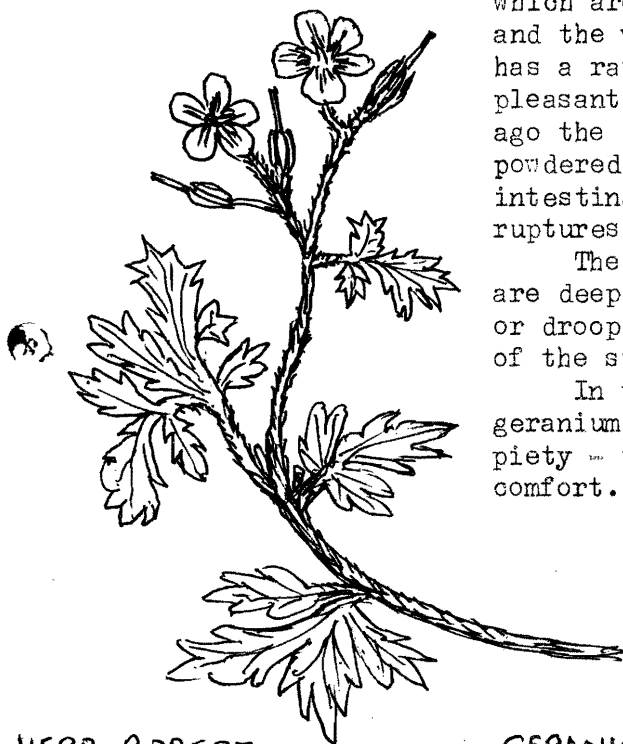
All the family named Cranesbill belong to the geranium family. The colour of the flowers varying from the deep pink of the hedgerow cranesbill to the pale violet of the meadow variety. They all have a flower consisting of five petals which narrow at the base in a claw shape - and the name Cranesbill derives from the resemblance of the fruit to the shape of the beak of a crane.

The most common variety of the geranium family is the Herb Robert. This grows up to 18 ins in height, and is found in both hedgerow and on the seashore. Its leaves are deeply divided into fingers, which are often tinged with red, and the whole plant, when touched, has a rather distinctive, unpleasant smell. Several centuries ago the leaves were burned and powdered and thought to cure intestinal disorders, including ruptures.

The flowers of Herb Robert are deep pink in colour, and open or droop according to the presence of the sun.

In the meaning of flowers, geranium can mean - steadfast piety - true friendship, or comfort.

ROBIN BRADLEY



HERB ROBERT

GERANIUM ROBERTIANUM

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

Last month we studied the ants as farmers, with their herds of aphid 'cows'. As well as keeping the aphids, they also have pets! They keep a variety of other insects in their underground homes. One is a certain kind of beetle, which, like the aphids, gives up tiny drops of a substance which is very much sought after by the ants. The beetle, however, demands to be fed, by tickling the ants' antennae to ask for food, in the same way that ants ask each other for food. When the beetle has sucked up all the food that the ant can give, it lowers its head and hunches up its back in a way which ants seem to understand, for the ant then moves forward and strokes its back with her antennae. Tiny drops of a marvellous tasting substance is produced from two spots on the beetle's back, which the ant quickly sucks up. The ants seem to develop a craving for this 'strong drink', and the beetles seem to set up 'corner pubs' to cater for this craving. They lurk at road junctions and crossways and other places where they can show themselves and their liquor and get payment in return.

The caterpillars of all blue butterflies, except the holly blue, have a gland on their backs which produces a similar fluid which the ants collect. Britain's rarest blue butterfly - the large blue - is totally dependent upon ants. Only young caterpillars are to be seen feeding on wild thyme and no-one ever sees a fully grown caterpillar or a chrysalis. The strange story of the disappearing caterpillars took a long time to piece together. What happens is this: The young caterpillars feed on the wild thyme but later in its life (about 20 days old) it either drops to the ground or crawls about until it is found by an ant, which collects the sticky fluid. Very soon it is surrounded by a crowd of excited ants who take hold of it and carry it back to their nest. Here it remains in warm, snug safety all winter. It pays board and lodging by giving out its sweet, sticky liquid whenever the ants demand it and they are very greedy for it.

