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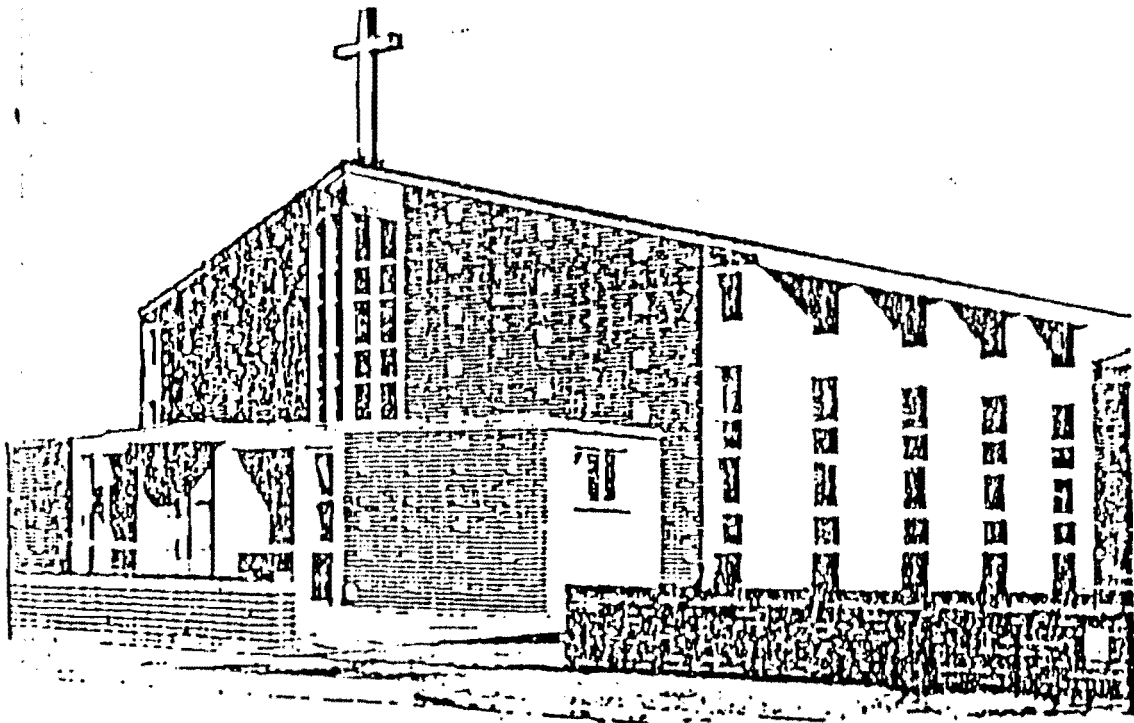
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CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS Minister: Rev, Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road, Tel, 248259
 Secretary: Mr, Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue, Tel, 690996
 Pastoral Secretary: Mrs, Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill, Tel, 260568
 Treasurer: Mr, Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road, Tel, 506452

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Secretary of Company:- Lt, Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing, BN14 9GB 218964

I had been given permission to report on the Display and Awards evening December 10th, I took quite a few notes, but I'm not using many of them. I entered the Church building at 6 pm - I came in with people I didn't know, but we greeted each other as friends. There were only a dozen or so others there. Gradually the number began to increase and the friendship and love grew as the Church building became full of people, so that when the programme started at 6.30 we were all friends and our Lord was in the building. We were warm inside and out, I thought at one time there wouldn't be room for the Girls! Nicola Craghill carried the colours and didn't the girls look happy and eager as they followed her! We started off with a welcome from Captain, then the opening prayer by our Minister. Then the Enrolment of new Members.

EXPLORERS; ELIZABETH HIBBS, KELLY LAND, LOUISE COURTNADGE, LAURA HOWARD,
 ELLA BACON, GAIL WINNIE, EMILY HARRIS,

EXPLORERS AWARDS; ELIZABETH HIBBS, LOUISE COURTNADGE, LAURA HOWARD, ELLA BACON,
 GAIL WINNIE, VANESSA BALDWIN - BRONZE, RACHEL BREWER - BRONZE, KELLY LAND - BRONZE,
 CATHY BROWN - SILVER, SIMONE BROWN - SILVER, KATE BEVERLEY - GOLD,

JUNIOR AWARDS; JODELL MITCHELL, EMILY HARRIS, KEZIA BREWER, EMMA EASEY, SARAH RIDDLEDALE,
 KIRSTY LAKE, JADE WOOD, SIOBHAN SMITH, ZOE MATTHEWS, LAURA SIBLEY, CLAIRE STANFORD,

SENIOR AWARDS:- MELODY OXBOROUGH, KATIE EASEY, RACHEL HOOD, GEMMA RICHARDSON, CARINA BROWN,
 SUSAN EAMES, KATY BEARDSLEY, KAREN JONES,

BRIGADER AWARDS; SUZY WEBBER(8) SOPHIE BØG(9) TONIA HALE(7) TARA HALE(8) HANNAH HONSA(10)
 90% and over, JUNIORS; EMMA EASEY, KIRSTY LAKE, JADE WOOD, ZOE MATTHEWS, CLAIRE STANFORD,

SENIORS; GEMMA RICHARDSON, MELODY OXBOROUGH, CARINA BROWN, BRIGADERS; TONIA HALE, TARA HALE,
 AWARDS FOR EXTRA WORK, JUNIORS; CARINA BROWN, GEMMA RICHARDSON, RACHEL HOOD, SUSAN EAMES,

SENIORS; SOPHIE BØG, KAREN JONES, SUZY WEBBER,

SPONSORED SUNFLOWER GROW 10'7"; KATY BEARDSLEY,

SQUAD PRIZES; PLUTO 88 DONALD DUCK 88 GOOFY 101 MICKY MOUSE 124,

SOPHIE, RACHEL, GEMMA, CLAIRE, SARAH,

MOST SQUAD POINTS; SUZY WEBBER, 100% ATTENDANCE; RACHEL HOOD,

BADGE MARKERS; MRS, BRENDA BRUNTON, MRS, JULIE WARD, MRS, DOREEN NORRIS,

MRS, JENNY MERRITT, MRS, GLADYS RIDGES, MRS, HILARY REDMAN, MRS, JEAN WEBB,

MRS, JOY WILLIAMS, REV, PETER HECKELS,

PRIZES; EXPLORER; Rachel Brunton Cup for the happiest Explorer, RACHEL BREWER,

Best KATE BYERLEY,

SCRIPTURE PRIZE; MELODY OXBOROUGH, HANDICRAFT SHIELD; TARA HALE,

PHYSICAL SHIELD; CARINA BROWN,

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE FOR PROGRESS; EXPLORER CATHY BROWN, JUNIOR JADE WOOD,

SENIOR KAREN JONES BRIGADER TONIA HALE

How enjoyable it was to see the whole Company taking part in CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

And then the Service of Readings and Hymns, the young voices and the old blending so well and so lovingly in Church.

As usual, the quality of the girls was second to none - surely we can't let the Company just disappear. The Officers and friends are doing such marvellously good work among these young people in their formative years.

We said cheerioh to their Captain, Mrs, Margaret Craghill, who is having to relinquish the job. What sterling work she has done since Mrs, Jean Webb left! Perhaps a volunteer will come forward before long, but in the meantime let us give Lieutenant Mrs, Julie Gray all the love and help we can to make her job as Secretary to the Company that little bit easier.

Leslie Montford,

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Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading these words it will be 1995, a new year will have begun and the old one become history. We shall all make resolutions and basically endeavour not to make the mistakes in this new year that we did in the old. We must all try to learn from our experiences and hope that we are never too young or too old to learn.

What did you learn most in 1994? The thing we want to take forward into the months ahead is the sense of peace that is received as we create time to come apart with Jesus. The phrase is definitely 'create time' because this is something we all need to do. How often do you find you have become busy? You didn't mean to, you are just suddenly too busy for all sorts of things and so, perhaps, are not doing anything properly. It is often at such times we need to come apart to be near Jesus. There are numerous examples in the New Testament when Jesus creates this factor into the lives of the disciples. In Mark chapter 6 verse 31, for example, Jesus says "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest for a while." Sometimes Jesus asks us to create time to be with Him in busy lives.

Lest you think this is advocating a nice easy life, read on in Mark for this journey leads directly to the feeding of the five thousand. For this surely is the nature of the Christian life which does not seem to be hours of rest, but rather short moments, often squeezed between activity. This is why we need to 'create time' to come apart with Jesus.

It is also why such time needs to be well used. It is of little use merely stopping and convincing ourselves that this is being apart with Jesus. The time we create in His presence needs to be a meaningful experience if we are to benefit from it. We need to learn of Jesus and from Him which we will do by reading and re-reading the Gospels and Scripture, and we need to talk with Him and listen to Him through prayer and meditation.

Such times may be long or short; they may be well planned into our living; or, simply happen. The important thing is that they do occur. Such moments will help us to grow in faith and understanding of Jesus' way and so enable each of us to return to the tasks which await us with new vigour and enthusiasm. We all need food to live, so we need food for our spiritual growth to enable us to become what Jesus wants us to be. That means we must make the effort to receive the food.

What will 1995 hold for us all? No-one can say. Yet if we are to be obedient to the call of Jesus we will need all our resources to carry out His work. That is why it is so important that we find time to come apart with Jesus, that His Spirit will be the power behind all we are and all our work and witness. So begin now resolving to create time with Jesus and enjoy His presence as we move through this new year.

Thank you for all your kind wishes over Christmas. We pray we can take the joy of the Christ-child into the year He gives to us.

Yours servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

SOCIAL EVENT NEW YEAR SOCIAL

The New Year Social will take place on SATURDAY JANUARY 21st 1995 from 7 - 9 pm. It will be an evening of fellowship, fun and food for all ages. Numbers will have to be restricted, and admission will be 75 pence for adults and 50 pence for children 12 years of age and under. Tickets will be available from Audrey and Michael Ebeling and me after January 1st. If you would like to make sure of a ticket you can give me your name at any time. Hope to see you there! Sheila Gooderham, Social Secretary,

- 1 Sun 8 am Holy Communion
 - 11 am Service with Holy Communion Induction of Elders appointed December 8th 1994
 Mrs, Jane Bond, Mrs, Robin Bradley, Mr, Keith Merritt, Mrs, Bett Swierk
 6,30 pm Evening Service
- 4 Wed Bible Study for Ladies Harris Room 10 am
- 5 Thu NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL 7 am to 7 pm
- 6 Fri Worthing and District Stroke Club, Church Hall 1,30 pm
- 8 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service 11 am Parade Service
 6,30 pm Service
- 9 Mon Sewing Group West Hall 1 pm
- 10 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship Meeting 2,45 pm
 Durrington High School Prayer Group 2 - 2,45pm
 Worthing Sixth Form College Parents' Prayer Support Group Little Chapel 7,30 to 8,30 pm
- 12 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club restarts 10,30 am
 Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10,30 am
 Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2,30 to 3,30 pm
- 13 Fri Worthing and District Stroke Club, Church Hall 1,30 pm
- 15 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service, 11 am Divine Service
 6,30 pm Service of Healing with Holy Communion
- 16 Mon Sewing Group West Hall 1 pm, Serendipity Club visit to Pantomime
- 18 Wed Bible Study Group for Ladies Harris Room, 10 am
- 19 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club, 10 to 11,30 am
- 20 Fri Worthing and District Stroke Club 1,30 pm
- 21 Sat Torch Fellowship, Durrington 2,30 pm, New Year Social in Church Hall 7,30 pm
- 22 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service, 11 am Service
 6,30 pm Service
- 23 Mon Sewing Group West Hall 1 pm
 Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship Meetings 2,45 pm
- 26 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club, 10 to 11,30 am, A.D.A. Meeting Church Halls 2,15 pm
 Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2,30 to 3,30 pm
 Church Meeting 7,30 pm
- 27 Fri Worthing and District Stroke Club 1,30 pm
- 29 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service, 11 am Service
 6,30 pm Service
- 30 Mon Sewing Group West Hall 1 pm

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

CONGRATULATIONS! Dec 4th Dedication of Joshua David Brewer

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our recent Jumble sale, on November 26th, finished with a total amount of £127,00 and we thank everyone for their support, Don Stewart, Captain.

SERENDIPITY CLUB, Jan 16th Going to a Pantomime on 3rd Monday.

THANKS.

I should like to express my thanks to KEN ARKINSTALL, who is standing down from the Fabric Committee at the end of 1994. Ken has been a tower of strength on that committee, giving of his time, his energy, and his skills quite unstintingly, and I feel I cannot just let him go without acknowledging these facts. I believe he would not be standing down now if it wasn't that his place of work has been changed. Thanks Ken, Les Montford.

The Fair held on December 4th 1994 was a success. The sum raised was £755. Thanks to everyone for their help and support on this pleasant occasion, LM.

The Residents of Hayward House would like to express their thanks for the gifts received recently from 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade through their LOVE AND CARE scheme. Stanley, Mary, Mary Jane, Dulcie, Leslie.

WOMEN'S GUILD AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Jan 10th and Jan 24 2,45 pm in Church Halls.

At Sunday 11th December TOY SERVICE we all joined in with the children bringing their gifts of toys, sharing their happy morning with our's, and all so silently. It was a joy to behold. Well done, children.

FRIDAY 27 January at 7.30 pm a UNITY SERVICE AT ST. MARY-OF-THE-ANGELS, RICHMOND ROAD.
 (Churches Together In Worthing.).....G.Dean.

RUTH'S CHAT

(from the FIELD)

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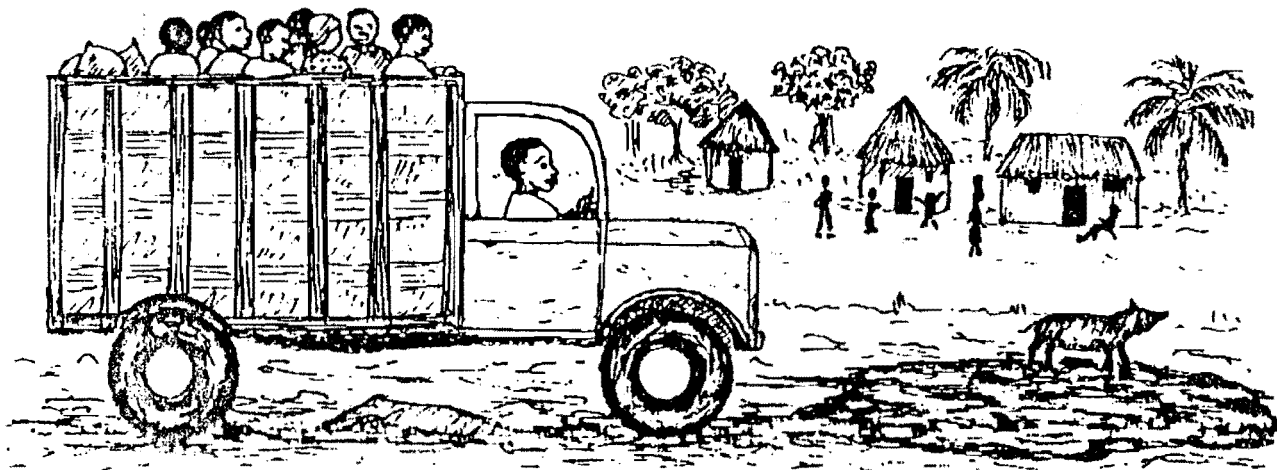
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"Snapshots" of life in Zaire: -

✿ Andrea and I travel to a village to visit a friend. The road is full of mudholes where pigs love to wallow, and "bridges" are made of a few tree trunks laid across the stream. It takes 6 hours by truck to get to the village and just 20 minutes to fly back!

She spends an afternoon with 3 young mothers, making up potions for scabies and intestinal worms.

✿ The Mbandja translation team (one Wycliffe member plus Zairean translators) plods on towards completion of the draft translation of the New Testament, started about seven years ago.



✿ Outside our pastor's house the members of the church gather around the coffin of the pastor's wife to sing, pray and comfort the bereaved family. Most will continue their vigil through two or three nights.

✿ Whilst attending the vigil, Mete's house is burgled, leaving her with nothing but the clothes she is wearing. She is 22, has two small children, her sister recently died and her mother is in hospital. Her husband is a student and they have no regular income.

✿ Andrea discovers a book explaining how to use indigenous plants for medicinal purposes.

✿ In the Ngbaka language, new adult literacy classes continue to spring up. At the airport I help unload a shipment of 15,000 exercise books for the students. (You can't buy such large quantities locally!). The Ngbaka Bible will be dedicated next year.

✿ Once again my office work is interrupted by someone who has come by to say hello, to ask for medicine, to change money, or try and sell us something...

✿ Good old 'Fish and Chips' for lunch today - our Zairean cook doesn't do a bad job!

Visitors at the guesthouse

In October our Wycliffe accountant from the States came to Gemena to close the books for the financial year and help me sort out problems with the book-keeping. It certainly helped to be able to talk things through face to face rather than trying to communicate with someone on the other side of the world! He brought with him two pastor friends who turned out to be good at fixing things around the house - from plumbing problems to crawling around in the attic re-wiring our solar system. That's what you call practical pastoring!

Bible studies in Lingala

We praise God for opportunities to sing, pray and read the Bible with people. Andrea and I have recently started Bible studies in Lingala in a Zairean home on Monday afternoons. Our small group is not very well established yet and the level of understanding within the group varies considerably. Please pray with us that God's Spirit will make these studies meaningful and fruitful, and that he will draw closer together the family in whose house we meet. (Real communication between husband and wife is minimal in many Zairean marriages.)



What's ahead?

A full guesthouse between now and the New Year! Wycliffe teams will be in Gemena for meetings in December, some staying on for Christmas. December also sees the arrival of Harold and Virginia Smith from the US. They will take over from Andrea and myself at the

guesthouse next year (we will return to Congo around Easter time). and will share a Zairean Christmas with us here.

As the Christmas angels sang:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

The birth and life of Jesus on earth brought glory to God. As the Prince of Peace, Jesus wants to give us inner peace, even in the midst of outward turmoil. May his favour rest upon you!

Christmas greetings,

Ruth

Stop press for prayer: Although here in NW Zaire we are a long way from the Rwandan refugee camps in East Zaire, we know missionaries who are working in Goma and who are asking for on-going prayer. There is much unrest in the camps and security is breaking down.

Address for mail:

Ruth Chatfield

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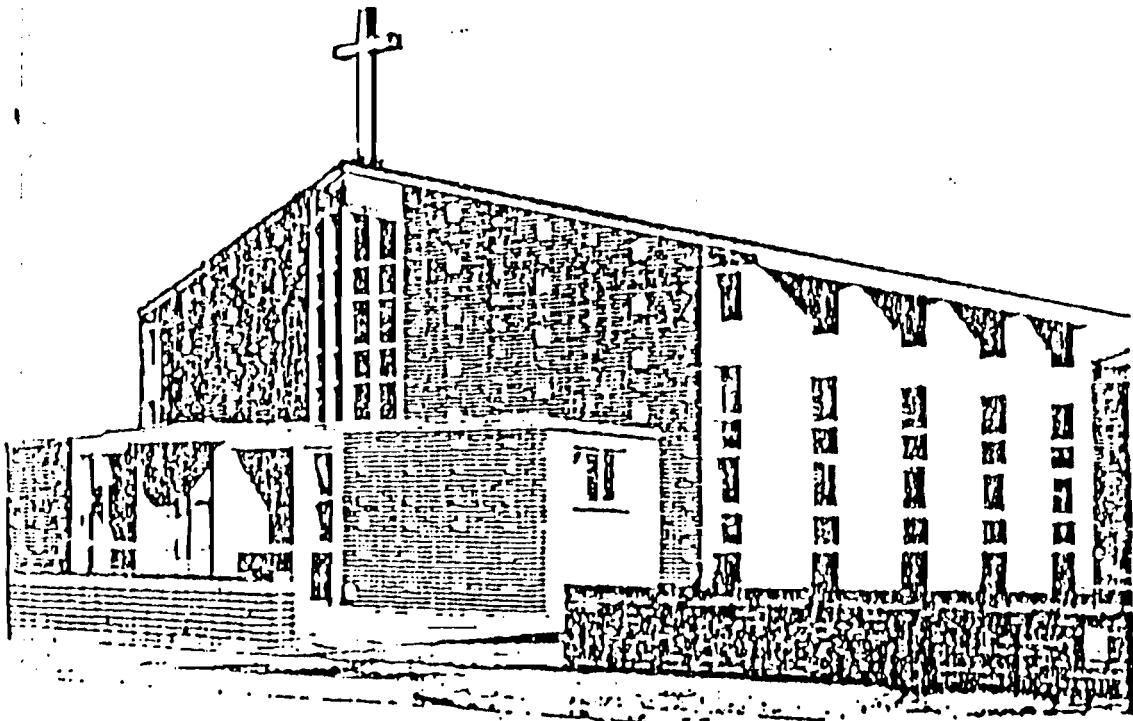
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AT OUR LORD'S SERVICE,

I have to tell you of a wonderful Service that took place last year - Sunday morning of December 18th to be precise.

Little did I know what was in store for me, and over 200 other persons, when I entered our Church buildings from the rear at 10.30 am on a dullish day, weatherwise. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Mrs. Jean Webb. She, poor dear, was in the final stages of a heavy cold which had brought her low for the past fortnight.

Gradually the chairs began to fill and by 10.50 this flow had become an avalanche. Granddads, Grand-mums, Dads, Mums, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, whole families, Members of the Youth Service joined us, too, I'm pleased to say. They were all there when the 'Seek and Find' Nativity Service began at 11 am.

The 4th Advent Candle joined the other 3 candles and all 4 were lighted, and the signs on the pillars now read A CHILD IS BORN in white, standing out vividly against the green background for all to read easily. And there was a new sign made by our Sewing Circle. You will know what it read, the same as I do.

HE WILL BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Rev. Peter Heckels, our Minister, gave us a welcome and we welcomed him, happy that he was leading us. We had to concentrate, you know, as the Service proceeded unannounced.

What marvels the children were who enacted the parts they had been practising, and with such love for their teachers. We sang a new carol, written specially for Junior Church, by Mrs. Val Gill. And didn't we all enjoy singing it! A poem, written by Mrs. Julie Wetherell, was read out, accompanied by music. Due to lack of space I'm not able to include the words in this Chronicle.

Then we had a wonderfully uplifting talk by Mr. Paul Archer. As you know, he is always listened to with much enjoyment and seriousness. His theme this morning was JOY AND LOVE. He compared the joy at the birth of his and Jane's first born child, Marcus, with the joy of Joseph and Mary's first born son, Jesus. For both families the birth of their other children were joyous, but the first born is just that little bit different. These printed words do not do justice to Paul's - his voice brought them to life. We ended the Service with The Grace. Afterwards free coffee and mince pies were available for everyone.

Les Montford.

JUNIOR CHURCH,

After our Christmas activities, when God's love was made real to us through the Children's giving at the Toy Service, and the baby's cry at our Nativity Service, we have embarked on our teaching for 1995 "NEW BEGINNINGS".

Trailblazers have also started their Bible Exploration work, based on Abraham this year.

We know, and thank you, that you will be upholding both Children and Teachers in prayer throughout the coming year.

Wilma Smith, Secretary.

BE PREPARED

For the WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE by coming to PRAYER, PRAISE and BIBLE STUDY at ST. LAURENCE CHURCH, SEA PLACE, GORING, on THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16th 2.15 to 3.15pm.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

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| Hayley ARCHER | Cardiff, | Medicine, |
| Jane BICKMORE | Portsmouth, | Sociology, |
| Elizabeth BOND | Southampton, | Biology, |
| Victoria CARRINGTON | Aberystwyth, | French, |
| Kirsty CRAGHILL | Anglia, Cambridge | Law & Sociology |
| Nicola CRAGHILL | City University London | Nursing and Social Science |
| John GORDON | Northern College Manchester | Ministerial Training |
| Anna HUDNUT | Loughborough | Chemistry |
| Kerry McCARTHY | Cheltenham | Teacher Training and P. E. |
| Zoe RHODES | Bath | Religion and Sociology |
| Giles TEWKESBURY | Portsmouth | Electrical Engineering/Robotics |

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1995.

2 Thu Day of Prayer in Church 7am to 6 pm
Ark Parent and Toddler Club, Church Hall, 10 to 11.30 am

5 Sun 8 am Holy Communion
11 am Service with Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service
Girls' Brigade Week to 12th Feb

6 Mon Sewing Group, West Hall, 1 pm

7 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm

8 Wed Bible Study for Ladies, Harris Room, 10 am

9 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club, 10 to 11.30 am
Praise and Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room, 2.30/3.30 pm

11 Sat Girls' Brigade Fund Raising Event Coffee Morning 10.00 am

12 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service 11 am Parade Service
6.30 pm Service

13 Mon Sewing Group, West Hall 1 pm

14 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Group, Little Chapel, 2/2.45 pm

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March 3 Friday Women's World Day of Prayer 3pm and 8 pm

Norman - there will be a preparation day in Feb per Irene Dearsley but I don't know the date yet.

March 17 C.P.A.S. Ministry among women - workshops day see separate notice.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BY PHYLLIS WHEELER
She has now reached the end of Galatians 168 chapters.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how in life everyone thinks they can do a better job than the person actually doing it, be the job in question running a restaurant or the national football team? How often do you hear people say "If I were the Prime Minister I would do this or that"? How often have you had workmen to do a job and thought "I could have done better myself in half the time"? How often do you complain about some aspect of local life and thought what you would do if you were a councillor? It's a common attitude in us all to put things right by putting ourselves in the position of those making the decisions, and, of course, providing the answer which would make us happy. Of course, if the truth were known, we do not really want these jobs and their responsibilities and probably could not do any better if we had the chance. The jobs which an expert makes look easy are probably tasks which we would find almost impossible to carry out.

Our church life too can often be beset by the same problems in that all who work for the church in any capacity come in for this sort of treatment. Ministers are no exception; everyone and anyone can do their job, and most Sundays many in the congregation leave feeling they could have made a better job of the sermon (but perhaps this is the point of sermons). We could all organise the church better and certainly we would do a much better job than those who the church have elected to look after the various areas of our life and work.

As we begin to see our new structure take place, let this not be our way. Of course, we will not always agree with what is said and done, but let us be encouragers of one another, especially those we have called and appointed in God's name. Those who serve are really open to enough personal criticism and attack by the devil, especially if they are doing well and following God's calling, without us adding our share of doom and despair. We are called to be the church of Jesus. Paul uses the body analogy in his letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 12: vv 12-31). What he is reminding us of is our need of one another, and which of us would cut off our hand just because it tipped tea or coffee over the new carpet?

We must work together, encouraging, not criticising; valuing one another rather than being jealous and looking for opportunity to pull people down. We are called by God to live as His people - as Paul reminds us in love (1 Corinthians 13). Let us take our example from Jesus who calls His disciples to become what God wants them to be - the bearers of the Good News of the Gospel. Jesus does not constantly tell them they are doing it wrong. No, He builds on their strengths and turns their weaknesses into His opportunities. I must confess, I rejoice that I find He still does the same today.

We have enough criticisms as we reach out with the Gospel message without adding to them. So encourage one another as the Lord encourages you. Pray for all those we have appointed to all sorts of positions within the church that they may serve Jesus who is our Head and our Lord, that we may all bring glory to Him.

Please also continue to pray for our family as we seek God's guidance and help in all that we do.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

P.S. The Chronicle review group has met and hope to report to the February church meeting. In the meantime, if you feel able to help with some typing or collating could you please contact either Norman Prattent or Peter.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Rest in Peace, Dear Friends
 Jan 6th Miss Molly Hawke,
 Jan 9th Mr, Stanley Wheeler aged 89.

Changes of Address:-

Miss Nicola Craghill, 388 St. John Street, Islington, London, EC1V 4NN (071 833 3020)

Nicola would welcome letters from anyone who can spare the time to write.

Mrs, Marjorie Hayward, Emily Jackson House, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks, Kent,

Marjorie is now confined to a wheel-chair and has settled well in her new home and continues to make progress. She can no longer write to friends but she thanks those who sent cards and will be pleased to hear from them.

Change of Secretary of Men's Fellowship:- Mr, Ian Hennell, The Annexe, 51 Goring Road, Worthing.

APPRECIATION, To all those kind friends who, in any way, upheld Ron and me in our recent trauma and my subsequent operation we say a sincere thank you. God continues to give healing and strength, and we both hope that, before long, we will be back to give thanks to God and to worship with you all.

Eileen Jordan.

THANKS, Rosemary Evans would like to express her thanks to friends for their prayers, visits and kind enquiries. Also to Peter and Eileen and her district Elder, Norman, for their cheerful visits, and the Girls' Brigade for their nice card of good wishes.

Thank you, Jean, for visiting her with the beautiful flowers which were greatly appreciated.

SERENDIPITY CLUB, Feb 20 Cake Decorating, 8.15 pm

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

MARCH 3rd THE EARTH IS A HOUSE FOR ALL PEOPLE - THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF GHANA INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYER AT GORJUNG UNTITLED REFORMED CHURCH AT 3 PM. SPEAKER:- REV, CANON MURIEL PARGETER AND ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, HAYLING RISE, DURRINGTON, 8 PM SPEAKER:- SISTER MARY TRAVERS,

STEPPING QUI C.P.A.S. MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN - WORKSHOPS DAY

MARCH 17th 9.15am to 2.30pm at ST. STEPHEN'S C. of E, ANGOLA ROAD, E.WORTHING. COST £5.

Please bring a packed lunch and Bible. A CRECHE WILL BE PROVIDED.

- CHOOSE 2 WORKSHOPS FROM:-
1. Parenting - the Christian difference.
 2. Parent and Toddler group - where next?
 3. Praying with and for children.
 4. Learning together through Bible stories.
 5. Meeting the needs of the 'hard to handle' toddler.

Led by Jackie Cray, (wife of Graham Cray), Rachel Bennett and Anna Brooker,

Booking forms from Irene Tuley,

WOMEN'S GUILD Feb 7 Organ music - The Dome - Mr, Douglas Reeve,
 Feb 21 Aromatherapy - Mrs, Sue Flynn
 Mar 7 Natural stones - jewellery, - Miss Anne Breakwell
 Mar 21 Visit to Cuba - Mrs, G, Searle (Collection)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Feb 7 Mr, Delhaye Amateur-radio today
 Feb 21 Mr, J, Hobbs, - Some wartime memorabilia
 Mar 7 A speaker from the Worthing Astronomical Society
 Mar 21 P.C. P, R, JONES, - Crime Prevention
 All meetings 2.45 pm in Church Halls.

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JUNIORS 8-11 years TUESDAYS 6 - 7.45 pm

SENIORS 11-14 years TUESDAYS 6 - 8.30 pm

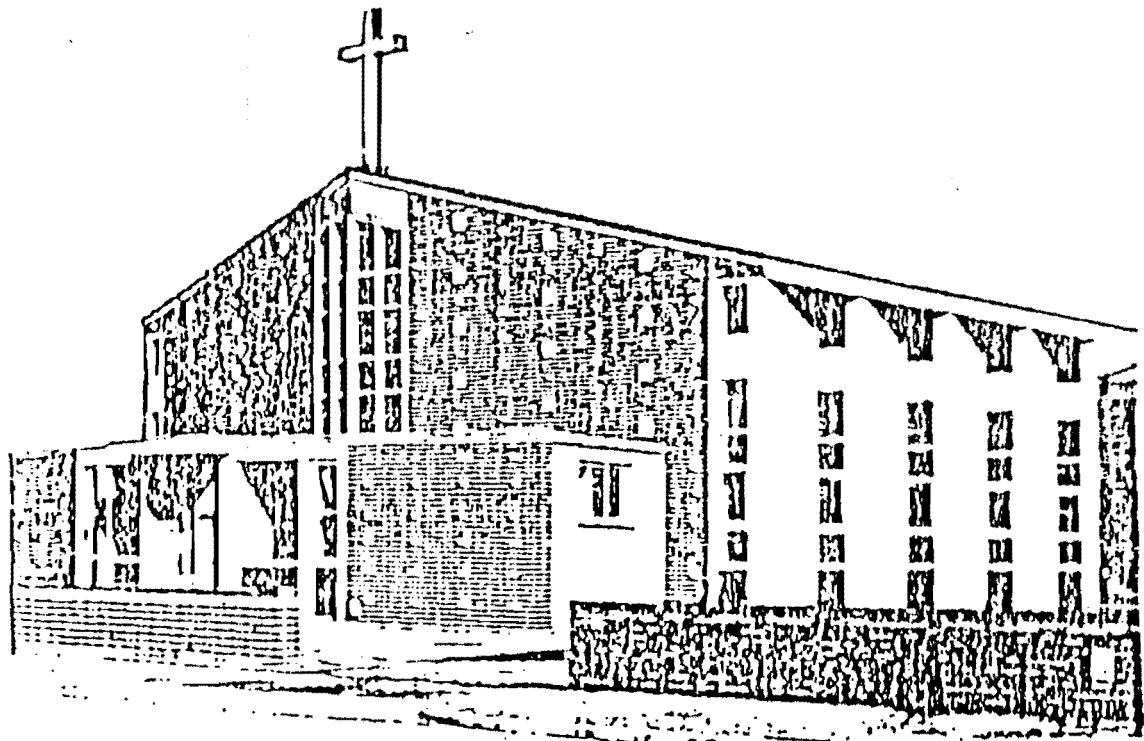
BRIGADERS 14 years plus TUESDAYS 6 - 9.30 pm

Fund Raising Week Feb, 5 to 12, COFFEE MORNING Feb, 11, 10 am CHURCH PARADE FEB 12th

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Dear Friends,

During this month we shall celebrate Easter and all it means to us. The New Testament lays great stress on the events of Easter for obvious reasons, but do we? Christmas and the birth of a baby can be easy for the world to celebrate, while for some Christians, Pentecost and the outpouring of the Spirit is equally a painless celebration. Yet Easter is the reason Jesus was born, and without it there would be no Pentecost.