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"All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen".

These words from the Sussex Carol will be known and sung together with many other Christmas hymns and carols at this holy and happy festival. Christmas holds many mysteries for the faithful. It is only those who live or try to live outside the events of Christ's Nativity who have all the answers. It is always easy to find the answers when you avoid the questions!.

And so, to many the meanings of Christmas are simple or complicated only by the size of your purse or by your ability to "switch off" the homelessness and helplessness which have ever haunted the Season of Rejoicing.

The Christian will not want to switch off! - to plunge his mind into the "gloom festival" of tinsel, sentiment and make believe is to accept the world's flight from REALITY. Our joy comes from entering again into that moment of history when God's love declared in Jesus Christ switched on the lights of heaven for ever.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men, And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness overcame it not".

Q This is the word of Christmas ... the word which invites us to enter into this Christmas mystery of God's love and mercy... one of the oldest questions in our faith is CUR DEUS HOMO? ... Why did God become man? And the answer, tho' enfolded within the heights and depths of God's love is clear to all who will wonder.

"When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place:
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King."

Blessings for Christmas,
WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPIN MEMORIAM

Ellen Eliza Ann Edwards d. 15.10.77

Lilian Hannah Elliott d. 9.11.77

"Let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest
in peace".

We have been happy to welcome a number of new friends to services recently. Do help us to get to know you better, the Minister is always glad to call.

We are always happy to discuss the question of Church Membership with friends old or new ... and whether on profession of faith or by transfer from another church, this is a means of blessing and strength to us all.

To all friends who are ill, bereaved, lonely or distressed we send our loving thoughts and prayers. Help us by putting their names or requests for prayer in the book in the Little Chapel.

Please let us know of any, whether young or old, who would benefit from a greeting, a visit, or any practical help at Christmas. Names please to Mr. E. Bond (Pastoral Secretary) or to the Minister.

A number of friends have recovered from illness and desire to give thanks to God for His goodness. We shall not forget that the Ministry of Thanksgiving is an important part of the Ministry of Healing.

We appreciate Mrs. Beryl Chatfield's work as Cradle Roll Secretary. Her keenness has resulted in our now having regular Cradle Roll Services each month for mothers and babies. This is a splendid piece of new work among us.

Ministry of Healing

Someone said to me the other day "I ought to hear more of the Ministry of Healing". We hear the petitions and prayer requests, indeed they are mostly recorded in the Prayer Book in the Little Chapel. We do not hear so many answers or praise - perhaps, as was said to me, like the story of the ten lepers, only one returned to give thanks. Perhaps we should have a service devoted entirely to the latter - it is so exciting that prayer is answered, as I will share a few answers with you all.

As I write this, on this month's list is a request for a young university student who is going blind and undergoing surgery. A tragic story. Three months ago he was fine, then the disease, the loss of sight in one eye, then deterioration (rapid) in the other. This prayer will never make the healing service - instead praise! The Lord has healed him! Firstly the operation was a success, then he was told he would have to attend the clinic every two weeks for the rest of his life because the disease must be kept in check. Then it went, and so the Lord had touched him a second time and the doctors could not find the disease - expressed their amazement and told him he need not bother to return. God is great isn't He?

Here are a few extracts from letters received in the past months. "My wife and I thank you most sincerely for the prayer leaflet that we received today. It is extremely comforting to know that so many people are with us and our daughter in prayer; people who know neither us or our children, yet become close friends through the wonderful family of God".

A request from one whose daughter was expecting a baby and had been very unwell. The letter that followed read - "Please will you give the Prayer Group my grateful thanks for their thought and caring during the past few weeks. Our daughter has now safely given birth to a little daughter. I gather the little one got off to a shakey start but is now progressing. Thank you all very much.

A young lady with M.S. who was due to get married and had to go into hospital, after a short while was well enough to

get married and said "the whole atmosphere was of love enfolding her".

Lastly, we give thanks for the healing of the Minister's daughter who is now completely well.