Let us begin our reflection with Maundy Thursday. This was the night of Passover and Jesus met to celebrate with His disciples. He was remembering Israel's history and the saving love of God who rescued His people from Egypt. The Scriptures record for us the breaking of bread, part of the Passover, with new words - "This is my body broken for you", and the passing of the cup, again part of the Passover, with the words - "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood". Jesus shared a traditional Jewish remembrance and brought a new feast for His Church, the celebration of Holy Communion. The Passover remembered the Angel of Death passing over the people of Israel. Do we stop and reflect that now the Angel of Death has no power over the people of Christ? The blood of the New Covenant marks God's claim on His people as surely as did the blood on the door posts so long ago in Egypt.

Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion, a day to remember the length God will go to so that we will have some understanding of His love for us. As we hear again the words of the Gospels reminding us of all Jesus endured that our sins may be removed, how can we fail to stand in wonder at the foot of the cross? Betrayal, denial, scourging, humiliation and painful death was the price Jesus paid that we should be made clean before God. This is not a day to simply play at loving - neither for Jesus, nor for us. This is the day when, because of God's great love for us, we can only respond by giving all our love to Him. The disciples ended this day with heavy hearts, yet no doubt reflecting on their love of Jesus and all He had given to them. We too need to come, knowing what Jesus has given to us, and reflecting on our love of Him.

Easter Saturday, with Jesus lying in the tomb, passes unnoticed almost. Yet what must have been in the disciples minds? Fear of the authorities, that they too may be caught? Doubt that they had got it all wrong in following Jesus and giving up everything for Him? Wondering about the future and what it held for them? With still the sorrow and loss because Jesus was not with them. Little wonder that there is no record of this day in Scripture - yet the Sabbath was a holy day.

So we come to Easter Day, the day of Resurrection. The women surprised to find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. Peter and John running to see what had happened. The encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus appearing to the disciples. No longer are they alone; Jesus is with them. Jesus is risen. He has conquered sin and death. There is now hope, joy and peace, for love is victorious. The disciples' lives are transformed; the truth of Jesus becomes clear - this is God's Son. The world is no longer to be feared, but is waiting, that His Good News may be shared. Yet again, very little is recorded in Scripture, perhaps because we can only experience the Risen Christ in our own life, rather than read about it in the lives of others. It is enough to record that Jesus is Risen and lives for evermore.

Pray for us and our family that we may continue to live in Resurrection Power.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

REST IN PEACE

Ron Hurt died 11 March, aged 96

DEDICATIONS

Ewan James Cameron on 19 February
Paul Anthony Wetherell on 5 March

NEW MEMBER WELCOMED TO THE FELLOWSHIP

On 5 March - Mrs Jacqueline Parkinson, 10 Harting Close - 502542

YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY FROM HOME

Please write to:-

Miss Nicola Davis, 97 Whitley Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8LF
Miss Jan Eversfield, Room 441, Rockefeller Nursing Home, Huntley Street,
London WC1E 6AV

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| SERENDIPITY CLUB | - No meeting in April |
| BEANO CLUB | - 13 April - Ten Pin Bowling |
| MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP | - 24 April - Lucky Dip Talks |
| WOMEN'S GUILD | - 4 April - EASTER SERVICE - 18 April - Jill's Fashions |
| MEN'S FELLOWSHIP | - 4 April - EASTER SERVICE (With Women's Guild) - 18 April - Mr N Prattent |

We look forward to a good attendance of Members and Friends of the Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship at 2.45 pm in the Church Halls.

WORTHING AND DISTRICT

STROKE CLUB (KESTRO) - 7 April - Recycled Glass - Mrs Eunice Flynn

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AN EASTER CONCERT

The Rowland Singers, who have visited our Church before, are giving an Easter Concert on **Wednesday, 5 April at 7.30 pm**. The works they will be performing are Haydn's Te Deum Laudamus, 6th Chandos Anthem by Handel, and Stainer's Crucifixion. The Conductor and Soprano Soloist is Jacqueline Emery; Tenor, John Watkin; Bass, Len Gibson, and the organist is Richard Colbourn. Coffee will be served in the interval and there will be a retiring collection to offset the costs of the concert and the recent repairs to the Church organ. Programmes are 30p.

Sheila Gooderham

SPECIAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a Service of Holy Communion at 3 pm on **Sunday, 2 April** for those Senior Citizens who find the ordinary Service of Holy Communion too long. Where possible, transport will be arranged. Refreshments will be offered in the form of a cup of tea afterwards, in the Hall.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

HELP! Please, is there a lady out there, young or older, who can play the piano and who would be prepared to play for us every other Tuesday afternoon at 2.45 pm in the Church Hall?

The Guild Members do like to open each meeting with a favourite hymn, but we don't all have good enough voices to sing unaccompanied.

If anyone feels they are able to help, we would love to welcome you to our meetings.

Audrey Gerlach, Guild Secretary

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRL'S BRIGADE

Secretary of Company: Lt. Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing BN14 9GB (218964)

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| Explorers | 5-8 years | Tuesdays | 6.00-7.15 pm |
| Juniors | 8-11 years | Tuesdays | 6.00-7.45 pm |
| Seniors | 11-14 years | Tuesdays | 6.00-8.30 pm |
| Brigaders | 14 years, plus | Tuesdays | 6.00-9.30 pm |

No parade in April. 29 April - Jumble Sale at 2 pm

By the time you are reading this, our first session without a Captain will have ended. It has been a busy time in our groups, with both Juniors and Explorers preparing to enter District competitions. The Juniors have been busy with their symmography pictures, whilst the Explorers made Easter collages. The Seniors and Brigaders have been looking at mission work and been busy with craft work.

We ended our session with an Easter evening, following our District Parade in Horsham.

When we return again on Tuesday, 25 April, we will be collecting for our Jumble Sale on Saturday, 29 April at 2 pm. If you have any jumble you want collected, please contact us on Worthing 218964 or 820983.

We are grateful for the continuing love and support shown to us by parents and the Church family. Please continued to remember us in your prayers as we seek to share Jesus with the girls.

Lt. Denise Elliott

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ANCHOR BOYS

We have been able to present some of our Boys with 2-year service armbands, for which the Boys are required to have given 80% attendance during that time. Nicholas Anderson, Jonathan Arkinstall (who had 100% attendance!), Ben Arnold, Jack Richards and Craig Sibley received armbands. Jonathan, Jack and Anthony Heaphy were promoted

to the Junior Section at the beginning of the year, having gained their Achievement Certificates. We have welcomed Gareth Russell, Daniel Chester and Timothy Anderson into the Anchor Section, keeping our numbers at a steady 11.

On Saturday, 4 March, Mr. Stewart drove 7 Boys and 3 Leaders to Stanford Avenue Methodist Church, Brighton for a Springtime Competition. We took part in activities consisting of a large obstacle course, sorting out a puzzle of numbers, singing 2 songs and decorating a biscuit. Between the afternoon's activities the Boys also completed a springtime picture with their own ideas of using the paper, glue and a few drinking straws provided. Our Boys did extremely well against 5 other Companies, and came second, winning a plaque to remind us of the occasion.

I am always grateful for the constant help and presence of Bett Swierk and Barbara Popplestone, who give their time on Monday evenings to be with the Boys. Due to some planned changes in the future, however, we are in need of another helper – someone who can regularly spare just over an hour early on Monday evenings – to help us with our energetic and enthusiastic group of Boys.

If you don't mind helping 5 to 7 year olds play games, do craft work, sing songs, sometimes share in reading them a story, then either myself, Bett or Barbara would be pleased to be approached by you!

Please pray for us at a time when our need for another helper is at hand, and praise God for our keen group of Boys.

Jenny Compton

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SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Phyllis Wheeler is writing out the New Testament chapters by hand. There are 260 chapters and she has now reached 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2 – 184 chapters. If you would like to give a donation to the Bible Society, please let Roy Gooderham know.

CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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|-----|-----------------|----|-----|------------|----|
| 1. | Matthew | 28 | 15. | 1 Timothy | 6 |
| 2. | Mark | 16 | 16. | 2 Timothy | 4 |
| 3. | Luke | 24 | 17. | Titus | 3 |
| 4. | John | 21 | 18. | Philemon | 1 |
| 5. | Acts | 28 | 19. | Hebrews | 13 |
| 6. | Romans | 16 | 20. | James | 5 |
| 7. | 1 Corinthians | 16 | 21. | 1 Peter | 5 |
| 8. | 2 Corinthians | 13 | 22. | 2 Peter | 3 |
| 9. | Galatians | 6 | 23. | 1 John | 5 |
| 10. | Ephesians | 6 | 24. | 2 John | 1 |
| 11. | Philippians | 4 | 25. | 3 John | 1 |
| 12. | Colossians | 4 | 26. | Jude | 1 |
| 13. | 1 Thessalonians | 5 | 27. | Revelation | 22 |
| 14. | 2 Thessalonians | 3 | | | |

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SPECIAL MISSION TOGETHER

This will take place during the summer months, commencing **Tuesday, 23 May**. Closing Open Air Service on **Sunday, 23, July**. **WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS.**

SYNOD - 11 March 1995

The Spring Synod was held at Radnor Park URC, Folkestone, originally a large, Gothic style building, now adapted to serve the needs of a Church and as a local Community Centre.

Opening Worship was conducted by the Minister, Rev J Lawson, with Bible Study led by Rev William McCrorie, Provincial Training Officer, well known to us through his leading of the Church Week-end at the Links, Eastbourne in 1993. The passage for reflection was John 14-15, verse 11, the key verse being John 15 verse 11. The question was posed, "Are we a people living in the joy of God's word?" Sometimes we forget the victory has been won. We should have joy in Christian Fellowship and joy in the Gospels - we must get to know one another since we are going to have to share eternity together!

Among the Notices given were four items members may wish to consider for response:-

- (a) The Christian Resource Exhibition this year will be from 23-26 May and is again being held at Esher.
- (b) A URC calendar for 1996 is being prepared and churches are invited to submit photographs for inclusion.
- (c) An appeal was made for offers of bed-and-breakfast accommodation for delegates coming to the assembly in Eastbourne in July, ideally no more than 3/4 of an hour from Eastbourne.
- (d) Rev Janet Loveitt gave notice that it was proposed to hold a one-day conference on "Care of the Family," addressing a variety of issues. More details will be given in due course.

Synod received reports from the Provincial Council, the Mission Council and the Urban Churches' Support Group. (Copies of these Reports are available in the Church vestibule). A representative from the Urban Churches' Support Group told us that they were extending their activities outside the London area and were proposing to hold a seminar in connection with this.

The Secretary for Finance for the CWM, Mr Aubrey Curry, addressed us on the preparations for the forthcoming celebrations of the Bi-Centenary of the LMS/CWM. July 9 will be recognised in churches around the world as CWM Sunday. A full programme of celebratory events will be held in the week following (Members will find details of these events on page 4 of the March issue of "Reform"). The theme of the celebrations is "Dare to Dream". Some CWM Council Members will be available to go to local churches. A video-tape is available on free loan from the CWM covering member churches in the CWM. A song book "Hymns Around the World" is being produced.

Following "Stories" from other Districts, we were told of a "Story from Canterbury" which related to a Summer Camp for children of 8+ years. For 31 years church groups have camped on a site near Dover, designated by the Local Authority for recreational pursuits. Conditions had been basic, initially (unreliable cooking on wood fires, etc), but now much improved. Each day's activities started with a short Service of Worship. Activities included craft pursuits, a variety of sports, boat making and sailing. The Camp has been very successful.

On Training for Learning and Serving, Rev William McCrorie told of "Exploring the Faith" which has been adapted from a programme produced by the Church of Scotland. The programme involves two years of part-time home study and in local groups, plus four weekends each year. Designed for Lay Preachers and Elders, it will cost £75, plus £240 for the week-ends.

The National Development Officer for Church Related Community Work (CRCW), Graham Galeb, said that this work gave churches the chance to carry on its work alongside and in the community. Churches have grown in many ways as a result and the lives of individuals have been changed. This work is particularly relevant in deprived areas, one example of which related to a community with a population of 17,000 having an unemployment rate of 45%, single-parent families 30%, and where 87% had no car. Churches had learned from the experiences of churches undertaking similar work in South America and India, and have found that they can bring hope where there is little or, in some cases, none. Churches intending to undertake this work need to have a vision of their role and should ask for guidance from those with experience in this field.

In parallel with the Synod, "Fury" arranged for a meeting of young people at Folkestone who joined us at the Opening before going off to their own activities. Closing Worship was ably led by "Fury" with their own choir and musicians, giving us a glimpse of the Church in their hands.

Eric Bond

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HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY - FINAL YEAR

On the recommendations of the House and Fabric Committee, the Church Meeting, held on 23 March, approved the following:-

Overhaul of the roof of the East/West Hall by RCS Lancing for £360.

Repairs to cracks in the West elevation of the Church by R J SurrIDGE for £186.

Fitting of a damp-course under coping stones on the parapet walls of the Cornwall Room by Church Members for the cost of materials only.

Installation of a second emergency light in the Church Hall by Keith Best Electrical for £88.13.

An allowance of £750 for the re-decoration of the Sanctuary by Church Members.

Repairs to the flat roof at the front of the Church by R J SurrIDGE (further repairs may be necessary) for £115.

The renewal of the stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary and replacement of the hinges to the swing-doors in the East Hall were deferred.

Fire extinguishers have been serviced by Fire Protection Services of Southwater at a cost of £104.

The Committee is making arrangements for annual checks to be made on all the gas appliances and electrical circuits.

The Missions Notice Board is to be re-sited on a wall of the vestibule at the front of the Church.

Ron Courtnadge has kindly offered to remove the defective gas water heater in the Men's Cloakroom adjoining the Church Hall.

Colin Nodes

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Editor

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE

is a delightful welcoming lakeland stone house; warm in winter and cool in summer; set on the edge of the village of Windermere in the Lake District.

Owned by the U.R.C. its Director is Rev. Peter McIntosh and accommodation is for up to 34 people.

Holidays, discussions, conferences, training, and retreats are organised and the 1995 program on the Church vestibule notice board gives full details.

My wife and I have stayed at the Centre, as have other of our members, and we can all vouch for the hospitality, food and comfort. Please contact me for further details. Costs are very reasonable - a full week's holiday in August is £165 for dinner, bed and breakfast. A stay can be booked without the need to join in the organised program.

WILFRED RHODES.

BREAKING BREAD MAUNDAY THURSDAY APRIL 1995

What is Breaking Bread?

Breaking Bread is a celebration of the Lord's Supper in music and drama, and when better to share this than Maunday Thursday!

Don't come along thinking this will be a presentation and there will be nothing for you to do - this is something we will all share together.

The choir has been meeting to learn the songs - many of which you will be required to join in! In order that this may happen we ask that everyone can be at the Church by 7.45 pm so that we can go through the songs. They are not too difficult!

Please do try to come and share this act of worship. I can guarantee you will not be disappointed as we seek together to come to a deeper understanding of the Lord's Supper, and be renewed and refreshed as we begin this Easter time realising fully again all that Jesus has done for us.

To Him be the glory now and for ever.

Eileen Heckels.

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS. WORTHING GROUP

It seems a long time since I gave you news of our Group so here's a little update.

We were happy to celebrate our Second Birthday at our AGM on February 22nd. Membership grows apace and our Wednesdays in the Church Hall are really busy - certainly something to celebrate!

At our March meeting we welcomed some one you all know - Douglas Reeve - 'Organist Extraordinaire'.

The premises continue to be a joy to us all with the space that they afford. Our dear 'tea ladies' love the kitchen.

We are looking forward to the A.D.A. National Conference, to be held in London in November, when we hope that some of our Dysphasic members will participate. Next Meeting April 19th.

I'll keep you posted. Doreen Norris.

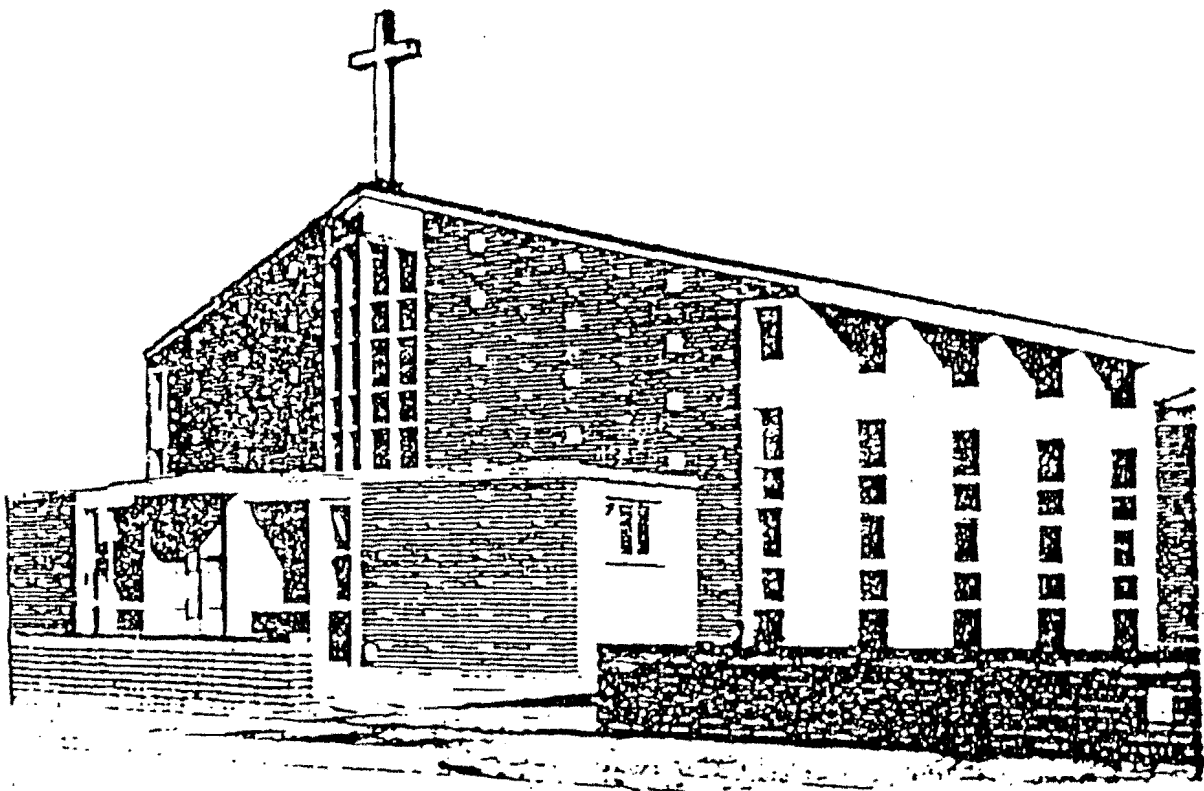
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CALENDAR FOR APRIL/PART MAY 1995.

- 1 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC 2.30 pm
 2 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Holy Communion
 3 pm Special Service of Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Service
 3 Mon Sewing Group East Hall 1.30 pm
 4 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm
 6 Thu Day of Prayer in Church 7am to 6 pm
 Ark Parent and Toddler Club. Church Hall. 10 to 11.30 am
 7 Fri Worthing & Dis. Stroke Club Church Hall 1.30 pm
 9 Sun Palm Sunday 8 am Holy Communion 11 am Service
 6.30 pm Evening Service
 10 Mon Sewing Group. East Hall. 1.30 pm
 11 Tue Durrington High Sch. Prayer Group L/Ch. 2-2.45 pm
 12 Wed Bible Study for Ladies. Harris Room. 10 am
 13 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club. 10 to 11.30 am
 Maundy Thursday Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am
 Beano Club Meets.
 14 Fri Good Friday Service
 15 Sat Torch Fellowship Durrington 2.30 pm
 16 Sun Easter Sunday 8 am Holy Communion Service
 11 am Family Service 6.30 pm Healing with Holy Communion
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 17 Mon Bank Holiday
 18 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm
 20 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club 10 to 11.30 am
 21 Fri Worthing & Dis. Stroke Club Church Hall 1.30 pm
 23 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service. 11 am Service
 6.30 pm Service
 24 Mon Sewing Group East Hall 1.30 pm.
 Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm
 26 Wed Bible Study for Ladies. Harris Room. 10 am
 Action for Dysphasic Adults Church Hall 2.15 pm
 27 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club. 10 to 11.30 am
 Praise and Prayer Meeting. Cornwall Room. 2.30 - 3.30 pm
 Church Meeting 7.30pm
 28 Fri Worthing & Dis. Stroke Club. Church Hall 1.30 pm
 29 Sat Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale Church Hall
 30 Sun 8 am Holy Communion Service. 11 am Service
 6.30 pm Service
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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing) |

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Dear Friends,

The period between Easter Day and Pentecost must have been a strange time for the disciples. Strange in the sense that the Resurrection had confirmed for them that Jesus really was the Son of God and that all power was His, for not even death could defeat Him, and yet Jesus was not making grand public appearances to convince great crowds of people of this important truth. Rather, Jesus spent time with His disciples making sure that they were fully equipped to continue the task before them; getting them ready for Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There is little record of what teaching went on as the disciples met with their Risen Lord, but one can easily imagine the dreams and visions that were shared. Confirmation of all they had experienced together as the events of Jesus' life began to take on a new depth and new meaning. The promises of Jesus that the Gospel was there to be shared with all; that men and women everywhere would be able to share in the victory through faith in Jesus. Perhaps more teaching on listening and discerning the Father's will as the disciples prayed individually and together. Visions and dreams of how, with God's help, the Gospel would be shared with the whole world. A strange time in that the Son of God was entrusting His work to the disciples; ordinary men who were being promised the Father's power to help them in their task.

A time for visions and dreams while waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. So, perhaps a chance for us to pray about some visions and dreams as we consider how we use our buildings. At Coring URC we have been richly blessed with good buildings. The work and labours of those who have served the Lord before us have provided us with rooms and halls that must make many envious when they come to visit our church. These are given to us so that we may use them in God's service and for the sharing of the Gospel with many groups in society. So the vision has begun to take shape that we should look seriously at using the halls for work with young people and families.

To operate a Christian based playgroup or nursery where, alongside excellence in facilities and teaching, comes genuine Christian love and care, is something that some of our members have long dreamed of. We have the space, although it would require some work to be done to bring it up to the sort of standards we would wish to put forward, and to bring it up to the minimum requirements to enable us to open our doors to young children in such a scheme. Yet we do have the resources and we know that God will provide for our needs; remember our ability to meet the cost of replacing the heating system. We also have people willing to offer their skills and training that we may offer a Christian environment for young children and, indeed, to offer the love and care their whole families may well be in need of.

To look around and see many young people with little opportunity to meet and share with their friends, raises for some another real challenge and opportunity. Perhaps it would be right to consider using one of our halls to meet this need by creating a non-alcoholic bar (a coffee bar type area those of my age would have called it!) Again, we have the space, although we may have to rearrange some of our own meetings, and if it is God's will, then again we must believe that He will provide the resources to meet the costs that will be involved. Such a scheme also could well open the door for a need of a professional youth worker to work alongside the excellent team we have already been provided with in our church. Such a post would need a commitment from us as a church, but may be self-financing in the longer term. We all see the need, perhaps now is God's timing for us to rise up to try to meet a real need in Jesus' name.

We are in a strange time in the life of the church; Jesus, the Risen Lord, will meet and share with His disciples, but He will leave the task to us. For Jesus has returned to His Father and promises us the Power of the Holy Spirit that we may fulfil the visions He has for His church. Let us use this time to pray for confirmation of the vision and for guidance to the next steps as we seek to be obedient to God's will for us.

Perhaps by the time you read this we will have received some signs of confirmation. God will act when He is ready without worrying about deadlines, but please continue to pray that each step may be according to God's word. Continue to pray for us and for our family too, as we seek God's leadership in ministry here with you.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

THANKS

My thanks to all for the prayerful support given me during the period I was job-hunting. After 21 years at the same firm it was no easy decision to make to change jobs, and your encouragement and concern were much appreciated.

Ken Arkinstall

Mrs Barbara Popplestone wishes to thank her many kind friends who prayed for her, and sent flowers and cards, while she was in hospital recently.

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APPRECIATION

The preparations for Easter were greatly helped by the Rowland Singers when they gave a laudable rendering of Stalner's Crucifixion, the Te Deum Laudamus by Haydn, and Handel's 6th Chandos Anthem. The pleasure given by their performance will remain in our minds long after Easter.

This concert, together with the thought-provoking themes in the 1995 Lent Booklet, provided a source of stimulus for the Easter Festival. HE HAS RISEN.

Pheniah Taylor

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CORRECTION

Please note in your Handbook for 1995 that Mrs M J McLennan's name is spelt this way and her telephone number is 243698.

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SERENDIPITY CLUB May 15th Team Board Games 8.15 pm
 June 19th Walk

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B E A N O CLUB May 11th Boule, Spotted Cow, Angmering
 June 8th Green Bowls, Field Place
 June 2nd-4th Family Camp, Southwater, Nr. Horsham

BEANO CAMP It is that time of year again! Our annual gathering at Southwater, near Horsham, will take place during the week-end 2nd-4th June. I would like to confirm this with the Camp Site soon so need to know, roughly, how many pitches will be required. It would be helpful if you could let me know as soon as you can if you intend joining with us.

Ken Arkinstall

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP will meet in the Cornwall Room at 8 pm on:

May 8th Fun with Mrs Elsie Flack
 May 22nd Let's talk about herbs - Mrs Robin Bradley
 June 5th Supper
 June 19th Genealogy - Talk by Wilfred Rhodes
 Open evening - everyone welcome

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WOMEN'S GUILD

May 2nd Annual General Meeting
 May 16th Outing
 May 30th Wild Flowers of the Downs - Mr Don Park
 June 13th Open Meeting

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

May 2nd Annual General Meeting
 May 16th Outing

All meetings start at 2.45 pm in the Church Halls.

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

May 5th Painting
 May 12th Talk, with slides, on Amberley Museum, by Mr Robert Taylor
 May 19th Outing to Amberley Chalk Pits Museum
 May 26th Pencil and paper games
 June 2nd All Day, plus Jill's Fashions
 June 9th John Scott, organist, entertains us
 June 16th Call my Bluff

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

The next meeting will be held on May 24th at 2.15 pm in the Church Hall.

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BOY'S BRIGADE

May 20th - Jumble Sale in the Church Hall at 2 pm

It seems ages since we made our last report. Nevertheless we are still functioning OK. We have made reasonable progress during our winter session and our numbers in all sections are up to forty boys. On the Company Section we held a parents' evening recently and received several compliments on the boys' efficiency. We now look forward to our summer session with its variety of outside activities. Our usual Spring Holiday Camp will be held in the Washington area on 26th to 29th May. To help towards financing the camp and our need for more tents, we will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, May 20th in the Church Hall at 2 pm. We will be only too pleased to collect any items from you for this. Please 'phone 243787.

Donald Stewart, Captain

5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company: Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing, BN14 9GB (218964)

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| EXPLORERS | 5-8 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS | 6 - 9.30 pm |

CHURCH PARADE Sunday 14th May at 11 am
Sunday 11th June at 11 am

We are now looking forward to the summer session which started with our Jumble Sale on Saturday, April 29th.

During the last session the Explorers made Easter collages which had to be made of all recycled material. This was part of the West Sussex District Competitions and the one made by Simone and Cathy won second prize! We were all delighted for the girls.

Another District event was our Parade Service in Horsham. Our Lord was praised for the beautiful sunny afternoon.

Please feel free to visit us on any Tuesday evening between 6 and 8.30 pm.

Caroline Hibbs

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THE BANNER GROUP (SEWING GROUP)

The Lord our God is good. He showers us with gifts which we use to His glory.

Just recently a number of people have thanked me for the Banners which we are making to enhance our worship. It is lovely to know you enjoy them. We certainly enjoy the fellowship of making them. We are a very happy team: Jane Archer, Margaret Briggs, Doreen Norris, Eileen Rhodes, Irene Tuley, Julie Ward, Joy Williams and me. If you feel you would like to come and see what we do, or join us, we meet on Monday afternoons in the East Hall from about 1 o'clock until about 3.30 pm.

Caroline Hibbs

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YOUTH WORK

A long overdue report from the Youth Club and Youth Service. Probably the first thing to mention is that we are all enjoying the activities, both on Saturdays and Sundays, with relationships deepening between young people and leaders, and maturing within the leadership.

Our age group is 11+, with a tailing off at around 16 years. We are probably about 1/3rd girls to 2/3rd boys, which is a vast improvement on the ratio at the turn of the year.

What do we do? On Saturday evenings, 3 weeks out of 4, our activities are at base, and then the 4th week is our ice-skating, trampolining (with bouncy castle), swimming at a fun pool, and the odd video evening.

We have played football against other groups, which has been particularly appreciated by the boys.

On Sunday mornings, we are encouraged by the flow from Saturday nights, although it has to be said that, at present, we feel there is a long way to go. The Guest Service saw some new faces, and the young people really appreciated the speakers from Lancing. The leaders are involved to a greater extent in the mornings (we use fewer speakers from outside the church), and this makes sense as relationships are growing.

Please continue to pray for the Youth Work. We do value your support and encouragement. Feel free to drop in and see us. We would love to see you.

Paul Archer

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NEWS FROM JUNIOR CHURCH

'Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life' Proverbs 22: 6.

TRAILBLAZERS have now finished the Bible Exploration, learning about the life and faith of Abraham. We are now looking forward to the Junior Church Anniversary Service on May 21st, when Certificates and Prizes will be presented. Our Guest Speaker will be DAVID ILIFFE from Children Worldwide.

We sent an Easter card to Ruth Chatfield and were excited to hear that she will be flown to the Congo by Mission Aviation Fellowship. The children have heard a lot about MAF and sent a donation last Christmas towards their work.

With summer almost here, we are looking forward to our Junior Church outing on Saturday, June 17th. We are going to Littlehampton on an open-top bus, and our day will include a visit to the Sports Dome.

We appreciate your continued prayer support for all we do in Junior Church in our Lord's name.

Jenny Merritt

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CHURCH CHOIR

Over the past few months two members of our choir have resigned after long and faithful service, and we greatly miss Anne Hutchings, who died recently. We are keen to recruit new members because we would like to develop the role of the choir so that it is seen as an important and relevant part of worship.

We know that there are many people with good voices in the congregation, and the church music would be greatly enhanced if their talents could be used in our choir. We are confident that if it is part of God's plan, He will speak to the hearts of anyone He wishes to join us.

Michael Ebeling

CHARITY SEEKS HEARING AIDS

Hard of Hearing Christian Fellowship is a registered charity which, over the last year, has extended its activities to supply redundant hearing aids overseas, especially deaf children's schools, and young adults. They are currently engaged in dealing with Malaysia, Brazil and Albania. Their problem is that demand exceeds supply, as they now have requests from Grenada, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Kurdistan.

They desperately seek to help these children and young adults who are having to cope with the disability of deafness, without the help of hearing aids

Anyone who can help in any way can call Mr Richard Livermore, 30 Baring Road, Croydon, Surrey, CRO 7DD.

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Leighton Ford says:

'When you pray, pray with expectancy. Expect God to surprise you.'

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'There is also the Banqueting Palace, and it will be under His shadow that I shall sit, eternally finding His fruit sweet to my taste. I have already enjoyed windfalls on the journey down here.'

Quote by a man aged 109 years

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

75th Birthday Appeal

GORING-BY-SEA AND DISTRICT

This year's Save the Children Week runs from April 30th to May 6th. We are seeking offers of help with our collections outside supermarkets, on the streets, and from house-to-house, in this district. Please can you help? Contact MAYA PAVIN-FRANKS, 7 Bulkington Avenue, Worthing (230515), if you can.

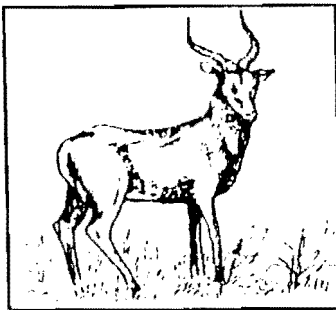
THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions, please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you. *Editor*

RUTH'S CHAT

(from the FIELD)

March 1995

"Thank you! My name is Sharon Stoothoff, and I am one of the people Ruth and Andrea came to Zaire to replace. I worked in administration and running the Wycliffe guesthouse for a year after I arrived in Zaire, but because Ruth and Andrea were able to take over this work from us, my partner JeDene and I have been able to start a Bible translation project with the Pagabete people."



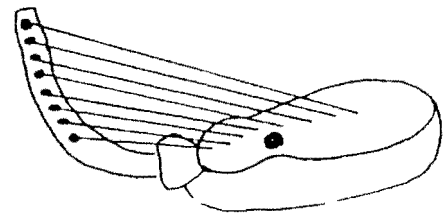
(Mbanj Bawe Ernest)

Andrea and I have been pleased to help out in Zaire, to allow translation teams such as Sharon and JeDene to do the work to which God has called them. We also enjoyed eating the very savoury "jungle meat" (antelope) which they brought in from their village!

It's been great to see people in church reading the Ngbaka New Testament, which was translated a few years ago, and to know that the whole Bible in Ngbaka will be dedicated later this year.

We also praise God that 15 brand new adult literacy classes have just started in Mbandja-speaking villages. This will help prepare the way for people to read the Mbandja New Testament. Two Zaireans have been trained to supervise the classes and train new literacy teachers.

The traditional harp ("kundi") has been the focus of a music seminar which Wycliffe member Brian Schrag recently held in his Mono-speaking village. The challenge for him is to show that Mono music can communicate Christian truth. The first performance of the Kundi band was certainly a success!



"Kundi"

We rejoiced in February to welcome over three hundred Zairean pastors and their wives to Gemena for a week's conference. Some walked for several days from distant villages to attend. It was the first time for many years that such a gathering had taken place, and there was a good sense of oneness.

As well as these positive things, there has also been cause for heartache. We have witnessed the break-up of two marriages of Zairean friends of ours (including the couple in whose house we were having Bible studies); another friend is possibly suffering from AIDS; and the 3-year old daughter of a neighbour recently caught malaria and died. These situations remind us how dependent we are on God for our emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." (Ps 103 v13-14)

Andrea and I are now starting to work ourselves out of a job! Harold and Virginia Smith have come to Zaire to provide long-term administrative support for the translation teams and they are gradually taking over more of our responsibilities.

By the time you receive this we will be packing our bags to leave. We will arrive in Brazzaville, Congo on 15th April. Therefore please do not send any more mail to the Bangui address, but only to the Congo address at the end of this letter.

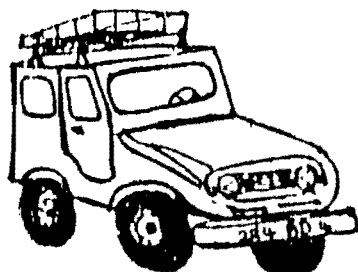
Once in Congo, we hope to start living and working among the Mbochi people, just south of the Equator, in a village near Boundji. The first step will be to learn the Mbochi language, but even before that, we will spend time in Brazzaville with the Wycliffe couple who started working with the Mbochi some years ago. They are no longer able to live in the village, but are eager for another team to go there so that further progress can be made in developing the language as a channel for God's Word.

It takes the best part of two days to get to Boundji by truck, stopping overnight at the house of another Wycliffe team on the way. We praise God for the provision of a truck and a house to live in. However, there will be many practical arrangements to sort out. We will plan to make regular trips back to Brazzaville to buy supplies, get our mail, consult with other Wycliffe members, etc.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we make the transition to Congo! Thanks also for the many letters which keep coming! Committing you to God's care,

Ruth
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Our truck in Congo



Prayer topics:

Praise for the progress which has been made in Bible translation in this part of Zaire over the past year, and for the many positive experiences which Andrea and I have had!

Pray for:

- Friends in Zaire who are hurting due to broken marriages, sickness or bereavement.

- A good hand-over of our responsibilities to Harold and Virginia, and for courage in saying goodbye to close friends.

- Our new start in Congo, especially for a good preparation phase in Brazzaville before we travel to Boundji (end of May or June?).

- A good relationship between Andrea and I, and for Trish, another Wycliffe single who may join us for a while in Boundji.

Praise that God will not leave us to face this new venture alone, but that he has gone before us to prepare the way.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion!"

(Ps. 103 v 3-4)

Address for mail:

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Good News for Worthing

May 23rd–July 23rd 1995



The Launch of ALIVE 95 will take place at the Assembly Hall on Tuesday May 23 at 7.30 p.m., when the speaker will be David Coffey, Secretary of the Baptist Union. Tickets for this event will be available through all Churches.

Throughout the eight weeks of ALIVE 95 there will be all kinds of events arranged by the Ministers' fraternals in the various areas of Worthing.

There will be a special YOUTH WEEK from July 3 to 7 with a team called Activate, from Youth for Christ going into 3 High Schools, culminating in a Youth event at the Connaught Theatre on Friday July 7.

In the Goring area, we are having two evangelistic events at our Church, with a Men's Breakfast on Saturday June 10 - Speaker: David Daurant who works amongst Docklands drug addicts - and a Ladies Supper on Monday June 26 - Speaker: Sue Barnett. We also hope to have a Songs of Praise. It is hoped to hold meetings for prayer with the other Goring Churches.

The Closing Rally of ALIVE 95 will be held in Steyne Gardens on Sunday July 23 at 3 p.m. with Andy Perry as the speaker.

10,000 free copies of the Challenge newspaper will be distributed throughout Worthing featuring ALIVE 95.

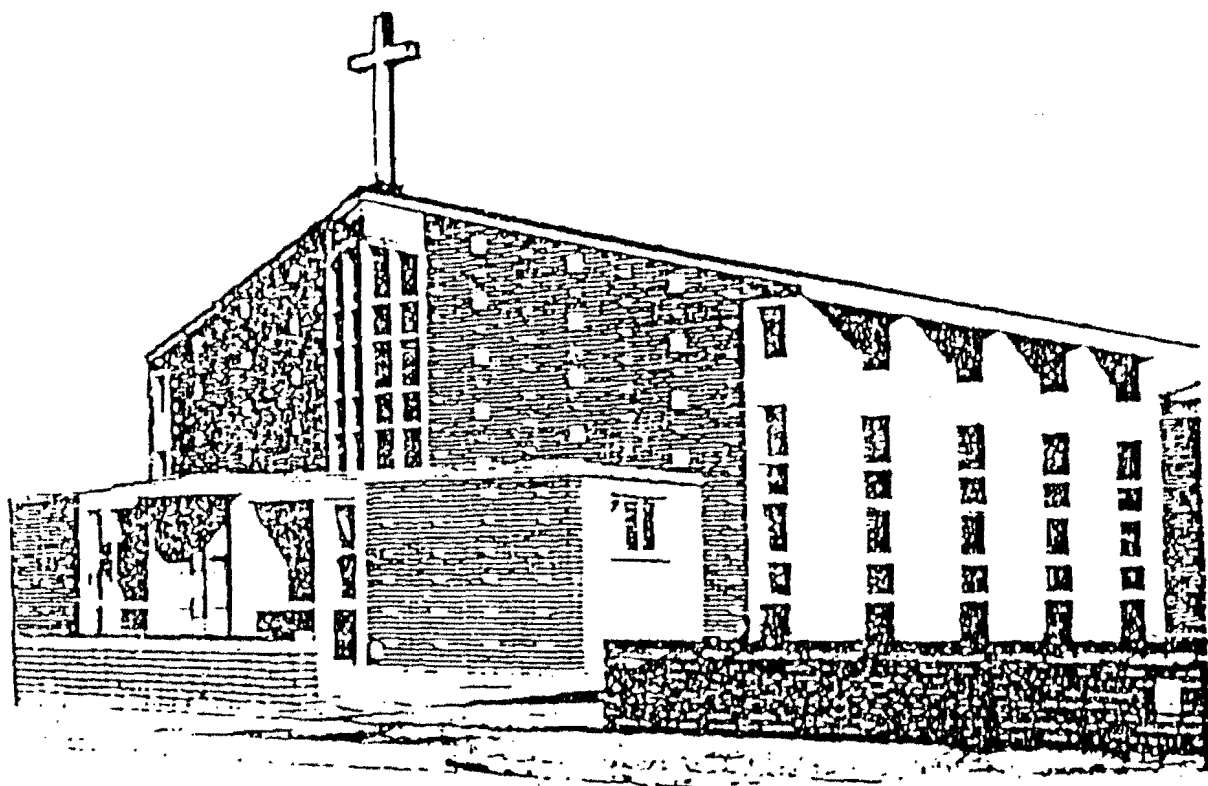
The grey SWEATSHIRTS with the colourful logo of ALIVE 95 costing £9.99 and T-SHIRTS at £4.99 - sizes M, L, XL & XXL are now available and may be ordered through Irene Tuley.

Please pray for God's blessing upon the Churches' outreach together to the people of Worthing and that God will prepare many hearts to respond to His love.

Irene Tuley (Church Liaison)

JUNE 1995

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing) |

CHURCH OFFICERS

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| Minister: | Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road | 248259 |
| Church Secretary: | Mr Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue | 690996 |
| Pastoral Secretary: | Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill | 260568 |
| Treasurer: | Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road | 506452 |

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

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| 1 Ferring | Mr G Dean | 7 West Park | Mrs B Hitchin |
| 2 Goring | Mr N Prallent | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr D Stewart |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs B Swierk | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs I Tuley |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs E Rhodes | 10 Durrington | Mr K. Merritt |
| 5 Central Worthing | *Rev P Heckels | 11 Salvington | *Mrs H Redman |
| 6 Marlborough | Mrs R Bradley | | |

*Temporary cover while vacancies exist

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs Val Gill | 267655 |
| Beano Club | Mr Ken Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Boys' Brigade | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr Michael Ebeling | 240448 |
| Christian Aid | | |
| Chronicle Editor | Mr Leslie Montford | 243698 |
| Church Warden | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Flower Secretary | Mrs Jean Webb | 240546 |
| Girls' Brigade | Mrs Julie Gray | 218964 |
| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs Wilma Smith | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission | Mrs Florrie Freeman | 248014 |
| Lettings Secretary | Mrs Lily Collison | 248861 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mr Ian Hennell | 240560 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Publicity Officer | Mrs Christine Sharpe | 212535 |
| Reform Magazine | Mrs Jenny Merritt | 262609 |
| Serendipity Club | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Social Secretary | Mrs Sheila Gooderham | 506452 |
| The Bible Society | Rev Ron Christopher | 230330 |
| Transport Officer | Mrs Bett Swierk | 243194 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary | Mr Sidney Hider | 243832 |
| Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Youth Club Leader | Mr Paul Archer | 267749 |
| Young People's Bible Study | Mr & Mrs Charlie Ward | 501949 |

NO. 484

JUNE 1995

Dear Friends,

We are now in the opening weeks of 'Alive 95' and the spreading of the Good News of Jesus to the people in Worthing. Spreading the Gospel, sharing the joy of faith in Jesus is, of course, what we are here for as a church. Our task as Christians is to tell people about Jesus and why we follow Him, and you may think that this is so obvious that it is hardly worth a mention, let alone two, at the beginning of our magazine. It is in my mind, however, because of two recent conversations, one with a committed Christian and the other with a person who has no faith at all.

Our Christian friend was wanting help to try to explain their faith. This was not because they were not sure about their faith - indeed, the opposite. They wanted to share from a real background of the reality of Jesus in their life - they needed help in explaining to the world. For here is the first great hurdle to be overcome - language. There is little point, we have found, in telling your neighbour that 'the precious blood of Jesus Christ has washed your sins away, and through the mighty power of God's Holy Spirit you have been born again into a new life.' No matter how true this may be, and no matter how clearly this sums up how you feel, how many people really understand what you are saying, especially those who do not go near to a church! Yet we do talk in words and we need to be able to express our faith to those who ask, and to those where we are waiting for the right opportunity to share. So perhaps this is something you would like to try - write down what you will say in such circumstances. Perhaps not like the great creeds which begin 'I believe in', for they are probably not the way you talk, but in your own words. Having tried in a fairly short form to do that, now take away all the church jargon and replace it with words everyone will understand. Now you have a brief starting point. From then on you must trust the Lord to lead you and give you the words. However, having prayed through your statement of faith, you may now have the confidence you need to share your faith in Jesus.

Now that you have moved this far, you may want to believe that this is all there is to sharing the Gospel. However, this brings our second conversation to the fore. Like many people, this was someone seemingly more interested in the church than the message. He saw the church as an organisation which was there to help others and was involved in much 'social' work. Churches providing luncheon clubs and meeting places for the elderly as well as providing resources for the young people's groups or opening their doors to any worthwhile groups from the community, were for him, perfect. Once a church began to spread the Gospel in any more direct way, he would throw up his hands in horror and point out that 'everyone has the right to make up their own minds' and immediately start on all the hypocrites he knew were in church week by week. To such people who look to 'good deeds' we are, of course, simply there to be knocked down and criticised. So we need another approach - that of trying to live our faith out in the world, which will, of course, make us stand out as different. Now, being different is not easy, but what did you write down when you tried to express what you believe? Now write down some things you can do to put that into action; not necessarily reading your Bible at work or in public, but perhaps ways in which Jesus' love can be shown to those you meet each day.

To express our faith, and to live it, are so closely linked as we engage in any mission. Jesus does not want you just to be a talker, nor does He want you to just be a doer. He wants you to combine both and will help you in both tasks. Continue to pray for our family, and our church family, as we seek to be loyal to the Gospel entrusted to us.

Your servants in Christ

Peter and Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

THANKS

A few days ago we were informed that Mrs. Joan Chambers was back again in Worthing Hospital (Ward 10) for further tests and treatment as all had not cleared up during her previous stay. Joan, however, was still being bright and cheerful during the visit of Joan (my wife) and I, and asked if I would convey her sincere thanks and appreciation to all her friends at Church, for their prayers and kindness and sympathy shown to her in this enforced location. Naturally, she hopes her period of treatment this time will be successful and is looking forward to being among us very soon.

Frazer Finlay

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HANDBOOK CHANGES

Please note in your handbook for 1995 changes of telephone numbers:-

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| Mrs. Caroline Hibbs | 523570 |
| Mrs. Julie Gray | 525483 |

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

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| June 19th | Walk |
| July 17th | Family Barbecue |

We are planning an EVENING WALK on Monday, 19th June. Please meet at HIGHDOWN HILL CAR PARK at 7.00 p.m.

In the event of rain we will meet in the Church Hall at the usual time of 8.15 p.m.

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BEANO CLUB

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| June 2nd/4th | Family Camp, Southwater, Nr. Horsham |
| June 8th | Green Bowls, Field Place |
| July 17th | Family Barbecue |

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP will meet in the Cornwall Room at 8.00 p.m. on:-

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| June 5th | Supper |
| June 19th | Genealogy - talk by Wilfred Rhodes. Open evening - everyone welcome. |

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WOMEN'S GUILD

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| June 13th | Open Meeting - 2.45 p.m. |
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The last event in our Spring session was the joint outing with the Women's Guild on 16th May.

Meetings will resume in the Autumn session starting on 5th September.

Ian A. Hennell, Secretary.

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ARK PARENT AND TODDLERS (UNDER 5s) CLUB

We have just celebrated our 6th Anniversary with a party for the children. This year we thought we would hire a Bouncy Castle for the morning. It took up half the main hall but was great fun. We even let the Mums have five minutes bouncing, which wore them out and amused the children.

We have a loyal membership this year, creating a very happy and friendly atmosphere and all the children play together with no major personality clashes. (Not bad for under 5s just learning social skills!).

We have welcomed TWO new babies - one girl, Belinda, and one boy Kristian, and are looking forward to THREE more births in 1995.

Sue and I attended the CPPS training day on Toddler Groups and came home with new ideas and enthusiasm. It also made us aware that not all groups receive the help and support that is given to us.

Thank you all.

Val Gill

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CHRISTIAN AID

A coffee morning held at the home of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin raised the sum of £108.50.

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WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

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| June 2nd | All Day plus Jill's Fashions |
| June 9th | John Scott - organist entertains us |
| June 16th | Call my bluff |
| June 23rd | Outing to Brighton Sea Mile Centre |
| June 30th | 'Midsummer Medley' Entertainment by Westing Players |
| July 7th | Board Games |
| July 14th | All the fun of the fair |

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

Next meeting will be held on 28th June at 2.15 p.m. in the Church Hall.

BOYS' BRIGADE

June 11th
July 9th

Sunday Parade Service 11.00 a.m.
Sunday Parade Service 11.00 a.m.

Donald Stewart, Captain.

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company:-

Lt. Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing,
BN14 9GB. 525483

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| EXPLORERS | 5 - 8 years | TUESDAYS | 6.00 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. |
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June 11th
July 9th

Sunday Parade Service 11.00 a.m.
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Despite the atrocious weather our recent jumble sale resulted in £201 being made. Thank you everyone who came along.

Girls' Brigade H.Q. have announced that there is to be a Uniform change as of this year. NAVY BLUE SWEATSHIRTS and WHITE POLO-NECK SHIRTS are to replace blazers, shirts and ties for Company evenings. Girls will also be given the option of wearing NAVY BLUE TROUSERS in colder weather. There will be a 3-year change-over period beginning on 1st September, 1995. The full, formal Uniform will be optional for Ceremonial wear during this time. We propose to start the change-over from January, 1996, beginning with the Brigadier Section and working our way through the age groups. EXPLORERS will keep to red and navy blue colours. We would be interested to hear of any views or comments you may have on the Uniform change. We see the change as a fresh challenge and hope that more girls are introduced to Girls' Brigade as a result.

God Bless.

Julie Gray

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HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

We are proposing to have another Spring Clean and undertake general repairs and some re-decoration on SATURDAY, 1st JULY, starting at 9.00 a.m. Outside work will depend on weather conditions but we are hoping to make good progress with most of the jobs. Anyone who wishes to join the Working Party will be most welcome. Also, if any members of the Church Fellowship have specialist skills in carrying out repairs to property will they please contact Sheila Gooderham or me.

Amongst the work needing attention are:-

Touching up decorations in the Church Hall, Elders' Vestry,
Cloakrooms, Kitchen, Passageways, Vestibule, East Hall

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HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE (Continued)

Amongst the work needing attention are:-

Cleaning rainwater gutters and gullies
 Cleaning windows inside and outside
 Cleaning ledges and sills etc.
 To assist with insertion of dampcourse in the parapet walls
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P.W.

Good News for Worthing

May 23rd–July 23rd 1995



ALIVE 95 is now under way - all kinds of events are being held throughout Worthing, with a closing open air service in Steyne Gardens on Sun. July 23 at 3 p.m. with Capt. Andy Perry of the Church Army as the speaker.

In the GORING area, we are holding four events in this Church:
 MENS' BREAKFAST on Sat. June 10 at 8 a.m. with David Dawrant.
 LADIES' SUPPER on Mon. June 26 at 7.15 p.m. with Sue Barnett.
 (There will be retiring collections at both meals)
 CHILDREN'S PARTY on a Saturday afternoon to be announced.
 SONGS OF PRAISE on Tues. July 18 at 2.30 p.m. followed by tea. Invitations available from Audrey Gerlach and Ian Hennell.

TAIZE EVENINGS will be held at St. Richard's Church, Collingwood Road at 7.30 p.m. on Wed. June 14 and on Fri. July 21, to which we are invited.

During the special YOUTH WEEK, July 3 - 7, ACTIVATE, a team from Youth For Christ are visiting 4 Schools, St. Andrews, Davison, Worthing and Durrington High, culminating in the event at the Connaught Theatre on Fri. July 7. There is a Rock Gospel Concert at Sion School on Fri. July 14.

Prayer Groups are being formed in this Church, please contact Jenny Merritt if you are interested. Please pray for God's blessing upon all the events of ALIVE 95, that many hearts will be open to hear the message of His love expressed in Jesus Christ. To God be all the glory.

Irene Tuley (Church Liaison)

MEN'S BREAKFAST JUNE 10

All men are invited to join together for an evangelistic breakfast on Saturday June 10 at 8 a.m. until 9.30 a.m. We encourage each one attending to bring with them at least one non-Christian friend, relative or neighbour. Our speaker will be David Dawrant who will be giving his testimony of his work with drug addicts, alcoholics and homeless in the docklands of Ipswich. David bubbles over with his love for the Lord and his enthusiasm is infectious. He has many accounts to share of lives won for the Lord. Invitations are available from Charlie Ward. Please use this opportunity to spread the Word, enjoy good fellowship, good food and learn how the Good News is saving lives in extraordinary circumstances. We welcome your prayer support for this event.

Charlie Ward

LADIES SUPPER JUNE 26

We are looking forward to our ladies supper on Monday June 26 at 7.15 p.m. The men will be cooking and serving us a lovely meal and doing the washing up. Our speaker is Sue Barnett from Christchurch, Dorset. We encourage ladies to come and bring their non-Christian friends to hear this excellent speaker. It will be a very special evening. Invitations are available from Jenny Merritt. Please uphold this event in your prayers.

Jenny Merritt

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SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT PORTSLADE ON 20.4.95.

Opening devotions were led by Darryl Sinclair and members of FURY, based on Jesus' commission to the disciples to "Go and Tell" in John 21. Do we? Prayers were led for Rev. George Mc. Cleave, Patrice Sessions, Brian Wroe, Brian & Jenny Sturtridge and for the widows of Bill Cory, Rev. Harold Rouse and Rev. Jack Gregory. The Synod Clerk, Christine Meekison was welcomed. REPORT FROM FURY ASSEMBLY in January.

13 Motions were debated including: Students lack of benefits, N.H.S. Prescriptions, National Lottery, Transportation of live animals and Cafe Direct. Workshops on Music, Drama and Worship.

APPOINTMENTS

District Evangelism Contact and Enabler - Rev. Peter Heckels.
District World Church and Mission Representative - Nancy Welch.
Nominations needed for Dist. President Elect and Vice President.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

SHELLEY ROAD - Rev. Patrice Sessions ends her ministry at the end of May on Doctor's advice, no pastoral charge for 2 years.
SOMPTING - Brian Dyer's candidature for N.S.Ministry unsuccessful
CHRISTCHURCH, CHICHESTER - Rev. Leslie Judd (Methodist) approved to serve from September 1995.

BRIGHTON - Convenor of Team Vacancy Committee, Lang Popley 1yr
LEWES RD. District wished God's blessing upon George Mc.Cleave moving to Worsley Rd.URC., Swinton, Manchester and his marriage.
Interim Moderator - Darryl Sinclair for 1 yr. The Church will develop their new site and hope to finish building in March 1996.

CENTRAL HOVE - Interim Moderator Rev. Marie Roe for 1 yr.

PROPERTY MATTERS - Approval given to Portslade's application for a Project Grant from the New Enterprise and Mission Fund.

SYNOD CLERK

Christine Meekison gave us a lively and informative insight into her very varied work as the only, full-time paid Synod Clerk. Other Provinces use part-timers or Ministers. She is involved in many committees and in Mission Council and sees her role as "setting up, clearing up, smooth running and ensuring decisions are carried through." She works closely with David Helyar, meets regularly with District Secretaries and loves the job that God has called her to do.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

August 12 - 19 Provincial Youth Camp, £70 all inclusive.
October 14 - 15 District Youth Weekend, venue to be announced.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

BILLINGSHURST - collecting Teddies for a Romanian orphanage.

GORING - CWM. United Evening Service July 16 with Rev. Ian Knowles
Involvement with Alive 95 Mission.

DURRINGTON - June 3 Pentecost Party and special service 4 June.

PORTSLADE - bought next door undertakers, built a link and new rooms to be used for projects in the community, drop-in centre.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES FOR JULY 3-7 at EASTBOURNE.

Revs. Graeme Allan, Marina Kennard and Roy Parkington, Miss Kitty Pugh, Mrs. Nancy Welch and Mr. Lang Popley.

THE SEXUALITY QUESTION

In the "Southern Link" the Medway District encouraged other District Councils to support their resolution i.e.

"The Medway District Council believes that the expression of human sexuality outside the bounds of faithful marriage between a woman and a man is contrary to our discernment of the Word of God, to the Basis of Union and to the general ethos of the joining churches; therefore we will not knowingly concur in the call of ministers of word and sacrament whose sexuality finds its expression outside these stated bounds. The same principle will apply to our commendation of students for training."

As a result of their Church Meeting in March, Goring URC asked for this matter to be put on the District Council Meeting Agenda. There was only limited discussion because the District Executive had been advised that this matter should not be discussed until the Mission Council's papers are prepared to assist debate, to enable decisions to be made at the General Assembly in 1997. Meantime a practising homosexual has been accepted and will commence training for the URC Ministry. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the District on June 8 at Pulborough.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Irene Tuley

AUTUMN FAIR..

As a first step to arranging the Autumn Fair for 1995 it is proposed to use part of the JUNE Church Meeting to encourage each other to make this event something of which we can all be a part. The format for the FAIR will be the same as last year with orders being taken to guarantee most items at the Fair are what we know will be sold and the sort of things people are wanting. This stops the disappointment of unnecessary work and a feeling of wasted time if items are not sold, and guarantees you the goods you want are available.

If you have something you are able to make please contact Sheila or Eileen so that they can arrange for your item to be displayed at the Church Meeting. You may also have ideas for items that you think would be best sellers but are unable to make yourself. Again, please contact either one of us and these, too, could be shared in the hope that there will be someone in the Church willing and able to produce the goods.

We intend to have another ORDER DAY, early autumn, with a coffee morning, but remember the sooner we begin the more we can make, and under less pressure. So please come along to the Church Meeting ready to share ideas and to place orders. Christmas seems a long way off but June 29th is nearer Christmas 1995 than 1994!

Eileen Heckels/Sheila Gooderham.

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WORLD MISSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA

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P.O. BOX 1800
ACCRA

4th. April 1995

Dear Sidney,

Very warm greetings in the Name of Our Blessed Lord. I was very much delighted to hear from you. Your letter of 7th. March has been gratefully received.

As you might have been told, I was elected Moderator of the National Church when we met at Synod (General Assembly) last August. I assumed duty on 1st. March 1995. I will be in office for the next four years. I need your prayer support.

I am very glad that you still remember the Hope Presbyterian Church of Assin Nsuta. May the Lord richly bless you. We are highly appreciative of your generous contribution towards the mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Ghana. The Rev. Martin Addai Naami was here to give your donation to me. Instead of the amount of £250 you gave him, he put into the envelope £260. He added that the extra £10 was his contribution. We are very grateful.

I am by a copy of this letter informing the Chairman of the Western Presbytery of your handsome donation and asking him to collect the money. Assin Nsuta is in their Presbytery. The Chairman will ensure that the amount of £260 goes to "the cost of building their Manse".

May the Lord richly bless you all.

Yours in His Service,

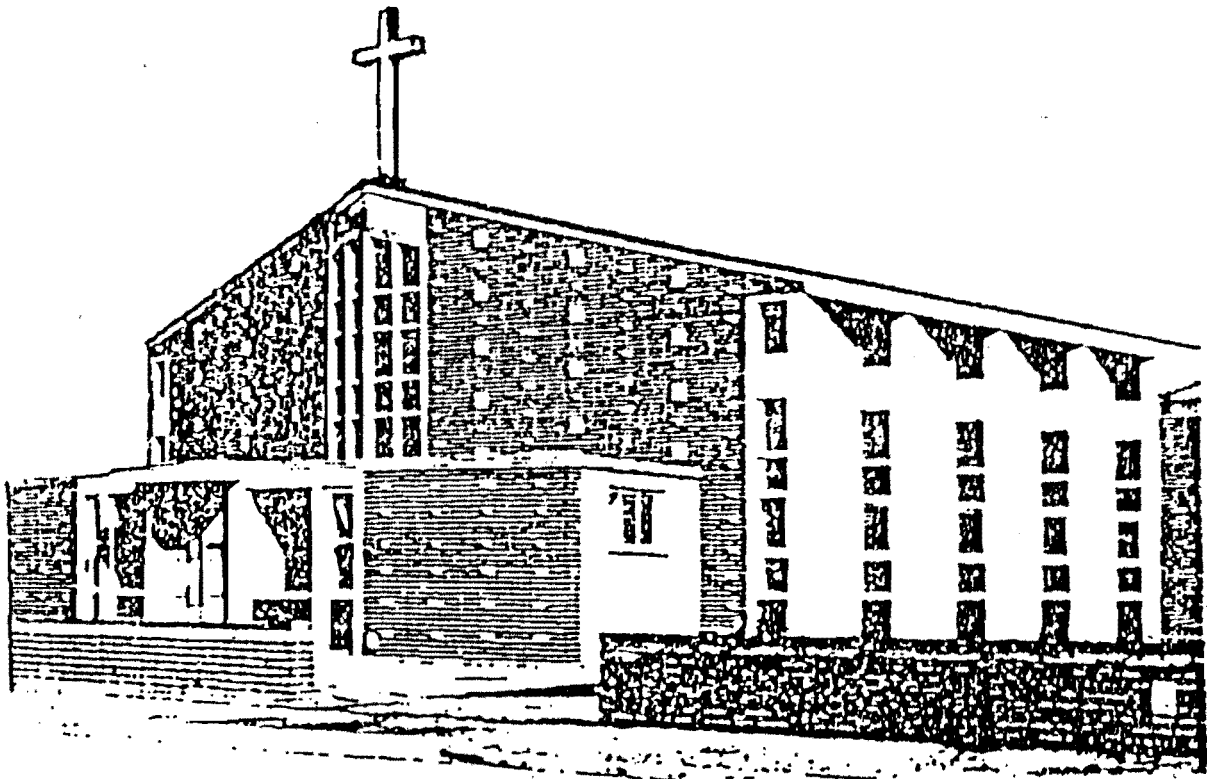
(signed) Rt. Rev. Anthony A. Beeko, Moderator

Further building
work on the
Assin Nsuta Manse



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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing) |

CHURCH OFFICERS

| | | |
|---------------------|--|--------|
| Minister: | Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road | 248259 |
| Church Secretary: | Mr Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue | 690996 |
| Pastoral Secretary: | Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill | 260568 |
| Treasurer: | Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road | 506452 |

PASTORAL WARDENS' VISITATION AREAS

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|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Ferring | Mr G Dean | 7 West Park | Mrs B Hitchin |
| 2 Goring | Mr N Pratten | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr D Stewart |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs B Swierk | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs I Tuley |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs E Rhodes | 10 Durrington | Mr K. Merritt |
| 5 Central Worthing | *Rev P Heckels | 11 Salvington | *Mrs H Redman |
| 6 Marlborough | Mrs R Bradley | | |

*Temporary cover while vacancies exist

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs Val Gill | 267655 |
| Beano Club | Mr Ken Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Boys' Brigade | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr Michael Ebeling | 240448 |
| Christian Aid | | |
| Chronicle Editor | Mr Leslie Montford | 243698 |
| Church Warden | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Flower Secretary | Mrs Jean Webb | 240546 |
| Girls' Brigade | Mrs Julie Gray | 218964 |
| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs Wilma Smith | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission | Mrs Florrie Freeman | 248014 |
| Lettings Secretary | Mrs Lily Collison | 248861 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mr Ian Hennell | 240560 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Publicity Officer | Mrs Christine Sharpe | 212535 |
| Reform Magazine | Mrs Jenny Merritt | 262609 |
| Serendipity Club | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Social Secretary | Mrs Sheila Gooderham | 506452 |
| The Bible Society | Rev Ron Christopher | 230330 |
| Transport Officer | Mrs Bett Swierk | 243194 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary | Mr Sidney Hider | 243832 |
| Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Youth Club Leader | Mr Paul Archer | 267749 |
| Young People's Bible Study | Mr & Mrs Charlie Ward | 501949 |

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JULY 1995

Dear Friends,

We have had in our cupboard over the years games and toys to entertain both children and parents. One of these games was called "Puck Monster", an electronic age toy where the puck creature has to devour as many capsules as possible before he, himself, is eaten by monsters, and the game is over. The object, of course, is to run up as high a score as possible, perhaps even to score 9,999 and beat the machine. (Only the children ever managed that!)