ROSEMARY KITTO

HANDBOOK CHANGES

New Members

- * Mr. & Mrs. M. Bass, 20 St. Anselm's Rd. Tel: 208909
- * Miss A. Luckin, 21 Avondale Close

Change of Address

- * Mr. David Courtnadge - 92 Ferring Street, Ferring
Tel: 501993

BIBLE VERSES

With Christmas in mind

Philippians 2 vv. 5-11 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" so said the Psalmist. These words I repeat. Among the "benefits" I would first put the prayers of Church members and friends on my behalf, then a variety of factors such as cassettes, letters, cards, gifts, flowers, transport and visits, all of which have brought encouragement and goodwill during a time of indisposition. By way of thanks let me reiterate the message of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 6 "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all".

GORDON WRAIGHT

However much I would like to send Christmas cards and greetings to all my dear friends who have visited me and upheld me with their prayers during the last year, it is quite impossible, so I am sending a message of love to wish them all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, through the Chronicle. Their friendship means so much to me and it is a great joy and blessing to have so many friends in the Church caring for me and coming to see me.

KATIE ATKINS

From Mrs. Mabel A. Johnson

You all will be pleased to know our prayers have been answered. Although not quite 100% yet, recovery is on the way. Doctor states progress is good, and I may dress and get ^{back} to normal life, but not to over do it, and not too many visitors.

Thank you all for your enquiries, kindness, help and flowers and visits, and thanks especially to the Minister who visited us on three successive days.

THE WEEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPE SCHEME

May I remind all contributors to the above Scheme to complete any arrears that might be outstanding, by the last Sunday in December if possible. Once again I appeal to all members of the Church who have not adopted the envelope method of giving, to think and pray earnestly about it. We have over three hundred Church Members and only 60 % contribute to the Scheme.

Giving regularly by the envelope scheme helps to remind us that it is necessary to support the Church when we are absent, and this is one way the Treasurer can assess the Church's income accurately. I should be pleased to provide envelopes to any members of the Church or congregation who wish to join the Scheme. Please contact me at the Church or write to me.

I thank all those members who have given so regularly and generously during the year.

LILAH HARRIS,
2 Southsea Avenue,
Goring-by-Sea, Worthing.
Tel: 40779

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes
Treasurer

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (GORING BRANCH)

This Centre meets every Wednesday at the Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring-by-Sea, and has been established for nearly nine years. It has attracted an excellent team of helpers from all churches in Goring, and is a very happy and successful Centre, especially providing a lunch for elderly lonely people in this area.

In the past, excellent help has been given by the United Reformed Church (having in mind especially Mr. & Mrs. Ellis, now living in Canterbury), and it may be that there are members of the Church today who would like to help with this work, waiting at table, washing up and other duties.

There are now eight Centres of this kind in Worthing and district, and they show friendship and give a lunch to over 500 persons each week. The work is done under the auspices of the Worthing Council of Churches.

Your Minister is helping in a very practical way by taking the Chair at the Committee and other meetings of the Goring Branch. All enquiries please to:

Miss E. Palmer (Registrar)

Tel: W. 40004

Mr. H. Morton (Rota Secretary)

Tel: W. 44194

P.M. STOWER
Hon. Secretary

THE WORTHING "CONTACT" SCHEME

A meeting of "Contacts" in the Western Region of Worthing was held at the R.C. Church Hall in Goring Way on 2nd November, and despite the weather 30-40 folk met to discuss progress made in various parts of Goring.

The Chairman - Miss Barbara Martin - outlined the areas covered, and gave a list of roads still to be tackled. She referred to the formation at Methold House, the offices of the Worthing Council of Social Service, of a Volunteer Bureau, under the leadership of Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor, whom we may be remembered, helped in the formation of the Lakeland Group of "Contacts" earlier this year, and who is also a keen leader of Youth Work in Goring U.R.C.

Mrs. Batchelor gave a brief talk on her activities, and it is hoped that better accommodation and a full-time team of volunteers would be established to help in dealing with enquiries from "Contacts" and other folk dealing with the elderly. Copies of a leaflet giving details of the Volunteer Bureau were distributed.

General discussion of local problems followed, in which Mr. L.N. Phillips mentioned that following his return from a spell in a nursing home he had received a letter from two lads from the 6th Form College in Bolsover Road, Goring, offering to visit him and help in any way. A second visit from these lads occurred only the previous day, and he felt that at last some definite help was being offered from the younger generation, which was what was so much needed.

Visible notice of difficulty by old folk was also discussed and many suggestions were offered, but none appeared to have 100% success, and the problem of notifying illness etc. seems to come back to the care that neighbours can offer personally.

Details of work done by local Contacts were in many cases very thorough, and showed the definitely Christian purpose of the scheme. A very brief prayer had been compiled in support of the work done, and copies of this would be sent to all the churches in the region.

The scheme has really started, but has a long way to go and help is still urgently needed. Our Minister would gladly receive names of any friends who may be interested.

L.N. PHILLIPS

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

A WORLD MINISTRY - FROM LONDON, S.E.19

The men of the Church missed a treat - in more ways than one - when Miss Heather Wraight came to speak to the M.E.F. and the Women's Guild on the work of Radio Worldwide. Here one found the vital ingredient which had been missing from 'The Christians' TV series - a presenter who is alive with the purpose and the joy of her faith. The same faith that has inspired a group of Christians to turn a ramshackle old house in South London into a centre from which she and her colleagues send friendship, information, advice and the Good News over the airwaves into the transistor sets of millions

of people in all parts of the world.

We heard that this Mission of the Air can get to people who are beyond the reach of any other missionary agency

- it can reach people behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains whose rulers will not allow them to hear Christians preach;
- it can reach people in the very remotest parts of the world, like those in Labrador who may only see their pastor once every third year;
- it can reach people for whom there is no 'live' missionary available (missionary numbers have declined by 25% in the last four years);
- it can reach people who cannot read, but for whom the possession of a radio is a status symbol.

It can do all these things - and it does!

All this is made possible by the dedicated hard work and prayer of the creators and presenters of these very special radio programmes. As one who has to scratch his thick skull to decide what to put in (and what to leave out of) this page each month I marvel at the skill of these experts who manage to overcome the problems

- of thinking up usable ideas and themes which will hold an audience for a series of 52 or 104 weekly programmes;
- of being up-to-date without being too contemporary (a series may be broadcast on several networks at different times and you can't have Christmas in July);
- of getting sufficient of the Christian faith into the material to be effective but not so much as will cause the Moslem, Hindu or Buddhist listener to switch off;
- of remembering that the particular culture and background of the listeners can all too easily make the broadcast material mean something entirely different from what was intended (obvious words like 'God' and 'spirit' can mean very different things in Asia and Africa).

One has occasionally met missionaries who were too 'up in the air' to be effective. Here, one felt, was a group of

Christians whose faith and whose work was enthusiastic, yet down to earth; creative, yet disciplined; inspired, yet professional (in the best sense). This service and those who work in it depend entirely for their maintenance on the prayers and gifts of Christian friends. If you would like to join in this support, regular prayer letters are available and I will be happy to pass on any requests.

A LAST WORD ON HOUSING POLICIES

I have been both encouraged and saddened to have my views on housing policies endorsed by a local minister who used to be a trustee of a housing association with several flats for letting. Because of the biased legislation in favour of tenants, however bad, the scheme ceased to be financially viable and it collapsed. The number of homeless was thereby added to - another 'victory' for the anti-landlord lobby!

This correspondence may continue outside these pages - the ball is in Shelter's court and indeed has been there for some time.

ROBIN BRUFORD

NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL

The New Year Prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, 31st December, 1977, from 08.00h until midnight. As in previous years, we shall be praying in particular for the life, work and witness of the Church and for each person whose name appears in the Church Handbook.

The Chapel will be manned throughout these hours and we pray that many others will be led to share in prayer with us, and will feel free to come and go as

they please.

"Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people."
Ephesians 6 v. 18.

IRENE TULEY

TRAVELLER'S JOY

In spite of it being now mid November, we in the southern half of the country are fortunate enough to have hedgerows still covered with the feathery fronds of Old Man's Beard or Traveller's Joy. It is so prolific that from a distance it can look as though there has been a fall of snow, and yet it rarely grows north of Derbyshire, and particularly loves our chalk soil.

During the summer the plant bears clusters of white flowers with a cluster of stamens around the centre, but as autumn progresses the stamens elongate, into feathery tails, forming the Old Man's Beard.