Sometimes it seems that our work for Christ can be similar to this game. All around us are forces which would swallow us up and prevent us from winning new people for Jesus. Sometimes they are within us - our own fear, perhaps; sometimes they come from outside - perhaps the animosity of those who do not share our faith or vision. Each one of us, however, is commissioned by Jesus Himself to bring people to His Kingdom. "Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you," and this must be at the heart of our very discipleship. We must, if you like, try to run up as high a score as possible for Jesus. However, the good news is that here our task differs from the game, for those who seek to win disciples for Jesus need not be afraid of being swallowed up by monsters or anything else, for we have a promise along with the commission, "I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

With the challenges facing the church today, it is very concerning that we do not run risks to win people for Christ, and, indeed, it sometimes seems that we have lost much of Jesus' message when we become unconcerned about proclamation. Not everyone is called by God to be an evangelist, and we cannot all go out onto the streets proclaiming the Gospel, but that does not mean that we are not all given the opportunity to share our faith quietly with our friends and, indeed, our families. We are privileged to know a couple who God has sent as evangelists in this way; they rarely spend a lot of time publicly proclaiming their faith, but they have brought many of their friends into the fellowship of their local church - some of whom had stopped coming to church and now go regularly; others who had never been since childhood have now come to know Jesus in a new way. Brought by a quiet invitation and a real effort to follow up a welcome received by the wider body, this is evangelism in the way that the church has proclaimed its message for centuries.

Engaged as we are in "Alive 95" we have all had opportunities to invite different people to different events and, hopefully, we will see a positive response to our efforts. However, evangelism cannot be contained to a couple of months, or even a decade, but needs to be a natural part of our faith living. Therefore, it is hoped that having grown in confidence we may provide a number of opportunities for us all to draw our friends and families into the fellowship of the church and into faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We need to continue in prayer day by day, week by week, for opportunities to share as a fellowship, for we, the disciples are not here simply to exist and be in what some may call the business of survival - we are here to go out and win people for Jesus and we need make no apology for that at all. Within our fellowship we have gifts which God has given to us, but we must be prepared to use them for there are many people who desperately need to welcome Jesus into their lives and perhaps God needs YOUR help.

Going back to the electronic game, it is often the new children of God who show those of us who have been around a bit longer, the enthusiasm needed to share our Gospel, but let us not be jealous, rather rejoice at the ability of others.

Please continue to pray for us as we work among you, for we are not involved in a "game" but the most important task in the world - winning people for Jesus.

Your servants in Christ

Peter and Eileen

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

REST IN PEACE

Mr Fred Deakins died, after a heart attack, on May 27th. We have lost another friend.

THANKS

Many thanks to all my friends in the church for the concern, love and prayers shown to me while I was in hospital. I was quite overwhelmed and feel sure your prayers are being answered as I am continuing to make good progress at home.

In God's love,

Gillian Faulkner (Mrs)

I would like to take this opportunity of saying a most sincere Thank You for all the care and concern I received following my recent accident. The cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and goodies were tangible evidence of the love of the members of our church, and I am extremely grateful to you all. To be at the receiving end of such love is wonderful, and has contributed greatly, I am sure, to my recovery. (1 John 3v18)

Robin Bradley (Mrs)

Congratulations

A DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

At the beginning of June we completed 60 years of happy married life together and wish to say a very sincere THANK YOU for the present of flowers brought to us by Jean Webb.

Sincerely yours,

Bob & Doris Edwards

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

SONGS of PRAISE under the care of the Women's Guild will be held on **Tuesday 18th July** in our church at **2.30pm** followed by tea in the hall.

WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

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| July 7th | Board Games | 1.30pm |
| July 14th | All the fun of the fair | 1.30pm |
| July 21st | Outing to Bentley Wildfowl | |
| | Trust and cream tea | 10.30pm |
| July 28th | Card Bingo | 1.30pm |

BOYS' BRIGADE

July 9th

Sunday Parade Service 11am

Camp at Washington May 26/28 1995

This was an interesting and enjoyable experience for Eric and me as we hadn't camped under canvas for many years. We borrowed the tent from our son and had appropriate lessons in pitching and erecting it. Cups of tea were ready by the time we had our tent up - courtesy of Sue and Eric respectively. Then we sat and recovered while we awaited Captain Don Stewart and the boys to arrive. This they did at about 7.30pm, and with them came 2 large containers of sausage casserole for everyone. Subsequent meals were provided by Sue, which did her much credit, but the 'pieces de resistance' were Lt. Malcolm Nicholls cooked English breakfasts every morning. Yes - bacon, eggs, mushrooms, beans and all sorts of extra delights depending on yesterday's leftovers. These were provided, every morning, piping hot for all 18 members of camp. This moment should not pass without tribute to Malcolm's sterling efforts at 5am on Saturday when the cookhouse tent almost blew away. We found him at 8am having secured the tent pegs and moved both the cooking stoves to safety after struggling with the elements for 3 hours! Well done, Malcolm!

Two stoic fathers, Mr. Tilley and Mr Read, who came to help, also did a great job keeping the Boys occupied with soccer on Saturday morning and cricket in the afternoon. At lunchtime we all set off for a picnic in Capt. Stewart's crew bus and the white van owned by Peter Tilley who volunteered to drive some of the Boys up to Warren Hill. Here we let the party loose for an hour after giving out sandwiches, crisps and cakes.

Captain Stewart was always at the ready, especially when the Tuck shop was on the agenda. Chris and Janice Byerley arrived at 7.30pm to run a camp fire for the boys. Jacket potatoes were put in the fire embers and cooked in record time so that all were able to partake before it was too late. Some hot dogs were also distributed to those who had room for them. I think Chris must've breathed a sigh of relief early on Saturday morning when he found that the kindling was dry for the fire. It must also be noted that Janice had provided a most delicious rhubarb crumble for dinner earlier that evening.

When Sunday morning eventually arrived Eric and I decided to pack up. Two nights, with very little sleep and a tent threatening to blow away, had just about finished us. However, we'd like to thank Do, Malcolm, Sue, and all the boys - both large and small - for giving us such a wonderful time in spite of the difficulties. I think we are just a little too old for such adventures in the future, but we wouldn't have missed it for the world.

God bless you all

Barbara Popplestone

YOUTH ACTIVITIES and YOUTH WEEK (ALIVE '95)

July 3 - 7th Activate, a team for Youth For Christ, are visiting 4 senior schools - St. Andrews, Davison, Worthing High and Durrington High, culminating in an event at the Connaught Theatre on July 7th.

Friday 14th July - Rock Gospel Concert at Sion School.
 August 12 - 19th - Provincial Youth Camp, £70 all inclusive
 October 14 - 15 - District Youth Weekend

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company:- Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Rd, Worthing

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| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | Tuesdays | 6 - 7.45pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | Tuesdays | 6 - 8.30pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 plus years | Tuesdays | 6 - 8.30pm |

July 9th

Sunday Parade Service 11am

Our summer session is now drawing to an end as the Girls complete their badgework.

Twelve of us are looking forward to joining 2nd Worthing Company for a joint camp again this year. This will be at Weston-Super-Mare from July 29th to August 5th. We will be sleeping on church hall floors this year which will be a new experience for most of the girls after the luxury of beds the last few years.

Sadly this term is the last one for Caroline Hibbs who is leaving us as an Auxiliary Helper. Caroline has been a valuable part of the Company for many years and we will miss her help on Tuesday evenings.

Finally, by the time you are reading this Julie and Alan, her husband, should be celebrating the arrival of a 'wee bairn' to their family. We wish them every happiness.

Thank you for your continued support of us all.

Denise Elliott (Lt.)

Beano Family Camp Weekend

Do you remember the dry spell around the schools' half-term? Well, God decided that the earth needed watering right on the family weekend camp - **again!** Yes, for two years in a row, Saturday proved to be a wash-out. But no amount of rain could dampen our spirits and we still managed to have wonderful fellowship.

We were smaller in number this year which enabled everyone to mix - in larger camps there is a tendency to gather in different groups. The ages of the children/youth also varied from previous years, 6 - 14 years, (15 boys, 2 girls). One thing which did not change was the Saturday trip to Horsham swimming pool; it's the only way we can guarantee the boys getting a wash!

Trivial Pursuit this year gave way to Pictionary, the ladies winning by the narrowest of margins. Once again we must thank Pete and Sue Mitchell for the use of their large tent where we held our Sunday morning worship. Charlie Ward spoke on the subject of witnessing to others. He illustrated this by using the game of Pictionary and explained that you don't have to be a gifted artist in order that people may guess what you are trying to draw. In the same manner, we need not have the ability to express our christian beliefs in a professional way. The Holy Spirit will work in people's lives enabling them to understand. Feelings etc are more difficult to put across to people: we have to experience them for ourselves to really appreciate their true worth. The youth performed a modern drama of the jailor's conversion, pointing out that the way in which Paul and Silas lived their lives was a powerful witness.

Visits from members of our family at Goring were really appreciated; thank you for making the effort to come. The men did us proud by cooking two of the best barbeques we have ever tasted at camp - absolutely delicious!

Acts 2:42 "They (the believers) spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers."

Ken & Sue Arkinstall

Beano Club & Serendipity Club

Family Bar-B-Que Sunday 16th July

Beano and Serendipity Clubs are joining forces in July to hold a family Bar-B-Que. This will take place, (weather permitting), at Goring Gap on the seafront on Sunday 16th July following the morning service. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own food to cook on the Bar-B-Que.

Sue Arkinstall

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

The next meetings will be held on **July 26th** and **August 23rd** at **2.15pm** in the Church Hall.

CHURCH RAMBLE

My apologies for being so long in arranging a date for the Ramble but I was waiting for the ground to dry out after such a wet spring. Well - we like to walk it first!

However, the date is now fixed for **SATURDAY 15th JULY**. Although this is St. Swithin's day we hope the weather will be seasonal, and that being so we propose to meet in the morning at **10.30am** in the **Car Park** at the end of **Honeysuckle Lane**, High Salvington.

The distance to walk is about 3.5 miles. If you have any queries, or would like a lift there, please get in touch with me.

Sheila Gooderham 506452

ALIVE '95 CLOSING RALLY

This will take place in Steyne Gardens on **SUNDAY JULY 23rd** at **3pm**. The speaker will be Captain Andy Perry of the Church Army. The rally will include reports of what happened at events during the mission - please let them have your news!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Eastbourne July 3 - 7

BANNER MAKING and SEWING GROUP

If you have an hour or two to spare why not join them? They meet at 1.30 pm on Mondays in the East Hall. If you have any oddments of fabric you have no use for please let them know. They'd love to hear from you after August.

It was in the tranquillity of the East hall I found the Banners being created on one June Monday afternoon. The skill and love put into this 'task' by the ladies was well worth my visit. It had been a rough old morning but now it was a warm and sunny afternoon. Our Lord seemed to be stretching out his hands as their nimble fingers cut, formed, and sewed delicate materials to backing cloths, following intricate ideas and plans supplied by themselves.

Thank you, ladies

Les Montford

Please contact Mrs Caroline Hibbs and Mrs Joy Williams.

JUNIOR CHURCH

JULY 8th 3 - 6pm Children's Party in the Church hall.

At our **Anniversary Service** in May, the children were presented with their Scripture exam certificates. Listed below are the names of all who sat the exam:-

Orange Group:- Jonathan Arkinstall, Kezia Brewer (**Shield Winner**) Kate Byerley, Kerry Gill, James Hill, Gavin Read, Dean Reynolds, Craig Sibley, Siobhan Smith, Ruth Williams.
Yellow Group:- Susan Eames, Ricky Mitchell, (**Shield Winner**), Laura Sibley, Emma Stoneham, Graham Ward, Trevor Williams.
Green Group:- Mark Byerley, Daniel Mitchell (**Shield Winner**).

The teachers were greatly encouraged by the high standard of work produced - well done to everybody. A special teachers' prize of a Bible stories book was awarded to Dean Reynolds for the marked improvement in his exam work.

After the children had sung one song which older members of the congregation probably sang in their Sunday school days, and one more recent song, David Iliffe gave an entertaining, informative and encouraging talk based on Jesus' healing of two blind men. His quiz was enjoyed by children of all ages.

We are hoping for a fine day for our outing on 17th June. You will have to wait till the next report to read if we all survive.

Sue Arkinstall

Little Fishes Playgroup

It is proposed that the playgroup will be constituted as a charity, rather than as a commercial concern. Two Elders have joined the steering committee elected at the May Church meeting, and the committee is drawing up a constitution for submission to the Charity Commission. It is hoped to give a brief update of the position at the July Church meeting.

TAIZE EVENING

This will be held at St. Richard's Church, Collingwood Road at 7.30pm on Friday July 21st. Everyone welcome.

The Leprosy Mission

The World Mission Committee have pleasure in announcing a Garden Party and Bring & Buy sale on Tuesday 11th July at 2.30pm at Mrs Bobby Hitchin's Home, 12 West Park Lane, in aid of 'Countdown to Cure' which is the Leprosy Mission's current project to extend their healing work throughout the world.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Ray Burnish, the local TLM representative.

Tickets will cost £1, including tea, and will be on sale shortly. Please note the date and prepare to bring cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, garden produce for sale and to buy what others may bring.

"I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk but they do shine." C.H. Spurgeon.

Wanted:- Sankey's Hymn Book (words edition), scraps of used material for patchwork counterpanes, knitting patterns for bonnets, hoods and bootees, and old copies of "Christian Herald" all requested by Mrs Gladys Langan, 17 Sarita Rowhouses, SHIVNAGAR SOCIETY, Joshpura, Junagadh, (GS) 362002 India.

FEBA RADIO - Accommodation

Missionaries are re-locating from the Seychelles to Worthing during 1995. If you are able to offer short or long term accommodation, or have any suggestions regarding this please contact Anne Tucker, Feba Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing, BN148BX, 01903-237281 (24 hours)

The Material for the Chronicle must be in the hands of the Editor by the 15th of the previous month. Please place this in the box in the Church vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words.

PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES - Thank you - Editor

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT PULBOROUGH 8th June 1995

Opening devotions were led by Rev. Brian Wroe on Philippians 3, on the importance of knowing Christ. Prayers for the families of Owen Coxon (died April 25), Bob Boulter (died May 10) and Alistair Black; also for those unwell Marina Kennard, Desmond Bending and Patrice Sessions, and the General Assembly and our District Representatives. The new District Banner was greatly admired, photos will be sent to each Church. People were encouraged to attend Assembly at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne July 3 - 7. The Moderator was welcomed. APPOINTMENT of Vice President, Geoffrey Dearsley, becomes President June 1996.

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

WEST SUSSEX AREA Ministry - following his heart attack, Rev. Brian Wroe is to work part-time and take early retirement in March 1996.

CHICHESTER - Youth Worker appointed. PAGHAM - continued prayers needed.

WORTHING AREA - Interim Moderators appointed: Shelley Rd. Rev. Bob Murray Sompting Rev. Peter Newell; pending appointment of the Group Convenor. Durrington LEP. Rev. Beryl Chatfield to extend ministry beyond retirement.

BRIGHTON GROUP PASTORATE: formally recognised, served by team ministry, comprising Lewes Rd., Saltdean, Telscombe Cliffs and Brighthelm, not Clermont.

FINANCE REPORT All Churches are asked to reconsider their giving because the Ministry and Mission Fund is short of its target by £8000.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 1996.

The Secretary suggested changing from 5 - 4 business meetings a year, to be held centrally in Worthing, plus one informal meeting in the summer outside Worthing, when a specific issue could be discussed. This was agreed.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Secretary introduced this item giving the background and stating that Mission Council's Task Group are producing papers in July for discussion at Church meetings, District Councils and Synods. It is expected to be raised at General Assembly and it needs to be handled with sensitivity and prayer. Goring raised their concern at the time scale before Assembly makes a decision in 1997. Some discussion took place and these resolutions were passed:

1. The Sussex West District Council urges all its member churches to discuss in an informed and prayerful way the issue of Human Sexuality in line with Resolution 17 of the 1995 Assembly which is: Assembly a) Invites Mission Council Task Group on Human Sexuality to circulate material to enable the Church in all its councils to discuss the matter of human sexuality and its implications for the ministry within the Church.

b) Requests that this discussion takes place in Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches, leading to further discussion in Synods in the autumn of 1996.

c) Requests Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to send their responses to the General Secretary by Dec. 1 1996, in order to allow Mission Council to bring any further resolutions to General Assembly in 1997.

2. Sussex West District representatives are encouraged to support any amendment that the matter be resolved at the General Assembly of 1996.

NEWS

Church and Society Dept. seek to know the number of people involved in caring or socially aware work within our Churches with the idea of a get-together.

World Church and Mission: CWM Family Social at Bognor July 15 and United evening service at Goring July 16.

Youth Work: Youth Event at Shelley Road October 23/22.

Worthing Alive 95: St. Columbas and Goring's involvement.

Day of Prayer for URC General Assembly at Goring: 8.30, 10.30 & 12.30.

Women's Panel plan a Women's Day April 22 1996. I. Tuley is now Secretary.

Pulborough celebrate 150 years with reunion on July 1. Doris Willmer unwell.

Sompting: Chinese Christian Fellowship is going well with two recent baptisms.

Chichester: New Minister Rev. Leslie Judd to be inducted on Sept. 3 at 6.30.

Next District Council Meeting Sept. 14. The meeting closed with the grace.

IRENE TULEY

Good News for Worthing

May 23rd - July 23rd 1995



ALIVE 95 is now well under way - all kinds of events are being held throughout Worthing, with a closing open air service in Steyne Gardens on Sunday July 23 at 3 p.m. with Capt. Andy Perry of the Church Army as the speaker. There will be drama, singing and testimonies, so pray for good weather and bring your garden chairs or rugs.

In the GORING area, we are holding two more events at this Church:
A CHILDREN'S PARTY on Saturday July 8 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for 5-11yr olds with Bernice Mitchell from Brighton, speaking.

SONGS OF PRAISE in the Church on Tuesday, July 18 at 2.30 p.m. followed by tea. Invitations available from Audrey Gerlach and Ian Hennell. Come and bring your friends and neighbours.

A TAIZE EVENING will be held at St. Richard's Church, Collingwood Road at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, July 21, to which we are invited.

During the special YOUTH WEEK, July 3 - 7, ACTIVATE, a team from Youth For Christ are visiting 4 Schools, St. Andrews, Davison, Worthing and Durrington High, culminating in the event at the Connaught Theatre on Fri. July 7, at 7.00 p.m., part 2 of "Rosemary and Julius."
There is a Rock Gospel Concert at Sion School on Friday July 14 at 7.30 p.m. with the Saltmine Solution .

Please pray for God's blessing upon all the events of ALIVE 95 , that many hearts will be open to hear the message of His love expressed in Jesus Christ. To God be all the glory.

The Lord says: The Word that I speak —
it will not fail to do what I plan for it;
it will do everything I send it to do.
Isaiah 55 v 11

Irene Tuley (Church Liaison)

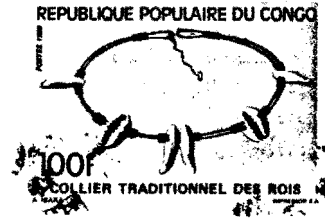
A CALL FOR WOMEN TO PRAY LYDIA FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

All ladies are warmly invited to join us at Shoreham Baptist Church, Western Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, on Thursday July 13th to hear REONA JOLY. Time 10.30am to 3.00pm

There will be coffee at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. There will NOT be a creche available.

If you are interested please speak to Julie Ward or Jenny Merritt.

WORLD MISSION



TEXT OF A LETTER DATED
4th.MAY TO RON CHRISTOPHER
FROM RUTH CHATFIELD IN CONGO

WYCLIFFE
BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Thanks for your letter on behalf of the Missionary Committee at Goring URC. It was awaiting me when I arrived in Brazzaville from Zaire. Please express my heartfelt thanks to the church members for their on-going, and indeed increased, financial commitment to my work with Wycliffe over the coming year. It really is an encouragement to see God's abundant provision for Andrea and myself.

We are currently preparing to travel for the first time to the area of Central Congo where the Mbochi people live. We've just had our first language lesson so that we can know some of the greetings when we arrive. At the moment we are waiting for our 4-wheel-drive Daihatsu jeep to be repaired but we hope to be able to travel before the end of the month.

The area where we will live is quite strongly Catholic which may present some interesting challenges ! But there are also some Protestants and a number of sects. Of course, we would like them all to read God's Word in Mbochi eventually.

I will certainly talk about the church in Congo in future "CHATS" but perhaps not about Zaire since that is now the past for us. However the Zaire situation is interesting. Each region of Zaire has just one official Protestant denomination usually founded by the particular missionary society which used to, and sometimes still does, concentrate on the area. All these denominations then come under one umbrella organisation - the ECZ (Elgise du Christ au Zaire). Wycliffe works in Zaire at the specific invitation of particular churches and seeks to cooperate very closely with them. When I was in Zaire there was often a problem of lack of mature church leaders, especially in remote rural areas, and sometimes there seems to be too much focus on material and financial issues. There are many believers but not so many real disciples ! However God is at work of course and the church is firmly established in society.

In Congo Wycliffe members enter the country as linguists (rather than missionaries) since we have an agreement with the government (which was Marxist until 1991) and the University to develop Congo's languages. Of course we also seek to cooperate closely with churches at the local level and there is much greater freedom than in the past. More to follow . . .

Yes we often work together with the Bible Society to produce Scriptures. I will be interested to hear the outcome of "Alive 95". Worthing is certainly also a mission field ! No more space to write more.

In His love

Ruth.

WORLD MISSION

GHANA: TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE HOPE CHURCH, ASSIN NSUTA
 Written to Sidney Hider, World Mission Secretary, dated 9th.May

May God bless you the Goring United church for the good relationship that has been established between. We received you letter for a good news on 27th.March 1995. Indeed this christian love of your gift will contribute much help towards our Manse. According to the letter, you waited for more than three months for an answer to your letter dated 10th.November 1994. I travelled during that period and then became indisposed after my arrival. I was then admitted at the hospital for about two weeks.

This was why I asked Festus Baiden to write on my behalf to you because an answer to you letter was then delaying. I know it will interest you to that I, Thomas Frempong, will continue to write to you as from this period on behalf of my church. Now, Sir, accept our heart felt and sincere thanks for your great gift of £250. We are very grateful to you all. This amount is going to help us a great deal and as time goes on we shall be furnishing you with the later development on the manse.

Yours in His service, Thomas Frempong

(no attempt has been made to correct the spelling or grammar)

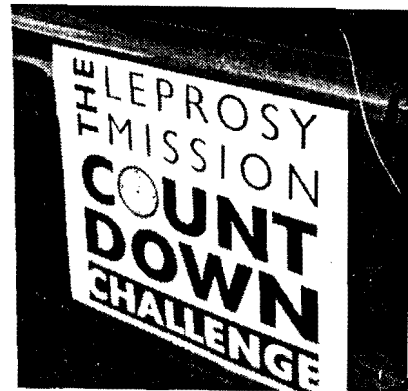


THE LEPROSY MISSION : A Reminder

There will be a Garden Party & Bring and Buy Sale on behalf of The Leprosy Mission's **COUNTDOWN TO CURE** Campaign on Tuesday 11th.July from 2.30pm at Bobby Hitchin's home, 12 West Park Lane. Entrance, which will include tea, will cost £1 and tickets are available from members of the World Mission Committee. We need YOUR support to help US support this bold venture on behalf of The Leprosy Mission. Please help to **COUNTDOWN TO CURE**.



Wendy Braig
 Vice-President
 TLM



Calendar for July 1995

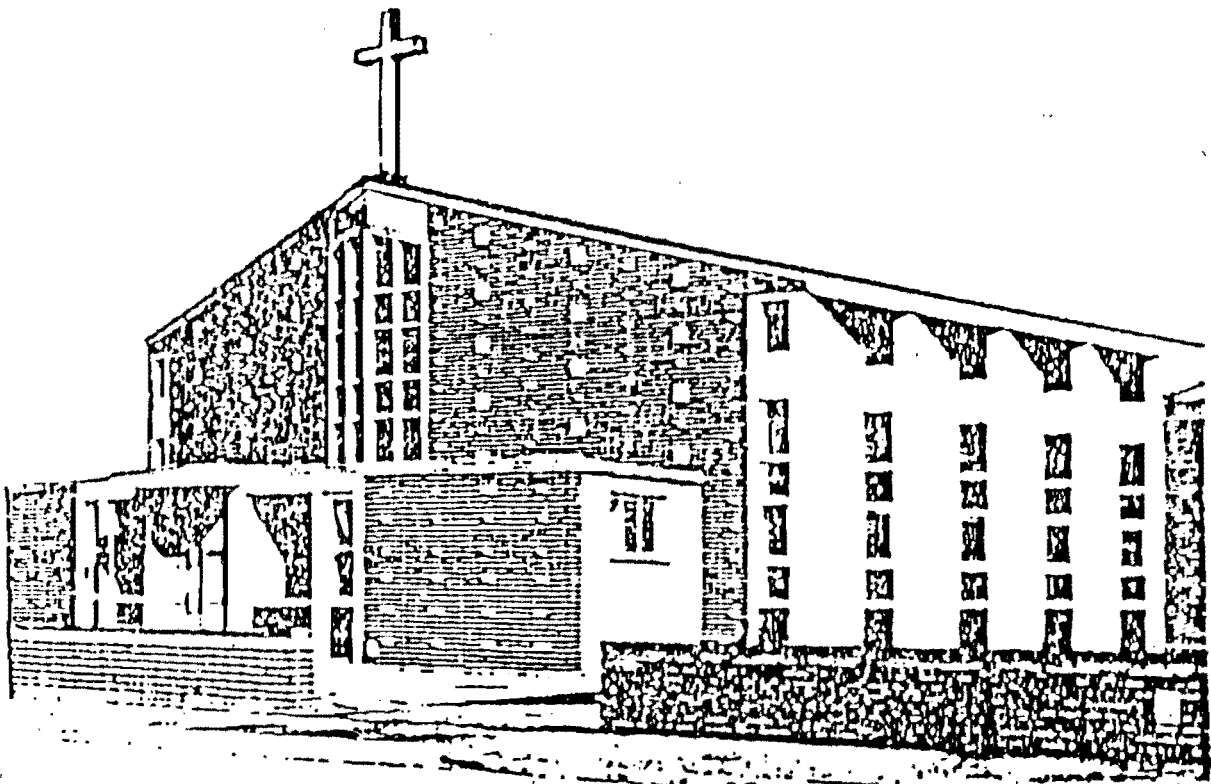
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| 1 | SAT | Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC Youth Club - Club evening/Beach | 2.30pm |
| 2 | SUN | Holy Communion Service with Holy Communion Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 3 | MON | Sewing Group East Hall | 1.30pm |
| 6 | THU | Ark Parent & Toddler Club Day of Prayer inc.(Holy Communion at 10.30am) | 10 to 11.30am 7.00am to 6.00pm |
| 7 | FRI | Worthing & District Stroke Club Youth Club - Activate - Connaught | 1.30pm |
| 8 | SAT | Children's Party in Church hall Youth Club - Club evening | 3.00 to 6.00pm 7.00pm |
| 9 | SUN | C.W.M. Sunday Holy Communion G.B. and B.B. Parade Service Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 10 | MON | Sewing Group - East Hall | 1.30pm |
| 11 | TUE | Durrington High P.P.G. Church Leprosy Mission Garden Party | 2 to 2.45pm 2.30pm |
| 12 | WED | Bible Study for Ladies - Harris room | 10.00am |
| 13 | THU | Ark Parent & Toddler Club Prayer & Praise Meeting - Cornwall room | 10 to 11.30am 2.30 to 3.30pm |
| 14 | FRI | Worthing & District Stroke Club Youth Club - Rock On | 1.30pm 7.00pm |
| 15 | SAT | Church Ramble Youth Club - Pitch'n'Putt £1.00 (£1.50) Torch Fellowship Jubilee Hall Durrington | 10.30pm 7.00pm 2.30pm |
| 16 | SUN | Holy Communion Service United Service at our Church | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 17 | MON | Sewing Group - East Hall | 1.30pm |
| 18 | TUE | Songs of Praise followed by tea in hall | 2.30pm |
| 20 | THU | Ark Parent & Toddler Club | 10 to 11.30am |
| 21 | FRI | Stroke Club Outing | 10.30am |
| 22 | SAT | Youth Club - Beach Games & BBQ | 7.00pm |
| 23 | SUN | Holy Communion Service ALIVE '95 closing rally Service | 8.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm |
| 24 | MON | Sewing Group - East Hall | 1.30pm |
| 26 | WED | Action for Dysphasic Adults | 2.15pm |
| 27 | THU | Prayer & Praise meeting - Cornwall room Church Meeting | 2.30 to 3.30pm 7.30pm |
| 28 | FRI | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 30 | SUN | Holy Communion Service Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 31 | MON | Sewing Group - East Hall | 1.30pm |

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| 6 | SUN | Holy Communion Service with Holy Communion Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 13 | SUN | Holy Communion Service Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 20 | SUN | Holy Communion Service Service with Healing and Holy Communion | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| 27 | SUN | Holy Communion Service Service | 8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm |

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTING

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing) |

CHURCH OFFICERS

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| Minister: | Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road | 248259 |
| Church Secretary: | Mr Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue | 690996 |
| Pastoral Secretary: | Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill | 260568 |
| Treasurer: | Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road | 506452 |

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

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|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Ferring | Mr G Dean | 7 West Park | Mrs B Hitchin |
| 2 Goring | Mr N Prallent | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr D Stewart |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs B Swierk | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs I Tuley |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs E Rhodes | 10 Durrington | Mr K. Merrill |
| 5 Central Worthing | *Rev P Heckels | 11 Salvington | *Mrs H Redman |
| 6 Marlborough | Mrs R Bradley | | |

*Temporary cover while vacancies exist

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs Val Gill | 267655 |
| Beano Club | Mr Ken Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Boys' Brigade | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr Michael Ebeling | 240448 |
| Christian Aid | | |
| Chronicle Editor | Mr Leslie Montford | 243698 |
| Church Warden | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Flower Secretary | Mrs Jean Webb | 240546 |
| Girls' Brigade | Mrs Julie Gray | 218964 |
| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs Wilma Smith | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission | Mrs Florrie Freeman | 248014 |
| Lettings Secretary | Mrs Lily Collison | 248861 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mr Ian Hennell | 240560 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Publicity Officer | Mrs Christine Sharpe | 212535 |
| Reform Magazine | Mrs Jenny Merrill | 262609 |
| Serendipity Club | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Social Secretary | Mrs Sheila Gooderham | 506452 |
| The Bible Society | Rev Ron Christopher | 230330 |
| Transport Officer | Mrs Bett Swierk | 243194 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary | Mr Sidney Hider | 243832 |
| Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Youth Club Leader | Mr Paul Archer | 267749 |
| Young People's Bible Study | Mr & Mrs Charlie Ward | 501949 |

Dear Friends,

As you will receive this copy of Chronicle in August, rather than share lots of words, we thought it might make a change to share a quiz. There are four sections, each with ten questions – the first five from the Old Testament, the second from the New. There are no prizes – it's just a chance to pass the carefree hours of, hopefully, another warm, sunny month.

SECTION A Who said these words?

- 1 Go back to bed, and if he calls you again, say 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'
- 2 I see that you have the coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?
- 3 Sovereign Lord, I don't know how to speak; I am too young.
- 4 I can't fight with all this, I'm not used to it.
- 5 Take off the gold earrings which your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.
- 6 Here is your King.
- 7 No! His name is to be John.
- 8 Don't worry, he is still alive.
- 9 Look, we have left everything and followed you. What will we have?
- 10 Would you be willing to go to Jerusalem and be tried on these charges before me there?

SECTION B What is being referred to in the following statements?

- 1 It was made with reeds and covered with tar.
- 2 This is a sign of the everlasting covenant which I am making with you and all living beings.
- 3 It is made out of acacia wood, 110 centimetres long, 66 centimetres wide and 66 centimetres high.
- 4 It grew up in one night and disappeared the next.
- 5 A city restored in beautiful order and harmony.
- 6 It was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it.
- 7 It is by no means least among the rulers of Judah.
- 8 They were all large enough to hold about a hundred litres.
- 9 They are sold for two pennies.
- 10 It was rolled up by itself.

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SECTION C To whom were the following statements addressed?

- 1 Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live?
- 2 What I heard in my country about you and your wisdom is true.
- 3 That's enough, prophet. Go back to Judah and do your preaching there.
- 4 Were you there when I made the world?
- 5 Get out of here baldy.
- 6 Woman, why are you crying?
- 7 Hurry down, because I must stay in your house today.
- 8 So you say.
- 9 Get up, he is calling you.
- 10 These words are true and can be trusted.

SECTION D Who was described in the following way?

- 1 is a hairy man.
- 2 Bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh.
- 3 He did what was pleasing to the Lord; he followed the example of his ancestor, King David, strictly obeying all the Laws of God.
- 4 our enemy who devastated our land and killed so many of us.
- 5 He has been a soldier all his life!
- 6 He wore clothes made of camel's hair.
- 7 He is a good man who worships God and is highly respected by all the Jewish people.
- 8 For a long time he had gone without clothes and would not stay at home.
- 9 His face looked like the face of an angel.
- 10 My own son in Christ; for while in prison I have become his spiritual father.

We will give the answers next month. I hope you do well. Perhaps a good book to read on holiday is the Bible – a good book to read every day.

We shall be on holiday too for part of August. You can contact us in emergency via Geoffrey Dearsley or Hilary Redman, although there will be people staying at the Manse who will also know where we are. Please continue to pray for us wherever we are, and wherever you may be.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

4 MRS JANET HANNANT 24 Westmead Gardens, West Avenue, BN11 5LP
Tel: 242622
1 MRS I WYATT 20 Upper West Drive, Ferring
Same Tel. No: 245132

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THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your support and prayers during my recent illness. Unfortunately I am still on dialysis, due to the failure of my first transplant, but I am back on the list for a second one. Whilst I am waiting for a donor - which is a little frustrating - I am working, and if I can be of any help to you at your church, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 01293 524750, and I look forward to hearing from you. With best wishes.

Wendy Walker (Youth and Children's Work Trainer, Southern Province)

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Quite a number of people have remarked to me about the appearance of the gardens round the church, so I thought it was about time we said thank you to **Stanley Sanders** who has put in a great number of hours working on them. He does all this so unobtrusively, whatever the weather. LM

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

Next meetings will be held on **AUGUST 23rd** and **SEPTEMBER 27th** at 2.15 pm in the Church Hall.

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of the Company: Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, BN14 9GB Tel: 525483

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| EXPLORERS | 5-8 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |

Our summer term has now ended and we are celebrating the safe arrival of Lt Julie Gray's baby. Julie had her baby on Saturday, July 1st at 5.10 am. He is a beautiful baby boy named Stuart. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz, and both mother and baby are doing well.

This last session the Brigaders covered Making the Most of Yourself, and Skipping. The seniors covered Fashion, Service for Others, and Hoop Work. The Juniors covered Christian Living, and Skipping.

At the morning service on August 6th, Lt Julie Gray and Caroline Hibbs will become Members of the Church.

Hanna Honsa, Brigader

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BEANO CLUB

SEPTEMBER 14th Games Evening, Church Hall, 8.00 pm

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 18TH Church Hall, 8.15 pm

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FEBA RADIO - AUGUST MAILING

Tuesday, AUGUST 29th to Thursday, AUGUST 31st - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
For more details please phone Jennie - Tel: 237281

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

We have been blessed with some good summer weather and have been able to indulge in most of our outdoor activities, including swimming at the Aquarena, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, sausage sizzles, putting at Brooklands, wide games, etc. Our regular venue is at The Plantation, Goring-by-Sea, with the beach close by. Very often the boys are content just to enjoy beachcombing or a game of football. Of course, we have our worrying moments when the unexpected happens. In a recent map-reading exercise on the Downs, one group of boys went somewhat astray and ended up at Long Furlong, Findon, instead of The Happy Eater on the Arundel Road! Having reconnoitred the route myself within the hour, it was a little disconcerting when this group took 3 hours, plus, to return to base! We will be taking a rest for a few weeks during this month and will be looking forward to starting our new session in September. The Company Section restarts on Friday, 8th and the Junior Section on Monday, 11th September. If you have any particular skills or interests, and are prepared to instruct a group of boys, do please let us know. Most of all, please pray for us as the Officers and Helpers endeavour to be 'SURE AND STEADFAST' in their work with the boys. Thank you.

Donald Stewart, Captain

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CHURCH LIBRARY BOOK EXCHANGE

In the light of our need to change the way we make use of our resource of Christian literature, the Church Meeting in June agreed that our present library should be discontinued.

All Members and Friends who have kindly given or lent books are invited to repossess them, if they so wish, within the next few weeks.

It is proposed to hold a Book Exchange in the autumn when any remaining books will be made available for friends to take away. Any books still left will be sent to Book Aid after this event.

Further details will be announced soon.

Jane Bond, Church Family Committee

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WOMEN'S GUILD

July 4th, American Independence Day, found nearly 80 Guild members and friends gathered in the church hall for a strawberry tea, and a trip down memory lane to the war days - appropriate, perhaps, in the 50th anniversary year of the cessation of hostilities.

We were delighted to welcome so many friends from the church, and are grateful for your support and fellowship. We trust you all enjoyed your afternoon - we did, even if we were exhausted at the end!

Audrey Gerlach, Secretary

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HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

July 1st, 1995 was set aside by the URC as a time of prayer for the General Assembly, and because of this the proposed 'Spring Clean and Repairs Day' was postponed. The Committee now propose to carry out this work on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th**, with September 30th being made available if we need it. Further details will be in the September Chronicle.

Sheila Gooderham

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FEBA RADIO - ACCOMMODATION

Missionaries are relocating from Seychelles to Worthing during 1995. If you are able to offer short or long term accommodation, or have any suggestions regarding this, please contact **ANNE TUCKER, FEBA Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing BN14 8BX, Tel: 237281.**

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JOBS WELL DONE

Friends, have you noticed your Bibles and hymnbooks were resting on the shelf in front of you, the right way up - with their backs towards you? This hasn't been the case lately. Ron Jordan has done this for ages, but Don Stewart now comes in and systematically turns the books over and round, so that they are then lying in the correct way, and it is quite a strenuous job. I know this for a fact because I did the right-hand side one Wednesday, and it nearly creased me. Well done, Ron, and now Don. LM

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Someone suggested to me that August was an ideal time to say thank you to all those people who took time and study preparing prayers and addresses to give us on Sundays. What a wealth of love our church possesses.

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| <p>THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions, please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES. Thank you. <i>Editor</i></p> |
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The Worthing (Central) Torch Fellowship Group - an outreach of the Torch Trust for the Blind - is in urgent need of someone to prepare the top copy of the **Newsletter**, preferably on computer, ready for duplication. SIX copies a year - both sides of a foolscap sheet.

Also needed is a strong person to put out, and collect up, tables and chairs at the TEN meetings held at St. Columba's URC on the **first Saturday of the month**, commencing at 2.30 pm.

What the Bible calls 'HELPS' are welcome, too. Offers to Phyllis Wheeler, please, 24 Wellesley Avenue.

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"Because we children of Adam want to become great, He became small;
Because we will not stoop, He humbled Himself;
Because we want to rule, He came to serve."

Anon

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FREE INDEED

A 16 year old, in Singapore, murdered the leader of a rival gang and was sentenced to life in prison. His only prospect was endless days in solitary confinement, but a fellow prisoner managed to pass to him 10 pages from Luke's Gospel. Those pages melted the lad's heart as he kept reading the words of Jesus. He cried tears of repentance and pleaded with God to have mercy on him. To his surprise, he was released and is helping ex-prisoners and drug addicts to put their shattered lives together, with the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Bible Society Report

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WORTHING HOMELESS

The Christian Housing Trust Worthing Projects, 5 Byron Road, Worthing, BN11 3HN,
Tel: 219499 & 232229.

When faced with the prospect of working with the homeless, hesitation and apprehension are, most probably, the normal feelings experienced. This is very natural and understandable. It is not until you are actually in the situation of helping individuals who are homeless, that you understand that they are exactly the same as yours and mine, and have three basic needs. A secure home; help to get back on their feet, and people who care. You can help through regular prayer for the clients, the projects, their staff and volunteers, the managers and directors, Worthing Churches Homeless Projects, the Christian Housing Trust. There are other ways. For details telephone the above phone numbers.

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A SNIPPET

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| KNOW GOD | KNOW PEACE |
| NO GOD | NO PEACE |

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Good News for Worthing

May 23rd–July 23rd 1995



MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday June 10, thirty four men gathered together for an evangelistic breakfast, cooked by the ladies of the Church. The speaker, David Dawrant, a street evangelist in Ipswich, spoke about his work among drug addicts. This was a special time of fellowship for all the men.

Charlie Ward

LADIES SUPPER

On Monday June 26, sixty nine ladies gathered for the ladies supper. There was an equal balance of Christians and non-Christians. The men of the Church prepared, cooked and served a beautiful meal for us.

Sue Barnett, from Christchurch, gave us a very entertaining and thought provoking message, of her own experience and walk with the Lord, based on Hebrews 12 vv.1 & 2.

I'm sure the ladies went home with much to think and pray about, having enjoyed a lovely evening.

Jenny Merritt

ACTIVATE

Activate are a group of young people from Youth for Christ, who worked for a week in five Senior Schools in Worthing, showing Part 1 of a play called Rosemary and Julius. On Friday July 7, we took a group of sixteen young people to the Connaught Theatre to see Part 2 of the play.

The theatre was packed with young people and 150 were unable to get in and it was buzzing with life and expectancy. The performance was very good, but sadly spoilt with disruption from groups within the audience, making it difficult for many to hear. However, despite this, 15 young people made a commitment at the end of the evening and others made enquiries.

Our own young people were very well behaved and enjoyed the evening. For us, as leaders, it emphasised the need to continue to pray for this generation.

Julie and Jane

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Saturday afternoon July 8th was special to all of us as we saw answers to prayer. The Church Hall had a happy atmosphere, and soon about 30 Children were enjoying the fun and games. Our children had brought their friends and, after the buffet meal, they settled down to listen to Bernice Mitchell, who had already become a good sport among them. Bernice told how that, although David was young, with God on his side he could do great things, and then, with very telling illustrations, explained how we can have Jesus with us, too. As the choice was given to them it was so encouraging to see 12 Children make a thoughtful, eager response. We praise the Lord and thank all who participated in practical and prayerful ways. Please continue to pray as we care for the Children, who are special, and loved by the Lord.

Irene Dearsley.

CRAFT FAYRE

How are you enjoying these long hot summer days, that are too hot for housework and gardening, and even warmer nights when you can't sleep and wish there was something to do? Perhaps you are about to go on holiday and wondering what to take with you for relaxation and enjoyment or maybe you are a naturally busy person who has found a spare minute each week that must be filled! Now, how may I help you?

I have been privileged now to visit most of you in your homes and have been amazed and delighted at the wealth and breadth of talent that the Lord has planted in our midst in this one family of His people. Between us we seem to be able to cover the spectrum of craft work with knitting, sewing, cross stitch, woodwork, embroidery, model making, plant growing, baking, sketching, printing, flower arranging etc. etc. and etc. What a shame if we hide our light under a bushel and not use these gifts to glorify God and share our talents with our fellow family members and the community in which we work and witness.

To encourage you there are two important dates for your diaries:-

Saturday 9th September 1995 10.00am-12 noon

Saturday 4th November 1995 times to be arranged later.

September 9th will take the form of a coffee morning and the chance to order your Christmas presents. All of the gifts that I have been talking about above I know you will make and we will have a marvellous display and a wonderful choice of goods to order. The idea being that you make 1, then decide how many more you can easily cope with making and say you will take these many orders. So if you knit a doll and know you can knit 4 more, you take 4 orders and bring the original doll to sell at the November Fayre.

Needless to say the more and varied gifts there are on display the greater will be our delight and to the treasure's delight our profit!

November 4th will be the day, the deadline for the orders, and the day that we will sell all our original gifts and more, hopefully, as we will have a cake stall and plants stall again, as usual. Again we will have the chance to share fellowship and wonderful food as we did last year as we eat lunch together. (Be assured Julie has the date in her diary!)

So, now I have helped you to fill your long hot summer days, nights and holidays you would perhaps like to help me to make our Craft Fayre a huge success this year and stand amazed at all we can do together in this place.

I know this is still a new concept to most of you but I do commend it to you and ask for your perseverance. Please, please do not hesitate to ask me any questions no matter how trivial you may think they are or ring me at home any time for a chat. Pass on an idea if you think of something useful but do not have the facility to make it yourself there may be someone going on holiday with nothing to do!

Your servant in Christ,
Eileen Heckels

RUTH'S CHATFROM THE FIELDNUMBER 6JULY 1995

Back to Brazzaville. Andrea and I arrived in Brazzaville, Congo, in the middle of a thunderstorm on Easter Saturday and had our passports checked by candlelight due to a powercut! Hard as it was to leave Zaire, the SIL (Wycliffe) team in Congo made it clear that they were pleased to have us back after our 'year on loan' to Zaire!

We were soon busy with planning sessions, buying mosquito nets, pots and pans, food supplies, etc., in preparation for our journey up north to BOUNDJI (pronounced 'Boon-Gee'), to start our work among the Mboshi people (at least 170,000 people speaking a variety of dialects of Mboshi).

Boundji bound. 'We praise God for the provision of a truck, and a house to live in'. Little did I know when I wrote this in my last 'Ruth's Chat' that our truck was out of action, awaiting parts, and that the house where we expected to live in Boundji was probably no longer available! However, on May 24th we set off for Boundji (see map) in a borrowed landcruiser nicknamed 'The Elephant', accompanied by Larry and Cami Robbins who started to work with the Mboshi some years ago.

May 24th. We load up 'The Elephant' and Larry and Cami's truck with a paraffin fridge, solar equipment, gas bottle, reserve diesel fuel, water filter, and barrel/boxes full of household and personal goods, and head out of Brazzaville. Part of the road is unbelievably tarmac, whilst other parts are unbelievably bad! We spend several hours finding our way over rough, muddy tracks cutting across the hillside (Yes, this is still the 2nd most major road in Congo!). We notice that our 4-wheel drive has developed a 'clunking noise'. After 8 hours on the road we stay overnight in a missionary house in Ngo, where I lived when I visited Congo in 1992.

May 25th. Towards midday we arrive at the house of a Norwegian missionary/mechanic who agrees to look at The Elephant's 4-wheel drive problem. Several hours later he concludes that the 4-wheel drive is no longer usable, and it is too late to proceed further today!

May 26th. We negotiate our way through two police check-points, and are finally getting near Boundji, but the last 50km is through loose sand. We stop for a mid-morning snack, go to restart The Elephant and discover that the battery is totally dead! Fortunately Larry can tow start us and we proceed cautiously in 2-wheel drive. As the first houses of Boundji come into sight both trucks get stuck in deep sand and we have to be dug out by the people of Boundji (further back along the road there would have been no one to dig us out!)

Biting insects, bars, and a bargain! God not only looked after us on our journey, but he had also prepared a place for us to live in Boundji. There were several options - a rent-free house near an abundant water source (with an abundant supply of biting insects) in a village outside Boundji; a house right at the town centre, next to the market, noisy bars, etc.; or a house on the Catholic mission compound, with guaranteed water and electricity (generator), but also a high rent! None of them seemed right. Then out of the blue we found out about an attractive, spacious, brick built house, just 10 minutes walk from the market, available straight away at a reasonable rent! We moved in the next day, leaving Larry 36 hours to set up the solar system for us, before he and Cami headed back to Brazzaville. At the end of that time we had 6 solar lights in the house, and terminals to plug in our computers, cassette player, etc.! The Robbins also gave us some basic furniture and household items, and their help and generosity were a very real demonstration of God's care for us.

Buckets, buckets and more buckets. Town water is pumped twice a week for a few hours, so as soon as water comes to the tap in our back yard we hurry out to fill buckets and containers, taking turns with our neighbours. We keep 2 full barrels of water in reserve, take bucket showers, do our washing in buckets, and filter drinking water into buckets!

Beginnings in Mboshi. People are keen to help us learn to speak Mboshi. Knowing Lingala is a BIG help since many words are similar. However, Mboshi is more complicated with long and short vowels, important tonal differences, and lots of elision (words run together so that not every syllable is pronounced). Mboshi Bible? In this small, sandy town of 9,000 inhabitants there is a strong, well-established Catholic Church, as well as some small Presbyterian Churches and various sects. We want them all to know God's Word! The Catholics already use some Scripture portions translated into Mboshi. Otherwise the French or Lingala Bible is used, although neither are well understood by everyone. As we talk to Church leaders and get to know people's felt needs, we will be looking to see if there are Christians who 'own' the idea of a Bible translation in Mboshi. We want it to be THEIR project, not just ours! We also want to investigate the possibility of adult literacy classes for those who cannot read.

Between Boundji and Brazzaville. Although we will now be spending most of our time in the Boundji area (with trips to Brazzaville every 2 or 3 months), please keep writing to me at the Brazzaville address. Mail will, hopefully, be hand-carried up to us at Boundji.

I do think of you all and pray for God's daily help in the challenges you face!

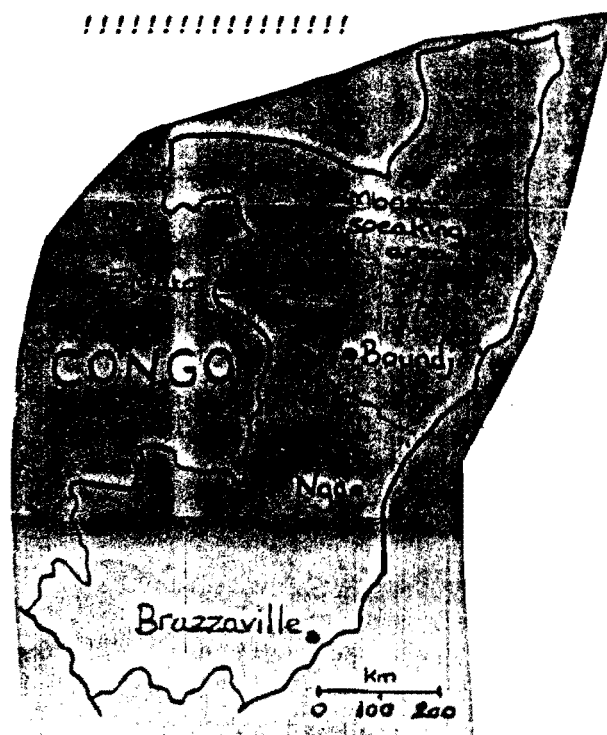
In His love Ruth.

Address for mail :- Ruth Chatfield. SIL., B.P.1067.
Brazzaville. Congo.

PS. Your chance to visit Congo!? Since the rented SIL guesthouse/admin. centre in Brazzaville is getting too small for our needs, SIL has recently been able to purchase, with a special grant from Wycliffe USA, the former North Korean Embassy building, which will provide a great place for village teams, such as Andrea and me, to stay when we are in Brazzaville. However, it needs major renovation over the next six months! Could this be your BIG CHANCE to visit Congo for a few weeks and do something really useful at the same time? We especially need construction/plumbing/electrical skills. You only need to find air fare! If interested please write to, or fax, our Director, Steve Anderson, at the Brazzaville address.

Wycliffe Bible Translators. Horsleys Green. High Wycombe. Bucks. HP14 3XL. England.

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JUNIOR CHURCH

Promotion Sunday 3rd Sept.

Junior Church Annual Summer Outing.

This year we took the children to Littlehampton. If you cast your mind back to the 17th June you will remember that it was a rather wet day. We have been to Littlehampton for several years now and we have always travelled by open-top bus. Owing to a clerical error at the bus depot, this year we travelled by a single deck coach instead of the proposed open-topper. This, at first was a great disappointment to all, until Saturday morning came and we saw the weather!

We started the morning with fun and games in the main church hall. The games included: musical chairs; relay races and liquorice shoe lace eating!

After games we boarded the coach (driven by Keith Merritt). We then travelled to the carpark at the bottom of Bury Hill for lunch. It was still raining but we all had a great time eating inside the coach.

Once we had all finished lunch we were taken in the coach down to Littlehampton where we were entertained by the facilities of the Sports Dome. These included: go-carts; giant balls; uni-hock; table tennis; *Gladiators*; football; netball and a bouncy castle, all contained in-doors within the Sports Dome.

Alive 95 Children's Party.

This was held on Saturday 8th July in the afternoon. In the programme of events for Alive 95 no provision had been made for the Junior Church age group. The leaders and teachers therefore decided that it would be appropriate to arrange a special Alive 95 party for the Junior Church children and their friends.

The party was an evangelistic event, with party games, food and a talk from a guest speaker in line with the other Alive 95 events that have already been held.

At the end of the party it was a great encouragement to see more than ten of the children present respond positively to wanting to learn more about Jesus. They came forward and took home leaflets handed out by the guest speaker Bernice. All the children were invited back for regular Sunday morning attendance.

Paul Redman

CHURCH RAMBLE

Thank you, Sheila and Roy, for organising such a super walk on July 15th! The morning was just right - not too hot - not too cold - as we set out over the Downs at High Salvington. We walked about 3½ miles, enjoying superb views of the Downs in different directions, chatting and wild flower spotting as we went. Nicholas led the way (with Roy's help) and Timothy brought up the rear, carrying two hands full of 'precious' stones all the way! Fortunately Eileen's First Aid kit wasn't needed, but Wilf's peppermints saved the day. We look forward to the next one, Sheila.

Eileen Rhodes et al
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ADDITIONAL NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Neil and Linda Anderson, together with their sons, Timothy and Nicholas, are having a work-exchange with a family in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. We wish them a safe journey in early August, and a very happy year. We shall look forward to hearing about their experiences during this time, and when they return next year.

Sheila.

ps. The Editor hopes to include their Canadian address in September Chronicle. Linda says she will be glad to hear from us at any time.LM.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1995

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| 3 | Thu | Day of Prayer in Church (H/C 10.30 am) | 7.00am- 6.00pm |
| 6 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion - New Members Received into Church | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 10 | Thu | Praise and Prayer Meeting - L/Chapel | 2.30pm- 3.30pm |
| 12/19 | | Provincial Youth Camp - £70.00 all inclusive | |
| 13 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 20 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service with Healing and Holy Communion | 6.30pm |
| 23 | Wed | Action for Dysphasic Adults - Church Hall | 2.15pm |
| 24 | Thu | Praise and Prayer Meeting - L/Chapel | 2.30pm- 3.30pm |
| 27 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |

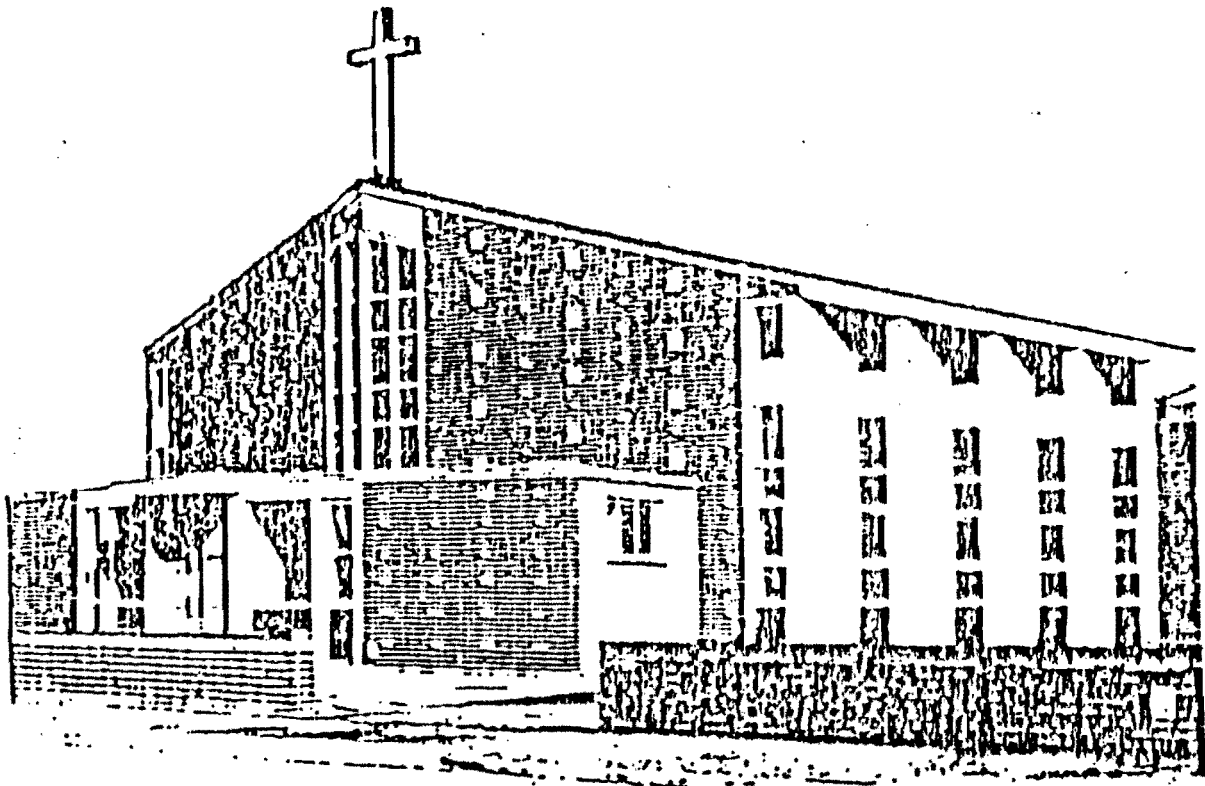
CALENDAR FOR PART SEPTEMBER 1995

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| 1 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 2 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, St. Columba's URC | 2.30pm |
| | | Youth Club Evening | 7.00pm |
| 3 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion - New Elders Received | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 4 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 7 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00am-11.30am |
| | | Day of Prayer (H/C 10.30am) | 7.00am- 6.00pm |
| 8 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 9 | Sat | Youth Club - Club Evening | 7.00pm |
| 10 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 11 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| | | Monday Evening Fellowship - Cornwall Room | 8.00pm |
| 12 | Tue | Durrington High School PPG - Church | 2.00pm- 2.45pm |
| 13 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies - Harris Room | 10.00am |
| 14 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00am-11.30am |
| 15 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 16 | Sat | Spring Clean and Repairs Day | |
| | | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| | | Torch Fellowship - Jubilee Hall, Durrington | 2.30pm |
| 17 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Special Service | 9.30am-10.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | United Service at our Church | 6.30pm |
| 18 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 27 | Wed | Action for Dysphasic Adults - Church Hall | 2.15pm |
| 28 | Thu | Church Meeting | 7.30pm |

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry.

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTLING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion
 11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
 6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

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| 1 Ferring | Mr. G. Dean | 6 Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley |
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| 4 Vest Worthing | Mrs. E. Rhodes | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs. I. Tuley |
| 5 Cent. Worthing | Rev. P. Heckels * | 10 Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt |
| Temporary * | 11 Salvington | Mrs. H. Redman * | |

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Men's Fellowship | Mr. Ian Hennell | 240560 |
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| Reform Magazine | Mrs. Jenny Merritt | 262609 |
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| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs. Wilma Smith | 821843 |
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| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs. Sue Arkininstall | 263157 |
| The Bible Society | Rev. Ron Christopher | 230330 |
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| Serendipity Club | Mrs. Sue Arkininstall | 263157 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr. Michael Ebeling | 240448 |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Mrs. Sue Mitchell | 266570 |

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SEPTEMBER 1995

Dear Friends

In many ways the church year should begin in September, for this is the month when many of us return from our holidays, hopefully rested and refreshed to come back to our daily life with new vigour and enthusiasm. Within our church life all the various activities begin again to get into the full swing, and even those that are a little later in starting, will be planning and preparing. Our church can, therefore, look at this time of year with a real sense of the community coming together again, to share in the fullness of its life.

However, this will not be true for everyone, for not everyone wants to fill their life with things "churchy" and, indeed, there are those who deliberately avoid such gatherings as can be found in the life of our church week by week. This then makes our gathering together on a Sunday more important, for while it may be that you are naturally drawn to those you meet at mid-week activities, perhaps you can be encouraged to look round for those who do not come to such meetings. Don't forget, their only link with our fellowship may be at Sunday service, and maybe they long for people to talk with them and to become their friends on these occasions. Churches are almost always accused of being cliquey because we sit and talk with people who we meet in our non-Sunday groups to the exclusion of others, whether they have been around for years or are comparatively new to the fellowship. This, of course, can only be overcome by a positive effort on everyone's part. Perhaps by spreading ourselves around in this way we may even find that Sunday worship and our other activities grow in number, although we must always remember that mid-week events are options for people in deciding how to spend their time, and they are no less loyal to Jesus or committed to His church because they do not spend all their time at church activities!

Nevertheless, it is important that for a church to become a true living fellowship, we must provide opportunities for people to gather. In our life together we must ensure that there are enough opportunities for us to grow more as a family, that we may be comfortable with one another, respecting each other's views, in order that we may go out with the Gospel entrusted to us, certain that our church is built on the principles of Jesus' command that we should love one another, as we launch our mission. Together we are called to share the Gospel and it is our hope that we all return refreshed in body, mind and spirit to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for all our leaders and for us as we seek to lead in mission.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE,

The Conference, Retreat, and Holiday Centre of the United Reformed Church,

Details of some coming events:-

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| Coping with bereavement | November 10 - 12 1995 |
| Advent Retreat | December 4 - 7 1995 |
| Christmas House Party | December 23 - 27 1995 |
| New Year House Party | December 30 - 2 January 1996 |

Very reasonable prices. Details on the Church vestibule notice board. Everyone is welcome at the Centre. I have lots more details, and can vouch for the comfort and friendliness of the Centre.

Wilfred Rhodes,

THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ – Of course you enjoyed it!

Section A

1. Eli (1 Sam. 3:9)
2. Isaac (Gen. 22:7)
3. Jeremiah (Jer. 1:6)
4. David (1 Sam. 17:39)
5. Aaron (Exod. 32:2)
6. Pilate (John 19:14)
7. Elizabeth (Luke 1:60)
8. Paul (Acts 20:10)
9. Peter (Matt. 19:27)
10. Festus (Acts 25:9)

Section B

1. Moses' Basket (Exod. 2:3)
2. Rainbow (Gen. 9:12)
3. The Covenant Box (Exod. 25:10)
4. Jonah's Castor Oil Plant (Jon. 4:10)
5. Jerusalem (Ps. 122:3)
6. Jesus' Tunic (John 19:23)
7. Bethlehem (Matt. 2:6)
8. Water Jars (John 2:6)
9. 5 Sparrows (Luke 12:6)
10. Cloth which had covered Jesus' head
(John 20:7)

Section C

1. Naomi (Ruth 1:16)
2. Solomon (1 Kings 10:6)
3. Amos (Amos 7:12)
4. Job (Job 38:4)
5. Elisha (2 Kings 2:23)
6. Mary Magdalene (John 20:13)
7. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:5)
8. Judas (Matt. 26:25)
9. Bartimaeus (Mark 10:49)
10. John (Rev. 22:6)

Section D

1. Esau (Gen. 27:11)
2. Woman/Eve (Gen. 2:23)
3. Josiah (2 Chron. 34:2)
4. Samson (Judges 16:24)
5. Goliath (1 Sam. 17:33)
6. John the Baptist (Mark 1:6)
7. Cornelius (Acts 10:22)
8. Legion (Luke 8:27)
9. Stephen (Acts 6:15)
10. Onesimus (Philemon 10)

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED INTO CHURCH AUGUST 6TH

Mrs. Gaynor Anderson–Easey, Mrs.. Julie Gray, Mrs. Caroline Hibbs and Mrs. Corrie Snellgrove.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

9 MISS MARGARET BRIGGS 14 Manderville, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5RR

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On July 29th the marriage took place of HILLARY BALL and PATRICK FINNIS. We wish them both a long and happy life together.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

I have been so very happy during the last few years serving the Lord through the Ministry of Flowers and would like to say 'thank you' for all the encouragement you have given me during that time.

Since my mild stroke a few weeks ago I have been greatly blessed by your love and concern, cards and letters. Thank you so very much and bless you all.