The leaflets are usually in groups of five, and the leaf stalks curl around any twig or fence for support, and in this way often cover a tree 30 or 40 feet high. In the meaning of flowers, Traveller's Joy means - safety.

I pray we may all travel together with joy to the safety of Christ's Kingdom.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall

CLEMATIS VITALBA
break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands". . . Isaiah 55 v.12 ROBIN BRADLEY



WINTER SCENE

All milk-white shines the placid lake,
Reflecting misty skies.

The faded sedge shows tawny hues:

Gone are the dragonflies.

The lonely swan has sought the bank

Where still the grass is green.

Her nest bereft lies in the reeds:

No cyngnet can be seen.

Beyond the lake, upon the hill,

There's movement on its brow,

For squawking, hungry gulls fly in

Behind the active plough.

Their white wings wheel and dip and rise

And flash in paling light.

Each naked tree its pattern makes

As background to the sight.

There's Beauty fine in the Winter day,

And a Hope that Spring is on the way.

DORA BRIDGER

THIS IS MY CHURCH

"It is composed of people like me, we make it what it is.

It will be friendly - if I am.

It's pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do a great work - if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring people into its worship and fellowship - if I help them, and if I bring them too.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit - if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be".

Sent by a friend of mine in Vancouver.

PHIL SCUDDER

NOTICES AND REPORTSFrom The Choir

When Church Organisations are taking part in Sunday services and require special hymn tunes not included in 'Congregational Praise', e.g. 20th Century tunes, would they please notify either Miss Geraldine Green (Choir Secretary) Tel: W. 66559, or Mrs. Dorothy Turner (Choir Treasurer) Tel. W. 43843, by the preceding Friday, so that the requested tune can be found, and practised by the Choir before the service concerned. We would also need to know in good time so that the Organist, Mr. Colbourn, can be notified particularly on occasions when he cannot be present to lead choir practice.

Thank you,

GERALDINE GREEN

Christian Aid

Result for November - £10.75 received with thanks

HILDA HELE

Flowers for December

4th Rev. & Mrs. W. Connelly 18th Mrs. V. Turton &
Mrs. Cozens-Walker

11th Miss Manix & Miss Evans 25th Mr. & Mrs. Stewart

VI TURTON

Men's Fellowship

Sixteen of our members enjoyed the visit to the Engineerium at Hove, on 18th October. A 'must' for all engineers. What a pity the great beam engine wasn't working at the time!

We look forward to our meeting with the ladies for Christmas Music and Readings on 13th December, and hope that the programme for the Spring Session will be ready at the end of the month.

REG GOODCHILD

Family Circle

Just a reminder of the Christmas Party on Saturday, 17th December at 19.30h. Tickets 35p available from all Committee Members.

R.G.

Women's Guild

How lucky we are that we have Mrs. Turner who is fortunate enough to be able to travel widely. Ethiopia - surely a country few of us would get to - and yet we have enjoyed a holiday there through Mrs. Turner's beautiful slides and her apt descriptions of the places she visited. Now she's off to Mexico and we wish her well for we too want another holiday - next time Mexico.

On 1st November, Miss Heather Wraight introduced us to Radio Worldwide, a service few of us knew anything about. I am finding the book "Slim Fingers" most interesting and should be happy to lend it to anyone who may be interested.

On 13th December the Men & Women's Guilds join for their afternoon of Christmas music.

A Very Happy Christmas to all Church Members from the Women's Guild.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Girls' Brigade

Are you coming to our evening on Tuesday, 6th December called KALEIDOSCOPE? We do hope so. The girls are in fine voice and all ready to introduce some lovely new music to you. It will be an informal, and we are sure, a happy evening, starting at 19.00h.

As the festive season gets nearer, we have much to do. There are gifts to be distributed to the Cheshire Home, St. Giles, and to some 60 or so housebound and sick folk of our Church. This is a very special part of our Brigade work and has given us great joy and pleasure throughout this year. We are, as always, grateful for all that has been done for us, and look forward very much to our Silver Jubilee next year.