Jean Webb

As most of you may know by now I have taken over as flower secretary from Jean Webb, and I know the standard that I must live up to! With that in mind I am appealing for some persons to come and share the load, as it were. I know that there are many very competent flower arrangers among our fellowship here, and this is your opportunity to use the gift that God has given you. If you would care to help in this way would you please contact me. This will not be a team of people going to our church each week, but rather that we share the responsibility of arranging the flowers on a rota basis. This way the task is not onerous for any one person, and will be a time of fellowship and sharing when, like Harvest time or Christmas time, we pool our resources.

The flower list will continue to be displayed in the vestibule. If anyone wishes to donate the flowers on any particular Sunday please sign your name next to that date. Don't worry if someone else's name is also there – we can share special dates in a family and, indeed, should rejoice to do so. Perhaps on that day you would like to arrange your own flowers but do not want to be part of the team. That's fine! Just let me know in advance.

One thing I must add – don't feel you must be a professional flower arranger to do our church flowers. God made each flower with a beauty all its own – let's just enjoy His creation together as we come each week to worship and to praise Him.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Eileen Heckels

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The opening meeting of the Autumn session will be held in the East Hall at 2.45 pm on Tuesday, September 5th when we shall have a talk given by our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels.

Autumn programmes are available in the church entrance but, better still, come along and pick one up at our first meeting. A cup of tea is provided! *Ian Hennell* Secretary

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

Next meeting will be held on SEPTEMBER 27th at 2.15 pm in the Church Hall.

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BEANO CLUB

SEPTEMBER 18TH Church Hall, 8.15 pm

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest celebrations will take place this year on **Sunday September 24th** and in order that our church may be suitably decorated, I would encourage all who would be interested in helping on the **Saturday 23rd** to come to a get-together at the church on **Tuesday September 12th at 7.30 pm**. The theme for this year's Harvest will be 'CONTRASTS', so perhaps you may come prepared with some ideas.

Hoping to see many of you there to share ideas and fellowship. *Eileen Heckels*

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB KESTRO

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| SEPTEMBER | 1 | 'The day war broke out memories' | 1.30 pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 8 | Pencil and paper games | 1.30 pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 15 | Funny Verse | 1.30 pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 22 | The Singalongs entertain us | 1.30 pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 29 | Outing to Heaven Farm (near Uckfield) | 1.00 pm |

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FEBA RADIO SEPTEMBER MAILING

Monday September 18th to Wednesday September 20th at Ivy Arch Road. Tel: 237281.
9 am to 5 pm. For details contact Jennie Ring. Prayers and News 12 - 12.30 pm.
 Prayer focus for FEBA'S Ministry at Mrs. Margaret Grant's home, 16 Loxwood Avenue, Worthing 3 - 4 pm, ending with cups of tea. Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 1995 etc.

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HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

As you will remember the original date for the church spring clean was altered and then renamed Autumn Clean. This will now take place from **9 am on Saturday September 16th**. A job will be found for everyone who turns up! Colin Nodes has a list, (poor fellow - Ed.) but please see the June Chronicle for details. *Sheila Gooderham*

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SPECIAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are warmly invited to share in a short Service of Holy Communion in our church on **Sunday September 24th at 3.00 pm**. Transport will be provided if required - Transport Officer, Rosemary Kitto. The church will be decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving, and there will be a number of comfortable chairs available. Following the Service tea will be served in the hall.

Please let your visiting Elder or Eileen Rhodes know if you would like to come -Tel: 248263.

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AUTUMN FAYRE

By now many of you will have returned from holidays either having completed your 'order day gift' or having a plan as to what you can make. Time draws ever closer -September 9th looms - and that is the deadline.

In order that Sheila and I can make sure everything is suitably labelled and priced could you please either bring your items to us, or 'phone and we will collect them, before **9.00 pm Friday September 8th?** Cakes can also be brought or collected at the same time or brought on the Saturday. The **Coffee Morning and Cake Stall** will be from **10.00 am** until **12.00 noon**, and items for ordering will be displayed during this time. Items ordered will be ready for collection at the **November Fayre**.

This is a good opportunity to order your Christmas cards and presents, also have time to save your pennies before November.

Please do come along and support each other in this venture. Bring your friends and relatives - you never know - they may see the very thing that you would like for Christmas - or they may even hint at what they would like! What an opportunity not to be missed!

Any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to ask or 'phone either of us, or see us at our church. Let's see if we can raise the £2,000 shortfall that Roy told us about at the Church Meeting.

Eileen Heckels

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BARN DANCE

We are holding a Barn Dance in the Church Hall on **Saturday October 14th** from **7.00 to 10.00 pm**. The caller will be Mrs Elsie Flack. Tickets are priced at £3.50 for adults. £2.00 for young people 14 and under. They will be on sale at the **September Church Meeting**, and will include a supper of either fish and chips or chicken and chips. When you buy your ticket(s) please tell us which you would prefer, and we should like to have definite numbers by **October 8th**. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available during the evening.

We are limiting the numbers to 50 so, in order to make sure you and your friends will be able to join in this time of fellowship, please order your tickets early from us.

Sheila and Roy Gooderham

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THE LEPROSY MISSION GARDEN PARTY JULY 11TH 1995

The Mission Committee are very grateful for the support given by so many people to this event. Special thanks go to Bobby Hitchin who provided the venue and the delectable teas, and to her ladies who prepared and served them. However, without the good folk who came to 'Bring and Buy' the teas would have remained uneaten - so thank you all! The total raised was £150 through the stalls, teas, etcetera.

Additional money was raised through the sale of T.L.M. literature brought by the Rev. Dr. Ray Burnish who gave an inspiring account of their 'Countdown to Cure' campaign. (Ray Burnish, the Area Organiser, was due to visit India and Bangladesh during August).

Sidney Hider

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds,

or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

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| Hayley ARCHER | Cardiff | Medicine |
| Jane BICKMORE (Jane Tewkesbury) | Portsmouth | Sociology |
| Victoria CARRINGTON | Aberystwyth | French |
| Kirsty CRAGHILL | Anglia, Cambridge | Law & Sociology |
| Nicola CRAGHILL | City University, London | Nursing & Social Science |
| Nicola DAVIS | Chelsea College, Eastbourne | P.E. & Gymnastics |
| Jan EVERSFIELD | London | Nursing |
| John GORDON | Northern College, Manchester | Ministerial Training |
| Anna HUDNUT | Loughborough | Chemistry |
| Kerry McCARTHY | Cheltenham | Teacher Training & P.E. |

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OPEN AIR MEETING AUGUST 13TH

Durrington New Life Church, the Baptist Church, and Goring URC combined to hold an open air meeting on the front at Goring-by-Sea. It was a lovely sunny day, with a cool breeze. A huge sheet bore the words 'GOD IS LOVE', and a smaller one declared 'JESUS IS ALIVE'. Rows of chairs were set out and programmes issued. With the backing of an excellent sound system the young people organised music, songs, dancing and drama, and it did our hearts good to witness them using their talents to spread 'The Good News'. A young University student gave his testimony as to how he became a Christian, followed by a lady who gave her testimony. Friends changed her outlook on life by telling her about Jesus who had died for us all. Then a gentleman from the Worthing Night Shelter told how he had given up drinking and became a follower of Jesus, and how his life had changed for the better. The Minister gave us an address about the love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. After the Service he invited those who felt the call to be 'born again' to come forward for prayers and encouragement; also those who needed healing to do the same. I went with Joy to the front and felt comforted with these prayers and encouragement to have faith. During the Service the crowds built up and we are sure many people received a blessing. In our humble opinion we need more united services to 'spread God's Word' to the people of Worthing and District.

Joy and Alex Blackford

PROVINCIAL DAY OUT 1996

Every few years the Southern Province of the URC organises a day out for everyone. From Hampshire to Kent, and Battersea to Brighton, our brothers and sisters throughout our denomination take over a town and UNITE!!

The next day out will be on Saturday September 14th 1996, and will be held in Croydon. CROYDON? Yes, Croydon. Opening and closing acts of worship will be held in Fairfield Concert Hall, and there are other many good facilities in town. There will be a concert, singing, drama, exhibitions, displays throughout the town. Street theatre, juggling and folk dancing, too.

That is why I write a year before the event. Details are in the Church vestibule. The organizers wish to gather together a choral group, a children's choir, a drama group, a dance group, and an orchestra. That all takes time and planning, and if anyone feels able to be involved in the Day by joining a group then please let me know as soon as possible - certainly by Christmas!

All this, and other information, will be repeated, (in larger type, I hope, Ed) and passed on as it comes to hand. No doubt we will join with other local churches to hire a coach to take us all together to Croydon.

WATCH THIS SPACE ***** Wilfred Rhodes, Contact Person.

5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of the Company: Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, BN14 9GB Tel: 525483

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| EXPLORERS | 5-8 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |

On July 29th 1 Officer, 2 Auxiliaries and 8 Girls joined 2nd Worthing Company for a week's camp at Clarence Road Baptist Church, Weston-Super-Mare. We also shared the holiday with a plague of hungry ladybirds! There were new friendships made and old friendships renewed in a week of shared fun and laughter. We went on outings to Wookey Hole, Wells and Bristol Zoo, and went swimming twice, among other activities.

The coach was due to pick us up for the journey home at about 10.00 am, but all coaches were taken off the road for inspection and we finally left at 3.15 pm, but luckily we were able to use the hall as a base for the extra time.

We start our new session on Tuesday September 12th at 6 pm and, if any girls would like to come along and join us, we would be very pleased to greet them.

Valerie Hayden

P.S The residents' of Hayward House would like to thank your Girls for the love you conveyed to them on your lovely card. It was greatly appreciated.
Dulcie, Mary, Mary Jane and Leslie

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WOMEN'S GUILD

LADIES - I trust you have all enjoyed the summer break without wilting too much during the long heat wave. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday September 5th when we shall welcome the Rev. John Flack who has kindly agreed to open our Autumn Programme. The meeting begins at 2.45 pm but the hall is open well before then so come along early to catch up on news of old friends and, hopefully, welcoming some new ones.

Our motto is 'To have a friend is to be one!'

Audrey Gerlach, Secretary

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

A reminder to all ladies that our meetings recommence on Monday September 18th at 8.00 pm when we shall enjoy a video evening (venue yet to be decided - see Welcome Notes). 1995/6 Programme available from Julie Ward, Jenny Merritt, or me.

Advance Notice: On Wednesday October 18th It is proposed to go on a Body Shop Tour at Littlehampton. Approximate time 7 - 9 pm. Cost £3.95. (Senior Citizens £2.95). As The Body Shop requires a 50% deposit upon booking, would all those interested please contact me for further details no later than October 1st. *Sue Arkinstall*

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AVAILABLE NOW

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH POCKET DIARY 1996 costs £3.25 plus postage and packing of £1.15. For details see notice board in church vestibule.

ABOUT NATIONAL VIEWERS' AND LISTENERS' ASSOCIATION

At our July Church Meeting members were reminded of the offence caused to all Christians by the broadcasting of the film 'The Last Temptation of Christ' on Channel 4 TV. It was agreed that members who felt so led should write to protest and ask positively for a showing of 'The Jesus Film' to redress the balance.

Letters from individuals, especially in large numbers, really do influence those in charge of TV programmes.

The National Viewers' and Listeners' Association believes that some of what is shown on television significantly attacks and undermines the very fabric of Christian civilisation. Since it was founded in 1964 the Association has been, and continues to have, a considerable influence on the broadcasting companies and on the government. Membership supports its activities and also helps individuals to take positive steps themselves to ensure better and more wholesome programmes, and much more. If you are interested I can give you more information, or better still, you could join the Association yourself.

Jane Bond

National Vala, All Saints' House, High Street, Colchester CO1 1UG

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Snippets 'God encourages us by showing that He is never at a loss for a means to answer. (Acts 12: 7-11) In this case He sent an angel. He wakes Peter up, the chains fall off, the doors open and Peter is miraculously free from prison. Sometimes we cannot see any means by which God can work. Our faith keeps up so long as we can envisage the means God will use, but when that becomes invisible our faith collapses and we cease to pray. That is how it may seem for your Church. We may not see how God can do it, but need never doubt that He has His way of doing it. God is never at a loss to find means to answer. God is never nonplussed, even by the most dire extremity. There was once a valley of dry bones.'

From an article on Prayer, by John Benton in 'Evangelicals Now' - September 1987

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'The moon above, the Church below
a wondrous race they run;
but all their radiance, all their glow,
each borrows from it's Sun.'

'There's gotta be a glory in the work you do,
a hallelujah chorus in the heart of you;
paint, or tell a story, sing or shovel coal,
but there's gotta be a glory
or the work lacks soul.'

This was often quoted by an old stoker on a tramp steamer.'

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| <p>THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions, please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES. Thank you. <i>Editor</i></p> |
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Good News for Worthing

May 23rd—July 23rd 1995



The closing rally of ALIVE 95 was held in brilliant sunshine on Sunday July 23 in Steyne Gardens and Churches of all denominations were represented in the crowd, which was somewhat disappointing in size. It marked the end of the beginning, for the work of Mission goes on and many Churches having started to work together more closely, will continue to do so. It was a wonderful service led by Rev. Graham Jefferson, with his wife and an augmented Redwood Choir leading the singing, with various musicians.

There were four reports from different fraternals, giving us an honest insight into what went on : the Youth week when Activate visited all five senior schools and a school playground was more peaceful than usual, and that they played to a full house at the Connaught Theatre; a junior school assembly where the Churches have been asked to return to lead it on a weekly basis; street evangelism; open-air services and other evangelistic events. Capt. Andy Perry gave an excellent talk encouraging us to share our faith in Jesus, which is His commission to all His disciples.

The Tuesday afternoon Songs of Praise, led by Peter Heckels, was enjoyed by some eighty people, but it was disappointing that there were only a few visitors. 'Amazing Grace' was the favourite hymn of the Women's Guild and the Men's Fellowship, and the tea afterwards was greatly appreciated.

Let us continue to pray especially as the seven Goring Churches set up the new Lay Fraternal and the representatives of each Church are commissioned at a special united evening service at this Church on September 17. Please pray that Wilfred Rhodes and I, as your representatives, may be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. Pray also that the Churches may be one in Goring, that the world may know that God sent Jesus into the world. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Irene Tuley.

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TIME FOR TOTS SERVICE

WHAT? A Special Service for all YOUNG CHILDREN,
their families and their carers.

WHEN? Sunday 17 September at 9.30 a.m.

WHERE? In the Church.

HOW LONG? It lasts 30-40 minutes.

DO COME AND SUPPORT THIS NEW VENTURE OF FAITH

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1995

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| 1 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 2 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, St. Columba's URC | 2.30pm |
| 3 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion - New Elders received | 11.00am |
| | | Promotion Sunday Junior Church | |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 4 | Mon | Little Fishes Play Group start of term - West Hall | 8.30am |
| | | and each week day Mondays to Fridays | |
| | | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 5 | Tue | Men's and Women's Guild Meetings | 2.45pm |
| 7 | Thu | Day of Prayer (H/C 10.30am) | 7.00am to 6.00pm |
| 8 | Fri | Worthing & District Stoke Club | 1.30pm |
| 9 | Sat | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 10 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service with Healing and Holy Communion | 6.30pm |
| 11 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 12 | Tue | Durrington High School PPG - Church | 2.00 to 2.45pm |
| | | Girls Brigade Session starts | 6.00pm |
| 13 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies - Harris Room | 10.00am |
| 14 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00 - 11.30am |
| | | Beano Club - Church Hall | 8.00pm |
| 15 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 16 | Sat | Spring Clean and Repairs Day | 9.00am |
| | | Torch Fellowship - Jubilee Hall, Durrington | 2.30pm |
| | | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 17 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Special Service | 9.30 to 10.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | United Service at our Church | 6.30pm |
| 18 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| | | Serendipity Club - Church Hall | 8.00pm |
| 19 | Tue | Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship | 2.45pm |
| 21 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00 to 11.30am |
| | | Praise and Prayer Meeting - Little Chapel | 2.30 to 3.30pm |
| 22 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 23 | Sat | Decorations and Goods for Church | 10.00am |
| | | Youth Club - Ice Skating £3.00 (£3.50) | |
| 24 | Sun | Harvest Festival Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Family Service | 11.00am |
| | | Special Service of Holy Communion (Tea after) | 3.00pm |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 25 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 27 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies - Harris Room | 10.00am |
| | | Action for Dysphasic Adults - Church Hall | 2.15pm |
| 28 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00 to 11.30am |
| | | Church Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 29 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 30 | Sat | Youth Club | 7.00pm |

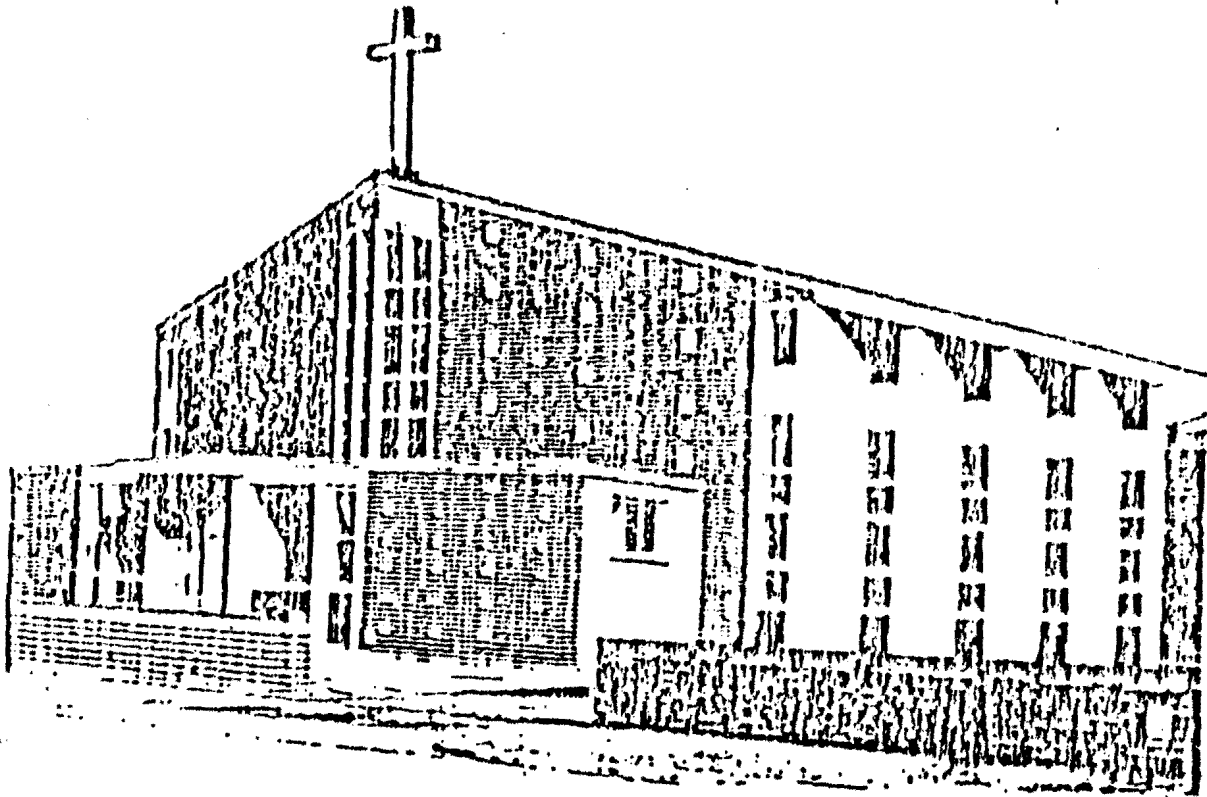
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| 1 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 14/15 | | District Youth Weekend | |

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion
 11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
 6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259
 Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996
 Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568
 Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

PASTORAL ELDER'S AREAS:

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| 1 Ferring | Mr. G. Dean | 6 Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley |
| 2 Goring | | 7 West Park | Mrs. B. Hitchin |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs. B. Swierk | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr. D. Stewart |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs. E. Rhodes | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs. I. Tuley |
| 5 Cent. Worthing | Rev. P. Heckels | * 10 Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt |
| Temporary * | | 11 Salvington | Miss A. Gerlach |

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs. Val Gill | 267655 |
| Beano Club | Mr. Ken Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Boys' Brigade | Mr. Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr. Michael Hbeling | 240448 |
| Christian Aid | Mr. Keith Williams | 266975 |
| Chronicle Editor | Mr. Leslie Montford | 243698 |
| Church Warden | Mr. Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Flower Secretary | Mrs. Bileen Heckels | 248259 |
| Girls' Brigade | Mrs. Julie Gray | 218964 |
| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs. Wilma Smith | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission | Mrs. Florrie Freeman | 248014 |
| Lettings Secretary | Mrs. Lily Collison | 248861 |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Mrs. Sue Mitchell | 266570 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mr. Ian Hennell | 240560 |
| Publicity Officer | Mrs. Christine Sharpe | 212535 |
| Reform Magazine | Mrs. Jenny Merritt | 262609 |
| Serendipity Club | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Social Secretary | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham | 506452 |
| The Bible Society | Rev. Ron Christopher | 230330 |
| Transport Officer | Miss Rosemary Kitto | 690009 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary | Mr. Sidney Hider | 243832 |
| Worthing & Dis. Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs. Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Youth Club Leader | Mr. Paul Archer | 267749 |

Dear Friends,

When out in the countryside we once saw a notice in a farmer's wheat field proudly displaying the fact that this field had been treated with some chemical to produce a better harvest, and someone had added the words from the harvest hymn "but it was fed and watered by God's almighty hand."

While not being lovers of graffiti, here was a real message to all who passed, reminding us that no matter how much we may become self-sufficient, we are still very much dependent upon God for the things which keep us alive. Sadly, this point is so often missed by so many in the world in which we live today, with its apathy towards religion and a general disregard of God. Most people who saw that sign probably smiled and thought no more about it. We wondered how many even knew the words came from a hymn! Yet what a wonderful piece of proclamation that sign was, even if just one person thought a little more deeply about the way we get our harvest and the source of all life.

Our harvest services thought about contrasts and the wonder of God, and I hope they helped us to think a little more about God and His promises to provide for all our needs. One of the great contrasts, of course, is the way people view these "special" services in the life of our church, and how different people look upon them. Sadly, there will always be those who want no association with church other than at special times, harvest, Christmas and Easter being their times to come, especially as the church is decorated, and others will be coming for the same reasons. On a positive note, however, here are the opportunities for those of us worshipping week by week to show our love of the Lord and to welcome all who come to share with us. The contrast between those who long to be in God's house and worshipping and those coming occasionally, is a great witness of joy to our visitors.

It cannot be enough to turn up when we feel it is only a special occasion, believing we keep God happy. Micah, a prophet in the Old Testament, has this to say to those who think in such a way:-

"What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of heaven, when I come to worship Him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as an offering to Him? Will the Lord be pleased if I bring Him thousands of sheep or endless streams of oil? Shall I offer Him my firstborn child to pay for my sins? No, the Lord has told you what is good. What He requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God."
(Micah 6: 6-8).

The contrast in how we come to worship is something that must shine through our fellowship as we come to offer ourselves to the Lord each week, with our meeting with Him in worship as an integral part of our being, rather than something we do at special times. Of course, when we come to worship for God's benefit and not our own, we begin to see the real importance of Micah's words, and feel the benefit of our encounter with the Lord in our daily living. In November we shall share another guest service and an opportunity to invite those who need to learn of this special relationship, to join with us, so let us move from this time of thanksgiving to see the real harvest we are called to gather.

So be it a sign in a field, or signs in our weekly worship, or signs in our daily living, let us all resolve to show the contrast of those who know the love of Jesus and those who are still seeking.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

On September 2nd the marriage took place between Elizabeth Mary Bond and Nigel Paul Davies, and on September 10th between Jane Bickmore and Giles Tewkesbury. We wish both couples a long and happy life.

THANKS

I would like to say a big thank you for the flowers, cards etc., which were sent to me during my recent stay in hospital, also for the visits both while in hospital and since returning home. I have been especially conscious of all the prayers on my behalf and am happy to say that I am now making a good recovery. With renewed thanks.

Vera Trew

Thanks to well-wishers who visited me when I scalded my left foot with boiling water on August 14th - the first time in my life. The ladies and gentlemen who gave me advice, which I took, dressed my foot, gave me sympathy, love and flowers. The skin has now grown back after 5 weeks, although it is still very tender.

Leslie Montford

We should like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the very many good wishes, Get Well Cards (40 in all, including 2 from the Girls' Brigade), and expressions of sympathy following our unfortunate accidents.

We were, indeed, sustained during a difficult period by your loving care and prayers which revealed to us God's love for us through your care and concern.

Thanks also for the lovely flowers received from the Church and other good friends.

Thankfully we are now on the road to recovery and hope to see you all before long. Again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Win and Norman Redman

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(6) Mrs Betty Barnett, Flat 3 Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring.
Mr & Mrs Nigel Davies, 29 Raleigh Road, Exeter, EX1 1TQ (01392-436063)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next three meetings of the Autumn session will be held in the East Hall at 2.45pm on Tuesdays:-

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| Oct 3rd | Mr Peter Eager - The work of Shoreham Airport. |
| Oct 17th | Mrs Betty Hislop - Images of China. |
| Oct 31st | Joining with Women's Guild Anniversary Service |

Autumn programmes are available in the Church entrance but, better still, come along and pick one up at our meetings! A cup of tea is provided.

Ian Hennell Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting was on September 5th when we welcomed visitors and **FOUR NEW MEMBERS**. Rev. John Flack opened our Autumn Programme with a story he had written some time ago to celebrate an anniversary, and the theme, together with his choice of scripture reading and hymn, was "LOVE", and was greatly enjoyed by us all.

Our next meeting was on Sept. 19th when Mr & Mrs Heath spoke to us about Torch Trust for the Blind.

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| Oct 3rd | Mrs Woodward -Court Life as a Justice of the Peace. |
| Oct 17th | The work of St Barnabas Hospice. Collection. |
| Oct 31st | Anniversary Service. Rev. Muriel Pargeter Men's Fellowship join us. Soloist Mrs Fairs |

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

The next meeting will be held on October 18th at 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company:- Lt. Julie Gray
30 Kingsland Road, Worthing BN14 9GB (01903-525483)

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| EXPLORERS | 5- 8 Years | Tuesdays | 6-7.15pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 Years | Tuesdays | 6-7.45pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 Years | Tuesdays | 6-8.30pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 Years | Tuesdays | 6-8.30pm |

Parade Service October 8th 11am

BOYS' BRIGADE

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| MONDAYS | Anchor Boys | 5.00pm |
| | Juniors | 6.15pm |
| FRIDAYS | Company Section | 7.15pm |

We are sorry in having to say good-bye to three of our Loyal Senior Boys. David Sibley, James Read and Martin Coombes have served through Anchor Boys, Junior and company Sections. We wish them every blessing and pray they will continue to be "**Sure and Steadfast**" in their faith for the rest of their lives.

Our new session has started out reasonably well, although we could do with a few more New Members! We are making plans for our annual fund raising BB week, starting on Saturday November 18th with 25th and your valued support will be greatly appreciated at both these **Events!**

Further details will be in the November Chronicle.

Parade Service October 8th 11am

Captain Donald Stewart

Junior Church

We have started our new session in Junior Church and have been really encouraged by the number of children attending. On September 3rd, our Promotions Sunday, quite a number of the children moved to new groups and we remembered (with the aid of teddy bears and bottles!) that whether we are **Big** or **Small** we are precious to Jesus and have something special to do for Him.

There have been changes in staffing, too. Because of her other commitments Denise Elliott has stepped down from teaching. We shall miss her and our grateful for her loyal committed service among us. Jenny Bushby has a full-time job and has now given up being a helper. On the other hand we have acknowledged Don Stewart's 40 years faithful work within Junior Church here. **Well done, Don!**

So our present position is:-

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| Crèche 0-3 years | Sue Mitchell & helpers |
| Sparklers 3-5 years | Sue Arkinstall & Val Gill |
| All Stars 5-7 years | Wilma Smith & Chris Sharpe |
| Trailblazers 7-11 | Jenny Merritt & Paul Redman with Don Stewart and Irene Dearsley helping. |

We do still need some more helpers among the younger children.

We look forward to holding a **Hallelujah Party** again on Oct 31st for our children and their friends to safeguard them from the potential dangers of this Halloween time and have good, safe fun and learning together.

We do keep up our links with Ruth Chatfield and have just sent her a letter full of buckets!

We value your interest and prayerful support as we teach the children from the same Bible passages as you look at each week. If you would like to visit us any time please do have a word with us.

Irene Dearsley

BEANO CLUB

October 12th Skittles at the Black Horse Findon Village

SERENDIPITY CLUB

A provisional evening tour booking has been made for **Wednesday October 18th** at the Body Shop in Littlehampton. Approximate time 7.00 - 9.00pm. Cost £3.95 (Senior Citizens £2.95). One disabled person can be accommodated. Anyone interested should let me know, with 50% deposit, by October 1st so that I can make a firm booking.

Sue Arkinstall

Worthing & District Stroke (KESTRO)

After a very happy and successful year, which included a variety of speakers, games and activities, plus three very enjoyable outings - in glorious weather - we broke up for August.

We were very sad to say good-bye to **Margaret Briggs** who had been such an enthusiastic Secretary for many years. We shall miss her, but we gave her a happy send off.

Our Autumn Session opened with 'September 3rd 1939 wartime memories', and we were pleased to welcome **Norman Prattent** who has kindly agreed to become our President.

We had one more outing at the end of September when we went to Heaven Farm, near Uckfield, to enjoy a cream tea, etc, etc.

We are a friendly crowd and if anyone feels free to join us on Friday afternoons from 1.30 to 4pm you will be very welcome, especially if you can occasionally provide transport.

Remember to put November 24th in your diaries that we are having a **Bring & Buy Sale** when you will have the opportunity to buy gifts and wrapping paper for Christmas.

Oct 6th Beetle Drive
 Oct 13th Word Search
 Oct 20th ALLDAY and Jills Fashions
 Oct 27th Slides on third world visit by Mary Freeland

Robin Bradley

YOUTH CLUB

Oct 7th Video
 Oct 13th Pyramids £2.50 (£3.00) Friday
 Oct 21st Club Evening 7pm
 Oct 28th Club Evening 7pm

Please write to, and show we are thinking of:-

Miss Nicola Davis, 97 Whitley Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8LF
 Miss Jan Eversfield, Room 441, Rockerfeller Nursing Home, Huntley Street, London, WC1E 6AV

BARN DANCE

We are holding a Barn Dance in the Church Hall on **Saturday October 14th** from 7.00 to 10.00pm. The caller will be Mrs Elsie Flack. Have you ordered your tickets yet? Just a quick reminder that they are priced at £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for young people 14 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the September Church meeting, and will include a supper of either fish and chips or chicken and chips. When you buy your tickets please tell us which you would prefer, and we should like definite numbers by October 8th. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available during the evening. We are limiting the numbers to 50 so, in order to make sure you and your friends will be able to join in this time of fellowship, please order your tickets soon.

Sheila & Roy Gooderham (506452)

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Residents in the Ferring area are reminded that the Fellowship Group meet on the second THURSDAY of the month at 2.30pm at 8 Grange Close, Ferring.

ONE WORLD WEEK IN WORTHING

Public Meeting - World Court Project sponsored by CND, WDM, and UNA on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Road. Speaker: Commander Robert Green.

EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:-

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| Oct 21 | One World Fair 10am to 1pm, Shelley URC |
| Oct 24 | Doves for peace 12 noon, Central Worthing |
| Oct 24 | United Nations Day Service 7.30pm Steyne |
| Oct 26 | One World coffee morning 10am to 12, 34 Mill Rd |
| Oct 27 | 'Growing Hope' Social 7.30pm English Martyrs |
| Oct 29 | Multicultural UN 50th Birthday party, 3pm, Davison |

See leaflet pinned on church notice board in the foyer. Further details obtainable from Gill Ashley-Smith, 232542

SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BY PHYLLIS WHEELER

Phyllis Wheeler is writing out the New Testament Chapters by hand. There are **260 chapters**. She has now reached the end of Hebrew. If you would like to give a donation to the Bible Society please let Roy Gooderham know.

Chapters in the New Testament

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| 1 | Matthew | 28 | 15 | 1 Timothy | 6 |
| 2 | Mark | 16 | 16 | 2 Timothy | 4 |
| 3 | Luke | 24 | 17 | Titus | 3 |
| 4 | John | 21 | 18 | Philemon | 1 |
| 5 | Acts | 28 | 19 | Hebrews | 13 |
| 6 | Romans | 16 | 20 | James | 5 |
| 7 | 1 Corinthians | 16 | 21 | 1 Peter | 5 |
| 8 | 2 Corinthians | 13 | 22 | 2 Peter | 3 |
| 9 | Galatians | 6 | 23 | 1 John | 5 |
| 10 | Ephesians | 6 | 24 | 2 John | 1 |
| 11 | Philippians | 4 | 25 | 3 John | 1 |
| 12 | Colossians | 4 | 26 | Jude | 1 |
| 13 | 1 Thessalonians | 5 | 27 | Revelation | 22 |
| 14 | 2 Thessalonians | 3 | | | |

URC PRAYER HANDBOOK 1996

It is now time to order the above publication at a cost of £1.75 per copy including postage. The Handbook will include a CMW Prayer Leaflet for use when praying for world -wide Mission. Unless I hear otherwise I shall assume that those people for whom I obtained a 1995 Handbook will want me to order them a 1996 issue. Anyone wishing to withdraw from the list, and any newcomers wishing to add themselves to it, are asked to let me know before the end of October.

Audio Cassette

Also available are copies of an audio cassette of readings and prayers designed to appeal to the visually impaired. The cost is £3, including postage and packing, provided the church orders 5 or more copies at any one time. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy is asked to contact me before the end of October.

Sidney Hider

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT RUSTINGTON 14th September 1995

Opening devotions were led by Bob Murray based on 2 Corinth.4. Prayers were said for the Churches of Bosham, Pagham, Bognor & East Wittering, Mission Council, Synod & Connect 95 meetings, for Freda Gerner and Archie Hamilton both unwell and for Rev. Leslie Judd recently inducted to Christchurch Chichester. The Synod Clerk, Christine Meekison, was welcomed.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Rev. Bob Murray was appointed as Interim Moderator to the Worthing Area. Discussion continues for an Interim Moderator for Shelley Rd. George Musgrave was thanked for his ministry at Clermont, which concludes end of Oct. 1995

PROPERTY MATTERS - continued prayers for the manse problems at Pagham.

FINANCE - there is a national shortfall for the Maintenance of the Ministry. Planning Advisory Cttee. is working on a 5 year forecast of resources needed.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS introduced by Rev Peter Newell, District Ecumenical Officer who is keen to encourage Churches to foster ecumenical relationships. Desmond Curry is succeeded by Rev Terry Stratford from Ovingdean C.E., as the Sussex Ecumenical Officer. Desmond spoke of the encouraging signs of ecumenism in the area of trust and honesty with each other. We are "called to be one", but the likelihood of visible unity, one Church, is some way off, however the Churches are now working more closely together. There is a new Ecumenical Partnership in Newhaven. Goring has a united evening service on Sept. 17 to commission the lay members of each Church on the new Inter-Church Group.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT by Nancy Welch whose daughter is Moderator's Chaplain. Held at Eastbourne in July when the new General Assembly Moderator spoke of "Costly Unity" - please uphold John and Mollie Reardon in prayer.

Patterns of Ministry was not passed but Homosexuality will be fully discussed throughout the URC. over the next year and come to Assembly in 1997. The URC. is against the National Lottery and French Nuclear Testing, will boycott Nestle, encourage 'Fair Trade' Products and is concerned for the persistent Poverty and Homeless in Britain. There was emphasis on LMS/CMS 'Dare to Dream.' The ban is lifted on Ministers from other denominations and countries.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE Geoffrey Dearsley now serves as Vice President and in May 1996 he will be appointed President for 3 yrs., renewable after 2 yrs.

WORLD CHURCH and MISSION An international anthology of prayers and worship 'Dare To Dream' is available from Tavistock House for £7.99.

YOUTH WORK Youth Event at Shelley Rd. Oct.21/22. 8-11 yrs. in the afternoon and 11+ in the evening & 'sleepover'. National Youth Sunday is 26 November.

WOMEN'S WORK District Day at Goring on Mon. April 22, with maybe Fiona Castle. Women's World Day of Prayer Conference at Bognor URC. Thurs. Oct. 12, 10-3.30.

PULBOROUGH Rev John Reardon preaching on October 15 at 10.30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

LEWES ROAD Last service on March 3, first service in new Church March 24.

KANYAKUMARI HEALTH TRUST OF SOUTHERN INDIA Urgent need to sponsor nurses at £15/month to work in areas of little health care. Details from Dist.Sec.

TRAINING IN EVANGELISM

Churches to sponsor person to attend this Provincial training over 2 weekends with other Churches in District on March 1-3 and Oct. 4-6 at Ashburnham.

Provincial Synod will be meeting at Shelley Road on Sat. October 14.

British Telecom is now listing all Churches in their area in their directory. Next District Meeting Nov. 9 at Hounsom, Hove. Meeting closed with the Grace.

IRENE TULEY

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



REGIONAL DAY CONFERENCE AT LINDEN ROAD URC., BOGNOR REGIS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 1995 -- 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

"GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND"

This will be a day of preparation for the service from Haiti on March 1 1996, and will include Bible Study led by Margaret Chambers, music with Elsie Flack slides of Haiti and news from Rose Rivers, the National Chairman.

Please bring a packed lunch (drinks provided), Bible, notebook, pen and own name badge. Cost £2.

Please give your names to Irene Dearsley or Irene Tuley as soon as possible.

C.P.A.S. (MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 1995 — 9.15 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

"PRAYERS OF PAUL" — PATHWAY TO MATURITY with HAZEL BARCLAY

Knowing God as sovereign
 Knowing God's love
 Knowing God's way for our lives.

From: Ephesians 1 vv 15-23 and 3 vv 14-21 and Colossians 1 vv 9-14.

All ladies are invited to come to St. Georges Church, East Worthing.

There will be a creche and a bookstall. Cost £4.
 Please bring a packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen.

Registration forms will be available from Irene Tuley.

What Is A Christian Marriage?

What is a Christian marriage? What does it mean to you?
 Does it just mean another wedding that may last a year or two?
 Or does it mean a little less, or maybe a little more?
 What is a Christian marriage to you; have you ever thought before?

Marriage is something that none of us must fear
 For God created marriage, yes it was all His idea.
 He created man and woman to be joined together as one
 That means sharing all the hard times as well as all the fun.

Christ loved the Church so much, you know, that He gave His very life
 And in that way He says to man, that's how you must love your wife
 And the wife must submit to her husband, for he is head of you.
 And these instructions, He gives today, should last your whole life through.

Marriage is forever, that's how God meant it to be,
 His instructions are in the Bible, made clear for all to see.
 He's not saying it will all be rosy and things wont trouble you,
 But when things do get hard or weary, its God you must go to.

In all things that happen when two Christians become one
 Everything, be it good or bad, should be worked through with God's Son.
 When life seems hard, when life seems tough, or when things don't seem fair
 All your problems will be resolved if you talk to God in prayer.

A Christian home, now that's a place where God will reign throughout
 And where anyone who comes to visit senses Christ without a doubt.
 God will bless the children, the husband and the wife
 God will pour love into the home as a family goes through life.

Now in 1 Corinthians 13, you certainly will find
 A message all about Love and how it's very patient and kind
 And anything that happens in this life's stormy gales
 One thing is for certain, God's love never fails.

So on this very special day as these two people become one
 May they always turn to Jesus Christ and remember He's God's Son
 Remember what He's done for you, how He died to save your life
 May God bless you and protect you, a lovely man and wife.

Julie Wetherell

Reform Magazine

It is time to re-order the Reform Magazine for 1996. If you already receive Reform your subscription will automatically be renewed. Should you wish to subscribe to the Magazine for the first time, or you want to cancel it, please let me know by **Sunday 29th October**.

Jenny Merritt

BIBLE READING NOTES 1996

It will soon be time to place the order for next year's Bible Reading Notes, that is '**WORDS FOR TODAY**' and '**LIGHT FOR OUR PATH**'. I would be pleased to show previous issues to new reader if anyone is interested. Those who already use these notes find them very helpful in their daily devotions and prayers. Cost for each is £3.65 for 1996. '**Light for our Path**' is now available in Large print @ £8.50.

There is also a good Bible Study handbook for use in groups called '**Finding our Way Together**' @ £4.50.

I will order for our usual subscribers unless you tell me to the contrary.

Jane Bond

Morning Worship on Sunday 1st October, on Radio 4, will be from St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. The morning service will be broadcast each day that week from Gethsemane, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea area, Caesara and Galilee.

"**Songs of Praise**" will be filmed for BBC 1, and shown later in the year.

It is hoped that the Bethlehem Bible College Choir and the youngsters from Hope School, Bethlehem and other Bible Lands Society projects will be featured.

Biographies

Mary O'Neill wishes to place good Christian biographies in Holloway Prison where she visits amongst the prisoner. Any books of this kind would be welcome and should be sent to:- London City Mission, 175 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2AH.

New Dimension in Outreach

Add a new dimension to your Ministry by offering 'Challenge/News Special' readers the loan of the edited version of the famous "**Jesus Film**".

These videos can be bought through 'Contact for Christ', for a reduced price of £6, including p & p, as long as they are used for outreach purposes, and are not sold. The running time is 80 minutes.

For further information write to 'Contact for Christ' Selsdon House, 212/220 Addington Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8LD. (0181)6516246.

The **Samaritans** now have a Nation-wide Telephone Number which will come into force on November 2nd 1995

0345 90 90 90

FEBA Radio November Mailing

Monday November 6th to Tuesday November 7th at Ivy Arch Road, Worthing,(237281), 9am to 5pm. For details ring Jennie. Prayers and News 12 - 12.30pm.

Prayer focus for FEBA'S Ministry at Mrs Margaret Grant's home, 16 Loxwood Avenue, 3 - 4pm ending with cups of tea. October 10th, November 14th, December 12th 1995.

Monday Evening Fellowship (Discontinued)

After 35 years we have, regretfully, decided that it is time for us to end. We started as Young Wives and have grown into grandmothers, but due to our dwindling numbers it has made it difficult to continue. During the past years we have supported the Church in many ways, and as individuals we will continue to work in whatever way we can. After the summer recess many of us will hope to join other groups, and will keep in touch with members unable to come to Church regularly. The balance of our funds we donated to Worthing Hospital Life Support Appeal - £35 - after a donation of £23 was given to Ferring Riding for the Disabled. Thank you all for your love and encouragement in the past.

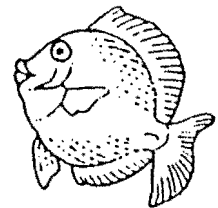
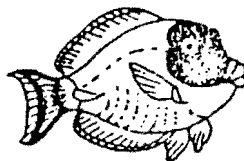
Blessings to you all, *Robin Bradley*

Little Fishes Play Group

On behalf of the Fabric Committee I would like to express to Peter and Sue Mitchell and Ken Arkinstall our thanks for the very hard work they have done in the West Hall. Not only have they improved the look of the room but also satisfied the requirements laid down within the Building Regulations before the play group could start.

I understand that Sue and Denise have 'The Little Fishes' swimming along merrily and I am sure you will all join with me in thanking God for such an encouraging start and asking for His continued blessing on this new venture.

Sheila Gooderham, Chairman



Little Fishes

"Let the children come unto Me and do not stop them because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Luke 18 v16

We would like to thank everyone for their prayer support, cards and encouragement for our new work for the Lord. Thanks, too, go to Michael Ebling for his work on the financial side, Ken Arkinstall for the electric's, and the work by the committee. Thanks to my family for putting up with me going Little Fishes mad over the last 6 months, and for giving me the time to get this venture off the ground. My husband, Pete, deserves huge thanks for the hours of work that he has cheerfully dedicated in putting in the toddlers' toilets, alterations, gates, decorating and general help.

The children have settled well and the numbers are increasing.

We believe that we have been called to show God's love in action as we care for the little ones and their families. As part of our outreach we would like to offer places to those who are unable to afford it, but would benefit greatly by attending the play group. If anyone feels that they could take on the commitment of sponsorship or, perhaps give a donation towards toys or the setting up costs, could they please see Michael Ebling, Jenny Merritt or Sue Mitchell. Thank you.

For the first couple of weeks we have not had outdoor play thus enabling the children a more set routine in which they could happily make the transition from a home to a play group environment. We are now holding outdoor play time at approximately 10.30 to 10.50am, and approximately 3.00 to 3.20pm which we feel will fit in best with other Church activities. During these times the gates will be used to enclose the playground area thus preventing cars, etc., from circuiting the area. Cones will be placed as warnings at the start of the drive. However, as we would like to cause the least disruption to other groups we can adapt accordingly. In emergencies the children can be moved and the gates locked back quickly to enable traffic to come round.

We now look forward to a busy future.

Thanks, *Denise Elliot & Sue Mitchell*

A Plea for the Poor of Zimbabwe

Your faces are warm in the sun
And your teeth shine like white-hot metal.
Poor people of the earth,
Give us your smile.
Teach us the joy of living.

Your sturdy arms coax the earth into giving
And your agile limbs are masters of the soil.
Poor people of the earth,
Give us your confidence.
Teach us your enthusiasm.

Your huts are alive with children's laughter
And the stories you tell are your inheritance.
Poor people of the earth,
Give us of your past.
teach us to build our future.

Worn out faces can't wait for the week-end.
Worn out faces return from a night shift.
We have no time but bells and clocks.
Work, work, the rent is due ...
Payments on the new car.
Bells and clocks. Money ticking away
In all seasons, almost behind bars.
The rent is due. No time for stories.
An old woman is dying in hospital
(They say, quite peacefully) ...
Work, work. No time for her.
She'll have eternity.
Poor people of the earth,
Please, have mercy.

Dominique Ratcliff - with her kind permission

Provincial Day Out 1996

Every few years the Southern Province of the U.R.C. organises a day out for every one. From Hampshire to Kent, and Battersea to Brighton our brothers and sisters through-out our denomination take over a town and UNITE!!

The next day out will be on Saturday, 14th September, 1996, and will be held in Croydon. CROYDON?!**! Yes, Croydon. Opening and closing acts of worship will be held in the Fairfield Concert Hall, and there are other many good facilities in the town. There will be a concert, singing, drama, exhibitions, displays throughout the town. Street theatre, Juggling and Folk Dancing too.

And that is why I write a year before the event. Details are in the Church Vestibule. The organizers wish to gather together a choral group, a childrens' choir, a drama group, a dance group, and an orchestra. That takes time and planning, and if anyone of you feels able to be involved in the Day by joining a group then please let me know as soon as possible, certainly by Christmas.

All this and other information will be repeated, and passed on, as it comes to hand. No doubt we will join with other local churches to hire a coach to take us all to Croydon.

Watch this space: ****** *****

Wilfred Rhodes: Contact Person!!

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE.

The Conference, Retreat, and Holiday Centre of the United Reformed Church.

Details of some coming events:-

Coping with Bereavement

November 10 - 12 1995

Advent Retreat

December 4 - 7 1995

Christmas House Party

December 23 - 27 1995

New Year House Party

Dec 30 - Jan 2 1996

Very reasonable prices. Details on the Church Vestibule Notice Board. Everyone is welcome at the Centre. I have lots more details, and can vouch for the comfort and friendliness of the Centre.

Wilfred Rhodes.

The MATERIAL for the CHRONICLE should be in the hands of the EDITOR by 15th of the previous month. Please place items in the box in the church vestibule or through the letterbox of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue.

Please do not leave it until the last day.

When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words.

PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES

Thank you, *Editor*

EXTRA DATES ON OUR PREMISES.

Samaritans Coffee Morning October 7th 10 - 12am

Blood Donors Session October 25th 9am to 5pm

Wednesdays November 8th 9am to 5pm

YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

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| Hayley ARCHER | Cardiff. | Medicine. |
| Victoria CARRINGTON | Paris. | French. |
| Kirsty CRAGHILL | Anglia. Cambridge | Law & Sociology |
| Nicola CRAGHILL | City University London | Nursing and Social Science |
| Nicola DAVIS | Chelsea College. Eastbourne. | P.E. and Gymnastics. |
| Elizabeth and Nigel Davies | Exeter | Teacher Training D. Ph. |
| Jan EVERSFIELD | London. | Nursing |
| John GORDON | Northern College Manchester | Ministerial Training |
| Alison Gordon | Manchester | Dental Training |
| Anna HUDNUT | Loughborough | Chemistry |
| Kerry McCARTHY | Cheltenham | Teacher Training and P. E. |
| Jane TEWKSBURY | Portsmouth. | Sociology. |

For details of the addresses for the above please ask Mrs. Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS

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| Discipleship Bible Study, Fortnightly - Mon - 8 pm | Geoffrey Dean, 38 Trent Road |
| Ladies' Bible Study Fortnightly - 2nd & 4th Tues - 10 am | Janet Wetherell & Irene Tuley, Church, Harris Room |
| Discipleship Bible Study Fortnightly - Tues - 2.30 pm | Bobby Hitchin, 12 West Park Lane |
| Fellowship Bible Study Fortnightly - Wed - 7.30 pm | Geoffrey Dean, 3 Arun Close |
| Midweek Prayer Meeting Fortnightly - Thurs - 2.30 pm | Bobby Hitchin & Irene Tuley, Church, Side Chapel |
| Ladies' Bible Study Fortnightly - Thurs - 2 pm | Rosemary Kitto, 73 Shelby Road |
| Youth Bible Study Fortnightly - 1st & 3rd Thurs - 8 pm | Charlie & Julie Ward, 24 Raleigh Crescent |
| Prayer Meeting Weekly - Fri - 6 pm | Glen Dean & Irene Kitto, Church, Side Chapel |

BANNER MAKING GROUP.

Have you noticed their latest creation? Have you thought of all the discussion and planning and material preparation that has gone into the making of it? If you have any material that you no longer require why not offer it to Caroline Hibbs and her friends?

And aren't the words appropriate! Thank you. LM.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

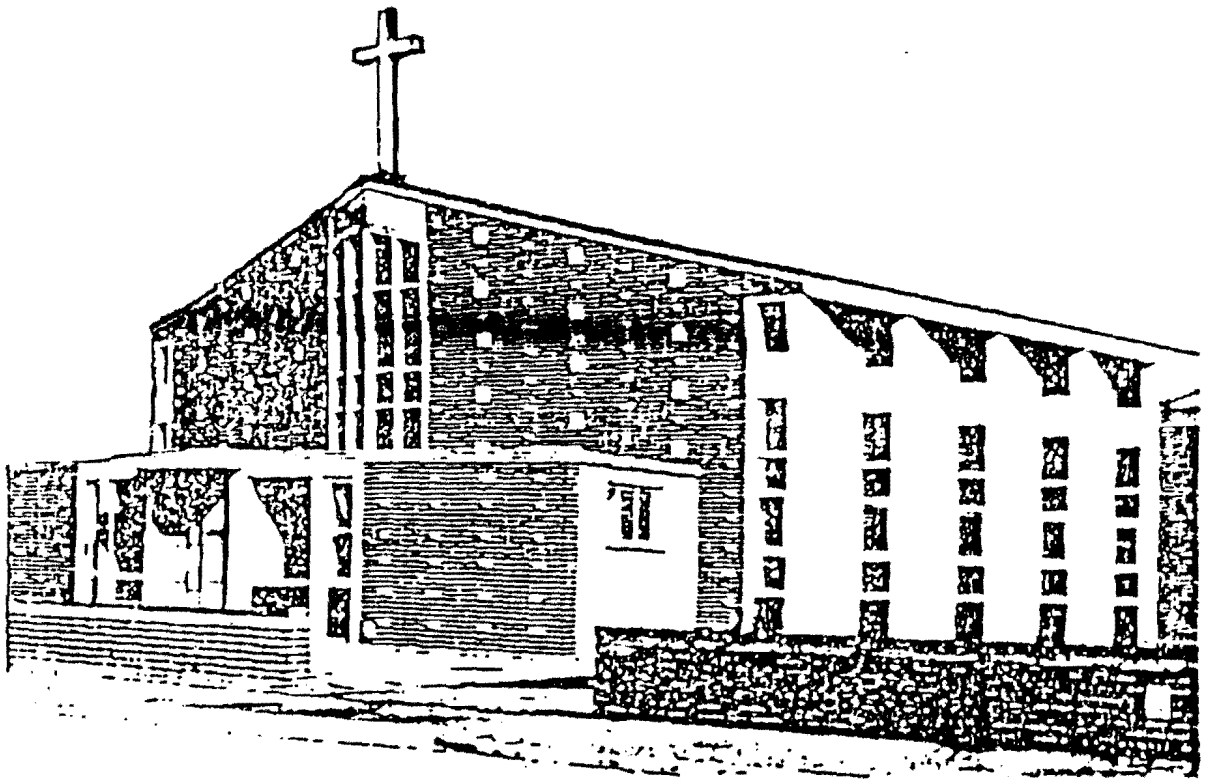
CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1995

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| 1 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 2 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 3 | Tue | Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild | 2.45pm |
| 5 | Thu | Day of Prayer with H/C at 1030pm | 7.00am to 6.00pm |
| | | Ark Club | 10 to 11.30am |
| 6 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 7 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, St.Columba's URC | 2.30pm |
| | | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 8 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Parade Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 9 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 10 | Tue | Durrington High P.P.G Church | 2 to 2.45pm |
| 11 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies, Harris Room | 10.00am |
| 12 | Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club | 10 to 11.30am |
| | | Beano Club Outing | |
| 13 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| | | Youth Club Outing (Swimming) | |
| 14 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, Jubilee Hall, Durrington | 2.30pm |
| | | District Youth Weekend | |
| | | Barn Dance (see separate item) | 7.00pm |
| 15 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service of Healing & Holy Communion | 6.30pm |
| 16 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 17 | Tue | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship | 2.45pm |
| 18 | Wed | A.D.A., Church Hall | 2.15pm |
| | | Serendipity Outing | |
| 19 | Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club | 10 to 11.30am |
| | | Praise & Prayer meeting, Little Chapel | 2.30 to 3.30pm |
| 20 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 21 | Sat | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 22 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| | | Service | 11.00am |
| | | Service | 6.30pm |
| 23 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30pm |
| 25 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies, Harris Room | 10.00am |
| 26 | Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club | 10 to 11.00am |
| | | Church Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 27 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club | 1.30pm |
| 28 | Sat | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion
 11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
 6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259
 Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996
 Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568
 Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

PASTORAL ELDER'S AREAS:

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| 2 Goring | | 7 West Park | Mrs. B. Hitchin |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs. B. Swierk | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr. D. Stewart |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs. E. Rhodes | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs. I. Tuley |
| 5 Cent. Worthing | Rev. P. Heckels * | 10 Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt |
| Temporary * | | 11 Salvington | Miss A. Gerlach |

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs. Wilma Smith | 821843 |
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| Men's Fellowship | Mr. Ian Hennell | 240560 |
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| Transport Officer | Miss Rosemary Kitto | 690009 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
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| Youth Club Leader | Mr. Paul Archer | 267749 |

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Dear Friends,

There is often much talk about numbers in churches. We think of the number of members, the numbers attending services, the number of pounds we need in the bank and the number of pounds we need to pay our assessments. We even talk about the hymn numbers at worship and whether our favourite is there. We can, joking aside, become quite obsessed by the whole game that so many will play with numbers and allow them to dominate all our thinking, even though we want to say that this should not be so. The problem is that we want to compare numbers so that we can see what is happening in the life of our church, and we do need some way of raising money for those important things which the church does nationally. So in November you will be counted as you come to worship, in order that we can have some sort of guide as to the numbers at our services Sunday by Sunday.

At the beginning of the book of Numbers, the Lord spoke to Moses and told him and Aaron to take a census of the people of Israel, presumably so that they would have an idea of the number of people with them, and in Exodus 30 the census is used as a way of gathering tax to pay for the upkeep of the tent of the Lord's presence. So perhaps the way we operate is not so unbiblical as some would think. King David was to take a census which had little, perhaps nothing, to do with the glorifying of the Lord, but was rather to boost his own ego, and for that the people were punished. We need to take heed as we do our counting and comparing. Yet, of course, the Lord does use man-inspired censuses for His own purposes. Did He not slip into our world during, perhaps, the most well known census of all which brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem?

So in November we will be counted, but remember that we are more than mere numbers, we all have names and personalities which our Lord knows so well. God does not want you to come to be counted as a number, He wants you to come because you are His child and He loves you with immeasurable love, which is, of course, true for everyone else in the service. Let us remember this as we worship and make a real effort during this month to become more aware of one another as we worship week by week. Let us not be just members to one another, but names, even if that means making the effort to share names with one another so that we will be able to greet one another as God's children, His family, and not just speak of numbers.

We are also sharing in some special services this month. Remembrance day and all that means to so many whose need for a time to reflect may well have been heightened rather than diminished because of the celebrations during 1995 of 50 years since peace was signed. This will be a parade service when we shall share with our Brigades, while the following week, the 19th, we shall again share with our Youth Service, following on from the encouraging responses and comments of our September time together. To end November, on the 26th we will again be having Guest Services, when we hope that each one of us will be able to invite family, friends or neighbours, who normally would not come to church, to join us at any of our services. Invitations to pass on to others are available for you to use as a way of speaking to people, and a reminder of the date. Of course, we do not want them to come just as numbers, but as those known to the Lord by name, who He longs to have a close relationship with.

No, we are not having these services to boost our numbers - that would only serve to bring glory on ourselves - but rather to continue the growth that the Lord wants in Goring, that we may grow as His family, in love and our knowledge of Him and one another. The rest of the concerns will then not be a problem. Anyway, we hope to start December with a special service in the evening when we shall share in a candlelit Advent Carol Service, without being counted at all.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

It was my pleasure, recently, to go as a guest into Hayward House, and I would like to say how impressed I was by the happiness and caring atmosphere there. This is a tribute to those who have planned and worked, in many ways and over many years, for its foundation and development. The latest addition of a Stannah lift is so appreciated by the residents, and though I could have mounted the stairs on foot, it was insisted that I have a ride! Not least, may I congratulate the residents for their Christian love and care for each other; you are a credit to our church fellowship

Eileen Jordan

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KITCHEN CLEANING

Once again our vast kitchen has been completely and meticulously cleaned. When Robin Bradley was catering manager, she and her team of ladies carried out this task quietly and efficiently. Now Julie Ward is in that position she and her team of equally busy ladies are carrying on the tradition. It's a real joy to find each kind of item of cutlery in a separate drawer, and woe betide anyone putting them away in the wrong drawer! The item/s in question will be dusted for fingerprints and questions will be asked by our forensic team! Punishment will be 100 lines, in best handwriting, the next day 'I MUST REMEMBER TO RETURN, ETC.' The saying is true - busy people always find time to work for others.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Victoria Carrington, Assistante d'Anglais, Rue Auguste Comte 75006, Paris. FRANCE.

Postage: 19 pence or 26 pence

A reminder for Christmas:

Neil, Linda, Nicholas & Timothy Anderson, 94 Mountbatten Drive, Hamilton, Ontario, L9C 3V5 CANADA (until August 1996).

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CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| 6 | Mrs D B Jenkins | Flat 2 Hayward House | Worthing 248602 |
| 6 | Mrs M J McClennan | Flat 1 Hayward House | Worthing 241043 |

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next two meetings of the autumn session will be held in the East Hall at 2.45 pm on Tuesdays:

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| November 14 | Mr Alex Vincent, Worthing Astronomical Society who will be talking about eclipses of the sun and moon. |
| November 28 | We are invited to join with the Women's Guild for their Christmas party. <i>Ian Hennell</i> , Secretary |

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WOMEN'S GUILD

November 14 Mrs Mary Connelly - A Cornish Miscellany
 November 28 Christmas Party (with Men's Fellowship)

Both meetings at 2.45 pm

On September 19th Mr & Mrs Heath from Torch Trust for the Blind, gave a most interesting talk on the Trust and how it started from humble beginnings in their home. In five years a Torch Trust Committee had been formed, and now literature in many languages, in braille and on tape, is sent throughout the world. There are branches of 'Torch' in Kenya, Malaya, and many other places. A cheque for £500 was handed to Mr & Mrs Heath, 'Torch' having been the Guild's charity for the year.

Our next speaker on October 3rd was Mrs Woodward-Court, her talk being on her life as a Justice of the Peace. It was most informative and she was happy to answer the many questions which were put to her.

A reminder for **OCTOBER 31st**, which will be the Guild's **ANNIVERSARY SERVICE** in the Church. Rev Muriel Pargeter will give the address, and the soloist, Mrs. Christine Fairs. Tea will be served in the hall afterwards, and a warm invitation is extended to members of our congregation, Men's Fellowship and visitors from other churches in the district, to join with us. The service is at 2.45 pm.

Betty Hislop

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company:- Lt Julie Gray
 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing BN14 9GB (525483)

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| EXPLORERS | 5-8 years | TUESDAYS | 6-7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | TUESDAYS | 6-7.45 pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | TUESDAYS | 6-8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS | 6-8.30 pm |

Parade Service November 12th at 11 am

We are currently busy this term finishing off badge work.

The Juniors have been planting daffodil bulbs at the front of the Church and will be eagerly awaiting the first signs of them in the spring.

Seniors and Brigaders are brushing up on their drill, amongst other things.

We recently had an open night when parents were invited to come along and join their girls for the evening. Thanks to all of you who turned up - we hope you enjoyed it. Our star of the evening was Laura Sibley's Dad with his excellent effort at drill!

After half term we will be working hard towards our Awards and Display Evening on **Saturday, December 9th**, starting at 7.00 pm. God bless.

Julie Gray, Lieut.

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BOYS' BRIGADE

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| MONDAYS | Anchor Boys | 5.00 pm |
| | Juniors | 6.15 pm |
| FRIDAYS | Company Section | 7.15 pm |
| Parade Service | Sunday, November 12th | at 11.00 am |
| Bazaar & Coffee Morning | Saturday, November 18th | at 10.00 am |
| Jumble Sale | Saturday, November 25th | at 2.00 pm |

Night Exercise "**CHALLENGE**". Despite the rain, the mud, the wind and it being quite dark, the boys went ahead with the night exercise recently, up to Cissbury Ring. We do endeavour to provide the boys with an interesting and varied programme of activities, but sometimes we find it difficult to cope. At my age I sometimes wonder, in the words of the song, "Where have all the young men gone?" who could be helping us.

Our usual **BOYS' BRIGADE FUND RAISING WEEK** commences with a **COFFEE MORNING** and **BAZAAR** on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th** at 10.00 am. We are hoping to include a surprise item during the morning, and recommend you don't miss it!

On **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th** at 2.00 pm we are holding a **JUMBLE SALE**.

Our usual Appeal Envelopes will be distributed in our church on Sundays, 21st and 28th November, and we respectfully request your consideration.

The coffee morning and bazaar will have the usual stalls, including Bring and Buy, Cakes and Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Competitions, etc. Gifts of items for these stalls will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have anything you can spare for the jumble sale, please let me know on 243787 and I will arrange to collect it. Thank you for your valued support.

Donald Stewart, Captain

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BEANO CLUB

Thursday, November 9th - Evening Out

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

Monday, November 20th - Cake Decorating at 8.15 pm - Sue Arkinstall

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

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| November 3rd | Quiz |
| November 10th | Christmas Craft |
| November 17th | Slides - "Costumes through the ages" - Ann Wise |
| November 24th | Bring and Buy Sale |
| December 1st | Card Bingo |

All meetings start at 1.30 pm

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YOUTH CLUB

November 4th Trampolining/Castles £2 (£2.50)
 November 11th Fireworks and Flames
 November 18th Club Evening 7.00 pm
 November 25th Club Evening 7.00 pm

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CHRISTIAN BOOK EXCHANGE

This will take place in the Harris Room on Saturday, November 4th, during the Craft Fair. Please take advantage of this opportunity to bring books which you would like to pass on to others, and browse through what is available for your own use. Any books remaining will be sent to Bookaid.

Jane Bond

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - WORTHING GROUP

I thought it was about time I brought you up to date with the Group's activities. Our Wednesday afternoon meetings are very busy with an average of 54 members - plus our band of willing volunteer helpers. The full membership has now reached 88! Mr. Nick Plumb, Editor of Worthing Herald, came to talk to the carers at our September meeting. He gave an interesting insight into the workings of the local press. Also in September we had a most enjoyable outing to Wisley Gardens.

It had been our hope to take a coach load of members up to the National Conference, but in view of the distance - North London - and the very early start, we have regretfully shelved that idea. However, we are very excited about our Special Project, which we are mounting in the new year! It is a 12 day Intensive Speech Therapy Course, spread over 3 weeks, and we are hoping that the Dysphasic members who attend the course will find real and lasting benefit, especially as this is the first time a project like this has been attempted. Please pray for us.

Next Meeting in the church hall on Saturday, November 22nd at 2.15 pm.

Doreen Norris

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SHOEBOXES

The 1995 "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal" was launched in Wrexham, North Wales on September 16th, aiming to send 250,000 gift-filled boxes to needy Bosnian children, in mid-December.