We've said a Christmas prayer for you
And know God heard our prayers
For, somehow when we talked with Him
We felt His presence there -
We did not ask for costly gifts
To make your Christmas gay,
We only asked that God would bless
And keep you every day.

JEAN WEBB
Captain

This was found inside the cover of a diary of a friend of Princess Marie Louise, Mrs. M. Manley, with a footnote - This was given to me by Princess Marie Louise two weeks before she died. Mrs. Manley died recently aged 84.

Lord, help me to live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be - for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I'd do for you
Must needs be done - for others.

Let self be crucified and slain
And buried deep, and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again
Unless to live - for others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my time in Heaven's begun
May I forget the crown I've won
While thinking still - of others.

Others, Lord, yes of others
Let that my motto be,
Help me to live for others
That I may live like Thee.

AMEN

Praise and Glory be to God.

(With acknowledgments to "This England" Magazine).

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

ANTS - for the last time! The Australian honey-pot ants have a special way of storing food in their underground larders. There are barrels of honey, filled to the brim, hanging from the ceiling. There are about 500 ants in each of these colonies whose duty it is to

act as jars or honey-pots for the food which the other workers collect.

They swell to a huge size with all the food brought to them and eventually become unable to move. They are then hoisted onto the ceiling, looking like small honey-filled grapes or balloons, and hang there until their store of food is needed by the other ants in the colony. Then they are stroked gently and give up some of their honey milk.

Sometimes one of the little honey barrels loses her grip and falls to the floor, where she lies on her back, kicking her legs feebly in the air until she is helped and hoisted back into position.

For weeks, even months, we have been warned that Christmas is coming and that we need to stock up on this or that which some people think you must have to 'enjoy yourself' at the Festival Season - loads of food, gallons of drink and the need to spend more money than can often be afforded! There are many, too, who by the end of the holiday, will be in danger of looking as barrel-like as the Honey-pot ants! Women's magazines give advice on how to produce the Christmas lunch on time, cooked to perfection, and still look relaxed - a "countdown for Christmas". They also give advice on which wines to drink with what (and WIN YOURSELF A FEW BOTTLES OF FESTIVE CHEER!), what to wear - and wait for it! - 25 ways to stay sane at Christmas! This includes tips on: being prepared for those embarrassing last minute Christmas cards that arrive; how to save money on table decorations; what to do if you spill drink on your dress (d you want to wear it to a party; what to do with your hair while you're slaving over a hot stove, etc., etc.!!

Is that what Christmas is all about? All this getting ready - for what?

I'd like you to look at the meaning of a few words which come so easily to our lips without very much thought as to the meaning:

1. CHRISTMAS: an annual festival, originally a mass, in memory of the birth of Christ, held on 25th December.
2. CAROL: a song of joy or praise; to praise or celebrate in song.

3. CELEBRATE: to make famous; to publish the praises of.
4. ENJOY: to joy or delight in, to feel or perceive with pleasure, from Old French "enjoier", to give joy to; or "enjoir", to enjoy - "en" and "joir" from the Latin "Gaudere", to rejoice.
5. FESTIVE, FESTIVAL: a joyful celebration, a feast.
6. PARTY: a part of a great number of persons; a company met for a particular purpose, as a dinner party, a pleasure party, etc.
7. SEASON: one of the four periods of the year; the usual time or proper time for anything. From Old French "seson" Fr. "saison" from Latin "satio,-onis" seedtime.
8. CHEER: disposition: frame of mind: (with 'good' etc.) joy; kind treatment: entertainment: fare, food. From Old French "chiere" the countenance, the face.

So what about putting together a few of these words again, keeping in mind the original meanings. Doesn't it make a lot more Christian sense?

Good Christian men, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice;
 Give ye heed to what we say,
 Jesus Christ is born today:
 Ox and ass before Him bow,
 And he is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice;
 Now ye need not fear the grave,
 Jesus Christ was born to save,
 Calls you one and calls you all,
 To gain his everlasting hall,
 Christ was born to save!

John Mason Neale
 1818-66

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

MARY CONNELLY

SERVICES

DIVINE WORSHIP

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning

Third Sunday in the evening.

MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Second Thursday in each month at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion following morning session.