(From 'Christian Herald')

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FEBA RADIO

December mailing, Monday to Wednesday, December 11th to 13th, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. For details telephone Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

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| Hayley ARCHER | Cardiff | Medicine |
| Victoria CARRINGTON | Paris | French |
| Kirsty CRAGHILL | Anglia, Cambridge | Law & Sociology |
| Nicola CRAGHILL | City University London | Nursing & Social Science |
| Nicola DAVIS | Chelsea College Eastbourne | PE & Gymnastics |
| Elizabeth DAVIES | Exeter | Teacher Training |
| Nigel DAVIES | Exeter | D.Ph |
| Jan EVERSFIELD | London | Nursing |
| John GORDON | Northern College M'chester | Ministerial Training |
| Alison GORDON | Manchester | Dental Training |
| Anna HUDNUT | Loughborough | Chemistry |
| Kerry McCARTHY | Cheltenham | Teacher Training & PE |
| Jane TEWKESBURY | Portsmouth | Sociology |

For details of the addresses for the above, please ask Mrs Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary.

Victoria Carrington's Paris address appears on another page.

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TRANSPORT

Please would you let me know if you are able to offer someone a lift to Church, either regularly, or from time-to-time? If Bett Swierk already has your name it will have been passed on to me.

There may be an extra need of transport around Christmas time, so any help will be much appreciated.

When you ring my number, 690009, please do not be discouraged by the answer phone, which is left on permanently. When you speak and I am able to reach it in time, I will answer you, If not, in response to the message you leave, I will get in touch with you as soon as possible. This also applies to anyone needing a lift.

Rosemary Kitto, Transport Officer (690009)

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CHRISTMAS CARD GORING URC (Per September Church Meeting)

Do you agree it would be better to give the money we pay for Christmas cards for those we often see in church, to the Worthing Night Shelter, or Christian Aid?

There is no need to feel uneasy about what others will feel if they do not receive a card from us. Personal contact is much more genuine, anyway. They may, of course, be doing the same. There have been as many as a hundred uncollected cards still in the rack in the vestibule some time after Christmas.

Please sign the BIG Christmas card, which should be at the back of our church, near the

vestibule doors. It is for everyone worshipping at our church. Please take an envelope marked WNS then return it sealed to the table. We start on November 26th.

Five or six years ago, if I remember rightly, £460 was given. Could we see if we can reach £750 this year?

Of course, if you still wish to exchange cards, that's OK. Thank you. God bless.

Michael Donnelly

BARN DANCE OCTOBER 14th 1995.

23 people came to the Barn Dance on Saturday October 14th and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Elsie Flack was an excellent caller and kept us on our toes, weaving and bobbing and 'going down the valley' until we were exhausted. She seemed to be the only one with any energy at the end and she had joined in where necessary!!!

This evening became a time of outreach and I thank all those who spoke to our visitors, also those who helped with the arrangements and the washing up. After all expenses had been paid we gave £15 (Fifteen pounds) to Church funds.

Sheila Gooderham.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions, please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you. *Editor*

MUSLIM PRAYER FOCUS

Each year Christians around the world are encouraged to pray for those in the Muslim world over the month of Ramadan, their annual time of prayer and fasting. The next occasion will be 21st.January - 19th.February. A special booklet is produced giving helpful information for each day of the month. It is called 30 Days Muslim Prayer Focus and the cost is £1.50. If you would like a copy please let me know together with the cost and I will make a bulk order.

Geoffrey Dearsley

FOR NOVEMBER CHRONICLE

As you may be aware, the old Boiler Room is now a Workshop and Maintenance Room to be used by those who keep the Church premises in good repair. It would prove extremely helpful to have a selection of tools stored in the room. If you have any redundant tools which could help make up a Church tool kit i.e. screw drivers, hammers, chisels, saws, please contact Ken Arkinstall or any member of the Fabric Committee.

TEAR FUND

The new Tearcraft Catalogue is now available, with more products and a wider choice than ever before. Filled with the beautiful colours and bold patterns of the 'third world', the catalogue offers an outstanding selection of over 300 items of goods, hand-made by craftspeople in many different countries - plus over 100 items specially produced for Tear Fund.

All the craft items are selected from countries where Tear Fund is working to bring good news to the poor. Orders help to provide men and women with satisfying employment and fair wages. They are also helped to pass on traditional crafts to the next generation.

The catalogue contains a wonderful range of Christmas cards, personal gifts and stocking fillers; children's toys, silver and brass ware, jewellery and lace, plant pots, hand-woven baskets and bags.

TEAR FUND, FREEPOST MB 1648, BROMLEY, KENT BR2 9TT.

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TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY

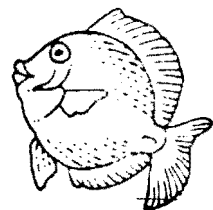
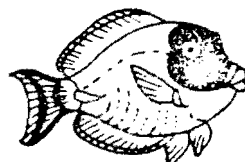
Compass Braille, a company in Devon, works with Bible Societies on various projects aimed at helping blind people have access to the Word of God. Compass Braille - specialising in printing Braille Christian literature and Scriptures in Asian languages - began in 1990 and now has Braille Bible Portions in 13 Asian languages. It also produces the complete Good News Bible in English for people in Asia and Africa. You can contact them at 26 Cross Street, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8NL.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has given them worldwide copyright to produce the Braille Good News Bible in languages for 'third world' countries.

Bible Society Booklet

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GORING LITTLE FISHES PLAYGROUP



The Playgroup is now a Registered Charity so if anyone would like to make a covenanted donation I will be pleased to give them a form for completion. Michael Ebeling. Playgroup Treasurer.

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We would like to thank those who have so kindly given us donations for some toys, and part of the setting-up costs.

The first half-term seems to have flown by and our numbers have now increased. We are almost fully booked in the mornings. The afternoons are now getting busier, too.

We have had some outdoor play when the weather has been good. This allows the children more space for free play.

We have reviewed our safety measures and in line with the guidelines laid down by social services we have implemented the following measure

Only those authorised by the Playgroup Staff may enter the playroom during session times. The door will be locked from the inside.

All visitors must sign a Visitors' Book to show the reason for their visit i.e. as a volunteer helper, or a parent with their child coming with a view to attending, etc.

SUE AND DENISE.

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*Alive '95
what did you do -
what did it do for you?*



Most of Worthing's Churches played some part in Alive '95 - whether in organising special events, distributing some of the 10,000 free Challenge newspapers given to us, displaying posters or car stickers.

Good News for you!

Alive '95 sweatshirts and Tshirts are now available at half price! We need to dispose of our remaining stock so that the money can be put to good use, promoting the Gospel in our town.

These quality garments are now priced at **just £2.50 for T shirts**, and **£4.99 for sweatshirts**. They are obtainable from Broadwater Church Office, 117 Broadwater Road, or from New Life Church Office, 10 Greenland Road.

Results?

What was the result of Alive'95? Well, it was certainly an achievement for so many churches, of different backgrounds and traditions, to work together, and many people commented favourably on that.

The mission was made known around the town, with posters, car stickers, newspaper articles and advertising.

Hundreds of children and young people heard the gospel, in particular in the schools and the Connaught Theatre, where the Youth For Christ event was a sell out!

But what of "conversions", "recommitments", "decisions for Christ?" Who knows what the outcome was, or will be in the future? We would be delighted to hear of people with such experiences arising from Alive '95. In the nature of things such stories don't always come out at first - but there are many instances of people who met with God at missions of various sorts, only to make it public years later!

To those who committed themselves wholeheartedly to Alive '95, but saw little fruit for their labours, we say, be encouraged, because your work for God has not gone unnoticed!

We rejoice in the good that has been achieved, and commit ourselves to continue to work for the Lord and His Kingdom.

Good News for Worthing

May 23rd–July 23rd 1995

RUTH'S CHAT

(from the FIELD)

September 1995

Dear friends!

Here we are: **THE MBOSHI TEAM!** Left to right: Andrea Waldschmidt, Jean de Dieu Elondabare, Trish Bedrosian, Ruth Chatfield, Larry and Cami Robbins, Louis Ossoa.

We are united by a desire to give the Mboshi people of Congo access to God's Word in their own language.

Maybe you are surprised to see such a large team. In fact, only Andrea and myself are currently living in the Mboshi-speaking area.



Work on the language has been proceeding slowly from the capital, Brazzaville, where the others are based, but we are now looking to God to create a new team to proceed with Bible translation in Boundji, where local people can be more involved and Mboshi is spoken all around us.

Trish has just spent a month in Boundji with us and has been doing some invaluable linguistic research, but she will shortly be heading home to the States. However, Louis may be moving back up to Boundji (his home town) in the near future, to continue working with us on his language. We also recently met Henri Camille - a young man living in Boundji who is responsible for translating French-sermons into Mboshi at the Catholic church - and we are very pleased that he has offered to help us with language learning and analysis three mornings a week.

Could this be the beginnings of a Boundji-based translation team?? Andrea and I pray that over the coming months God will be preparing those people whom He wants to be part of the team.



This is OUR HOUSE
IN BOUNDJI-
We feel quite spoiled to
have such a great place
to live!

From FETISHES to FELLOWSHIP

We are beginning to realise what a hold traditional practices have on the people of Boundji. The town was recently visited by a lady who specialises in removing "fetishes" (charms or curses) and denouncing sorcerers. Most of the town turned out to see her. If someone in your family is ill or dies, it is usual to go and consult such a person to find out who is to blame (i.e. who put a fetish or curse on the person, thus "killing" them). This can result in destroyed relationships, fear, and revenge-taking, and we long for people to know the power and love of Jesus to set them free from bondage to these dark spiritual powers.

In the meantime we have begun to visit pastors and churches to share our vision for Bible translation. We travelled to a larger town in the area to contact pastors there, and were warmly received into their homes. Throughout the area, small churches known as Revival Churches are being planted by young pastors from the south of Congo, who have a heart to serve the Lord. These churches are however mostly very new and unstable, and the pastors are in need of much help and encouragement.

RIGHT NOW... we are in Brazzaville for our Wycliffe spiritual retreat. Our speaker is a pastor from Margate, which is a refreshing taste of home! We are meeting for the first time at our new centre (the former N. Korean Embassy) which is gradually being renovated by volunteers from the States to serve the cause of Bible translation.



On the road to Boundji

Address: Ruth Chatfield, S.I.L.,
B.P. 1067, Brazzaville, CONGO

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS
Horsleys Green, High Wycombe,
Bucks HP14 3XL, England

FOR PRAYER

** We praise God for our truck, which has been repaired, and for the assurance that God goes before us on all our journeyings on hazardous roads.*

** As Andrea and I return to Boundji in September, please pray that we can work together better and be supportive of each other. We need patience and discipline in language learning, and in setting up and maintaining a satisfactory data management system on our computers. (We have yet to establish a good working routine).*

** We are very encouraged by the willingness of Henri Camille and Louis to work together with us. Please pray that God will bless these two Mboshi men, and show us how to work well with them.*

** We pray for Christians in Boundji to experience and declare God's victory over sorcery and fetishes.*

As the chorus goes: Jesus, we celebrate your victory; Jesus, we revel in your love; Jesus, we rejoice you've set us free; Jesus, your death has brought us life!

Thank you for being part of the Mboshi Bible translation team by your prayers and support! Nzambe ayamba bini! (God bless you!)

Ruth

BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER GROUPS.

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| Discipleship Bible Study | Geoffrey Dean. 38 Trent Road. |
| Fortnightly - Mon - 8pm | |
| Ladies' Bible Study | Janet Wetherell & Irene Tuley |
| Fortnightly - 2nd & 4th Wed 10am | Church/Harris Room |
| Fellowship Bible Study | Geoffrey Dean. 3 Arun Close. |
| Fortnightly - Wed - 7.30pm | |
| Ladies' Bible Study | Rosemary Kitto. 73 Shelby Road. |
| Fortnightly - Thur - 2pm | |
| Youth Bible Study | Charlie & Julie Ward. |
| Fortnightly - 1st & 3rd Thur 8pm | 24 Raleigh Crescent |
| Prayer Meeting | Glen Dean & Irene Kitto |
| Weekly - Fri - 6pm | Church/Side Chapel. |
| Fellowship Group | Pheniah & Charles Taylor |
| 2nd. Thursday - 2.30pm | 8 Grange Cl. Ferring. |

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A POEM FROM A NEWSPAPER.

Two and a quarter pounds of jam
weigh about a kilogram.
A litre of water's
a pint and three quarters.
A metre measures three feet three,
it's longer than a yard, you see.

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BIBLE SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd.

Bible Sunday is observed by the majority of Churches of all denominations to emphasise the importance and centrality of the Bible within the Church and Worship. Also to remind us that the Bible is a personal precious possession. There is a concern that it is estimated that 43% of Church goers do not read the Bible on a regular basis. One of the Scripture Associations that issue daily notes for Bible reading can be a help. It is possible in our Church to follow the reading of the Lessons in the Service by the use of the Bibles supplied with our hymn books, although some prefer just to sit and listen to the reading. The Bible in Church can be helpful when it is an expository sermon of a biblical passage.

On Bible Sunday we remember especially the work and witness of the British and Foreign Bible Society. A Society which, since 1804, has provided the Missionary Societies and the Churches overseas with translations of the New Testament, portions of Scripture, and increasingly today, the complete Bible. Today the provision of the Scriptures is a growing, and sometimes an overwhelming, task. Through efforts and devotion of people like Ruth Chatfield the translation work goes on. Peoples need the Scriptures in their own tongue in order that the Word of God may speak to them in their daily lives. The Bible in translation speaks today! It is the task of the Bible Society, often under severe practical difficulties, to find the paper, to organise the printing and binding, and to transport the Scriptures to where they are needed.

On Sunday, December 3rd, when our Minister will be conducting our Worship, we shall be given the opportunity to pray for the spread of the Word of God in today's world that it may have free course. Also to make a gift towards the task facing the Bible Society. It has been decided not to have the usual Bible Society envelopes this year but to have a retiring collection at the close of morning and evening Worship. I trust and hope that you will give generously. Rev. Ron Christopher. Missionary Committee.

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What do we have to do I hear you cry?

First of all for those of you who have been making gifts to order, we need to have those items by Thursday 2nd November. These can be left at church or with Sheila or Eileen. If there is a problem please ring one of us and we will collect the gifts.

For those of you who are making things to sell on the day we will collect if there is a problem otherwise we need to have the items at church on Saturday morning at 9.00am please. An indication of how much your gift cost to make would be useful.

Scrumptious lunches, at reasonable prices, will be served from 11.30am and judging from last year it was so good we will probably all be queueing at 11.00am! We also need lots and lots of cakes to sell on the day and some puddings please for the lunches- eg apple pies, trifles or cheesecake. Contact Julie Ward please if you can help in this way.

Last, but certainly not least, we need you – yes you, and all your friends and families to come along, buy lots of goodies, share fellowship and help to boost our church funds into the bargain. Obviously a day not to be missed!



SEE YOU THERE



GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mens Breakfast: Saturday 11th November
8 a.m.

*Ladies Supper: Wednesday, 15th November
7.15 p.m.*

Songs of Praise: Tuesday, 21st November
2.30 p.m. - followed by tea

**Guest Services: Sunday, 26th November
11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men are warmly invited to come and bring a non Christian friend or neighbour to an evangelistic BREAKFAST at 8 am. in the Hall on SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1995. The Speaker will be Charlie Ward.

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LADIES' SUPPER

Ladies are warmly invited to come and bring their non Christian friends or neighbours to an evangelistic SUPPER on WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 1995 at 7.15 pm. The Speaker will be announced.

Tickets are limited for these two events and are available from Geof and Glen Dean. Glen Dean.

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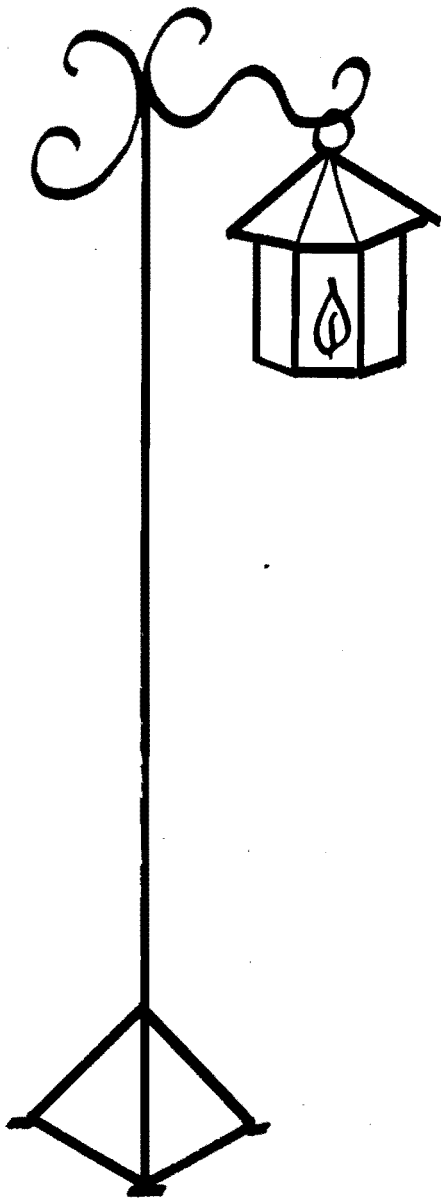
"He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. I felt deeply perplexed as to the right course to pursue in reference to attempting a settlement of the matter, and own to have felt serious misgivings lest I had made a mistake. I do not know whether I was right or not but I simply cried to the Lord to pity this little child and undertake the matter, mistakes and all, and see us through. How sweet and blessed it is to take the Lord on this ground. I find it more and more. 'The God of Jacob is our Refuge.' I like to say 'Yes, Lord, I admit all my blunders and folly and sins, but that is just the reason why I count upon Thee to undertake the matter.' The Lord is very pitiful and easy to be entreated and does not upbraid." (Anon) PW.

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*Light has come
into the world*

John 3 v 19

GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing) |

CHURCH OFFICERS

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|---------------------|--|--------|
| Minister: | Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road | 248259 |
| Church Secretary: | Mr Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue | 690996 |
| Pastoral Secretary: | Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill | 260568 |
| Treasurer: | Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road | 506452 |

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 Ferring | Mrs P Taylor | 7 West Park | Mrs B Hitchin |
| 2 Goring | | 8 Lakeland & Strand | Mr D Stewart |
| 3 Courtlands | Mrs B Swierk | 9 Terringes & Melrose | Mrs I Tuley |
| 4 West Worthing | Mrs E Rhodes | 10 Durrington | Mr K. Merritt |
| 5 Central Worthing | Mr C Dean | 11 Salvington | Miss A Gerlach |
| 6 Marlborough | Mrs R Bradley | | |

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs Val Gill | 267655 |
| Beano Club | Mr Ken Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Boys' Brigade | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Choir Secretary | Mr Michael Ebeling | 240448 |
| Christian Aid | Mr Keith Williams | 266975 |
| Chronicle Editor | Mr Leslie Montford | 243698 |
| Church Warden | Mr Don Stewart | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Flower Secretary | Mrs Eileen Heckels | 248259 |
| Girls' Brigade | Mrs Julie Gray | 218964 |
| Junior Church Secretary | Mrs Wilma Smith | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission | Mrs Florrie Freeman | 248014 |
| Lettings Secretary | Mrs Lily Collison | 248861 |
| Little Fishes Playgroup | Mrs Sue Mitchell | 266570 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mr Ian Hennell | 240560 |
| Publicity Officer | Mrs Christine Sharpe | 525239 |
| Reform Magazine | Mrs Jenny Merritt | 262609 |
| Serendipity Club | Mrs Sue Arkinstall | 263157 |
| Social Secretary | Mrs Sheila Gooderham | 506452 |
| Tear Fund and Tearcraft | Mrs E (Liz) Stilwell | 504359 |
| The Bible Society | Rev Ron Christopher | 230330 |
| Traidcraft | Mrs Christine Sharpe | 525239 |
| Transport Officer | Miss Rosemary Kitto | 690009 |
| Women's Guild | Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary | Mr Sidney Hider | 243832 |
| Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley | 240908 |
| Youth Club Leader | Mr Paul Archer | 267749 |

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DECEMBER 1995

Dear Friends

Christmas is again coming upon us - perhaps all too quickly if we have still got a thousand and one jobs to do. So can I ask you just to pause for a moment to reflect, not on the hustle and bustle, but on Christmas?

Christmas is the time of the year when at least some people will again remember the birth of our Lord. A time when we shall hear again of Joseph and Mary coming to Bethlehem, being forced to stay in a stable, and there to place their first-born Son, Jesus, in a manger. We will listen again to the account of the shepherds and the kings coming to worship Him and offer their gifts. As we hear these words and sing the familiar carols, perhaps we will be enabled to reflect on this Child, the Son of God, and how we react to the coming of Jesus, the infant King. There is only one message for us this and every Christmas, and that is that God has come into the world, as St John says "and the Word became flesh". This is the only thing that Christmas says; yet "only" is perhaps the wrong word for the consequences of this event are so enormous. We know by this act that God begins His saving act of love as He comes for the world, for men and women, old and young, black or white, slave or free, wherever they may be. Christina Rossetti has, perhaps, summed it up in her Christmas hymn:-

*"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign".*

Let us pray that in our troubled world, with all its many scenes of strife and anger, that God's love may come into the hearts of people everywhere so that the Good News of the birth of the Christ Child may not fall on deaf ears. For God has come into the world that His glory may be truly revealed.

Our preparation for Christmas is all important as we need to create time in the midst of all the other preparations which go on, and so once again an Advent booklet is available to help in our preparation. This year we look at the people and other things involved in the Christmas event, so that by thinking together we may come to a real encounter with the Child given as the greatest of all gifts. If you have not yet received a copy of this booklet, and feel that you would like one, please let me know and I will ensure that you get one. The booklet is free, and comes in the hope that by giving a little time each day we are prepared to welcome Jesus as the central part of our Christmas celebrations.

We shall share in some special services this month as we prepare for this celebration. We shall begin with a candle-lit Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm on December 3rd, and go through to a Service of Carols and Lessons at 11.00 am on December 24th, when the church will be especially decorated. This will still leave time for our Junior Church presentation at 5.30 pm on December 24th, before we meet as a family on Christmas Day at 10.30 am, when we shall celebrate, young and old, to give thanks for Jesus, the greatest gift. Transport will be available for any of these services.

We at the Manse wish you all a Christ-filled Christmas and pray that God's peace may come to you all. Please continue to pray for us at this season of celebration.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Nov 19 Harley Dakota Bacon, daughter of Nigel and Beverley Bacon

THANKS

Just to say thank you for all the wonderful support I received from our church does not seem adequate. Starting in February, and continuing until my final discharge in July, the prayers which were answered, the lovely flowers, cards and visits, gave me so much encouragement. This message is from the heart. I really felt the power of prayer.

Yours very sincerely, *Joan Chambers (Mrs)*

Many thanks to the church for the lovely flowers Irene kindly delivered. They brought brightness and joy, and were greatly appreciated.

Gladys Marshall

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Miss Victoria Carrington, Chez Mr. Chalandon, 37 Rue de Courcelles, 75008, Paris, France

Postage: 19 pence or 25 pence

Mr & Mrs G Gill, 36 Ontario Close, DURRINGTON, Worthing, BN13 2TE (Tel 531069)

A reminder for Christmas

Neil, Linda, Nicholas & Timothy Anderson, 94 Mountbatten Drive, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L9C 3V5 (Until August 1996)

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CHURCH OPENING DURING WEEKDAYS

Several people have expressed the wish that our church should be open during the week to enable people to come aside for a time of quiet and prayer. This would be possible if enough of us were willing to commit one or two hours during the week in which we could be present, just as a presence in the church for security purposes. It would also enable us to have extra quiet time. The more people willing to serve in this way, the less frequent need be our vigil.

If you feel able to take part in this venture please sign your name on the list in the vestibule for the time most convenient to you.

Robin Bradley

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GOD IS GREAT - GREETINGS FROM PARIS

I just wanted to write a brief note to you all to let you know how things are going across the water here. I've been here about a month now and all throughout that time I've really felt God has been taking care of me. I came here with nowhere definite to live - one possibility of a flat, which did turn out to be just ideal. The flat is situated 15 minutes' walk away from an English speaking church, where there are loads of things going on, but what really showed me how much God was Boss, was that the chaplain of this church is really into canoeing! Now, how many chaplains in Paris are likely to be fans of canoeing? Just up my street!

I've been constantly aware of His care for me and I think it's to do with spending more time with Him. My quiet times in the morning are invaluable for setting me up for the day! So, if I can say one thing to you all, it is **TRUST IN GOD - HE IS BRILL!** My address is above and if anyone would like to drop me a line, I would love to hear from you.

Victoria Carrington

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company: Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road Worthing BN14 9GB (525483)

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| EXPLORERS | 5-8 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS | 8-11 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS | 11-14 years | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS | 6 - 8.30 pm |

Awards and Display evening in church, Saturday, December 9th at 7.00 pm.

Parade Service, Sunday, December 10th at 11.00 am.

All the girls have now completed their badge work. The Explorers had their memory skills tested, while the Juniors have been looking at conservation. They have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We have had tremendous help from Paul Sison, the Conservation Officer at Worthing Borough Council. The girls participated in a beach survey one Saturday morning, where they were surprised to find lots of rubbish, but not many insects and animals alive.

The girls have planted daffodils in the front of the church, after Stanley Sanders kindly cleared an area for us. We look forward to seeing them in flower in the spring.

The Seniors have been doing drill, and looking at Christian living. They took our devotional time one evening on smoking and drinking and included a rap they had written. Well done girls!

The Brigaders have also been doing drill as well as helping in the Explorer Section.

On Saturday, December 16th, we are off to the pantomime "Dick Whittington" in Brighton, but before that we have our Display and Awards evening on Saturday, December 9th at 7.00 pm in church. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Happy Christmas and New Year from us all. *Amanda Nash* (Auxiliary Helper)

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BOYS' BRIGADE

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| MONDAYS | ANCHOR BOYS | 5.00 pm |
| | JUNIORS | 6.15 pm |
| FRIDAYS | COMPANY SECTION | 7.15 pm |

Parade Service, December 10th at 11 am

The boys enjoyed the Remembrance Day Church Parade Service, and we had a good turnout. Thank you, Peter.

Also, thank you all for your valued support at our Coffee Morning and the Jumble Sale last month. At the time of writing this report we cannot tell you whether we reached our target figure. This information will appear in the January Chronicle.

Thank you to the folk who have regularly brought along coppers. With the boys contributing we have collected nearly £60 this year. This goes into our Mission Fund. We would welcome new members to our Copper Collection Club, but if coppers are in short supply, we could institute the 'Wee Bobby Fund' (5 pence) instead!

The officers and boys wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year in 1996, with many blessings coming your way.

Thank you all. *Donald Stewart* (Captain)

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BEANO CLUB SERENDIPITY CLUB

Meal in Church Hall, Wednesday, December 13th at 8.00 pm

As last year's Christmas meal was such a success we are planning to repeat this event. If you are interested in helping with the preparations, and eating, of such a meal, please give your name to either Julie Ward or Sue Arkinfall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the autumn session will be held at 2.45 pm on Tuesday, 12 December when we will join with the Women's Guild for their Christmas Service.

WOMEN'S GUILD

December 12th - Christmas Service at 2.45 pm

Report of our meeting on October 17th - St Barnabas Hospice

1967 saw the appeal for the building of the Hospice for the people of the Worthing area. It was an exciting time - all kinds of fund raising - gifts from societies, clubs, organisations, industry and individuals. A real community effort allowed St. Barnabas to be dedicated in December 1972 with the first patients arriving on January 1st 1973.

St Barnabas is a charity with, today, running costs of £2,000,000 a year - the Government grant a mere 10%. There are 130 paid staff and over 500 volunteers.

Any of us who have visited friends in the Hospice realise the comfort, encouragement and nursing care which is given unstintingly by all caring for those suffering from terminal cancer, and today for those suffering from motor neurone disease.

It was a most interesting and instructive afternoon and the collection of £75 showed our deep concern for the work of the Hospice, and one and all knew we had chosen the right charity for our special effort this coming year.

Ethel Dearsley

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Our President, Mrs Joan Finlay, welcomed many friends from our congregation and from other churches, to our **Anniversary Service** on October 31st. The guest speaker was Canon Muriel Pargeter who spoke on the challenge of witnessing to our faith, as our Lord did in the temple. The soloist was Mrs Christine Fairs, and tea was served afterwards.

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On November 14th, Mrs Mary Connelly came along to tell us about Cornwall, its beauty, its language and its poetry. And even more, we now know how to make a real Cornish pasty and the many ways to enjoy Cornish clotted cream! Altogether a most entertaining talk and one we all enjoyed.

Betty Hislop

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NEW YEAR SOCIAL

Please make a note in your 1996 diaries and calendars that the New Year Social will take place on Saturday, January 20th. Full details will appear in the January Chronicle.

Sheila Gooderham

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WINDERMERE CENTRE

Recently received is the 1996 programme for the Windermere Centre. You will find details on the church vestibule notice board.

All sorts of courses and retreats have been arranged, some 'private' for the particular churches concerned, and some 'public' for everyone, but anyone can stay at any time, space permitting. Visitors do not have to join a group. So do consider a stay in the Lake District in our churches' special Centre. The Rev Peter McIntosh, director of the Centre, is introducing many new ideas, and gives everyone a warm welcome.

I can give further details or arrange bookings, if need be.

Wilfred Rhodes

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

Dec 1 Card Bingo
 Dec 8 Worthing Accordion Band
 Dec 15 Christmas Afternoon

All meetings start at 2.00 pm

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YOUTH CLUB

Dec 2 Christmas Disco/Sleepover £1.00 (£2.00)
 Dec 9 Club Evening, Church Hall - 7.00 pm
 Dec 16 Bowling/MacDonalds £3.00 (£3.50)

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THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions, please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you. *Editor*

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - WORTHING GROUP

Dec 6 Christmas Lunch at The Smugglers' Roost

I am very happy to announce that the **CECILIA SINGERS** are donating the proceeds of their "**EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC**" jointly between the above Group and the Offington Counselling Service.

The performance will be at **OFFINGTON PARK METHODIST CHURCH** on Saturday, December 16th at 7.30 pm. The tickets are £3.00 each. Refreshments will be available. It will, I am sure, be a most enjoyable concert.

Should you like to go, please 'phone me as I have some tickets to sell.

Doreen Norris (503783)

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FEBA RADIO

December Mailing, Monday to Wednesday, December 11th to 13th, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. For details telephone Jennie Ring on 237281.

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HAVE YOU VISITED THE 'THRIFT KABIN'?

This is the shop next door to Worthing Tabernacle. It sells clothing, household goods, crafts, etc., and has children's toys.

The profits from this and the Worldcraft shop (now combined with the Christian Bookshop in Chatsworth Road) are used to fund several projects in the Worthing area and overseas, including relief work, especially in Asia and Africa. Help is given to an orphanage in Romania, as well as to the Worthing Night Shelter. In August, fuel was bought for lorries taking relief to Croatia. Through the generosity of a supporter, over £10,000 was sent to aid relief projects in Mozambique, one of Africa's poorest countries.

Why not call in to 'bring and buy' and to have coffee at the 'Way In' coffee shop?

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TEAR FUND CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Many of you will be aware that it was agreed at the October Church Meeting that our church will support the work of **TEAR FUND, TEARCRAFT and TRAIDCRAFT** as well as **CHRISTIAN AID**.

It was also agreed that this year's Christmas offerings will be given to the work of **TEAR FUND**. This will cover the offerings made on Christmas Eve at both the 11.00 am service and the 5.30 pm Nativity Service, also the Christmas Day service.

The purpose of **TEAR FUND**, which stands for **THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE RELIEF FUND** is to serve Jesus Christ by enabling those who share evangelical Christian beliefs to bring good news to the poor.

The aims of **TEAR FUND** are:-

1. Proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel for the whole person through support of Christian relief and development.
2. Working through a worldwide network of evangelical Christian partners.
3. Encouraging partnership in prayer and support from Christians in Britain and Ireland.
4. Seeking at all times to be obedient to Biblical teaching.

TEARCRAFT, which is an offshoot of **TEAR FUND**, sells craft items made by people in some of the world's poorest countries, where **TEAR FUND** is working to bring good news to the poor.

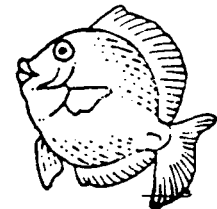
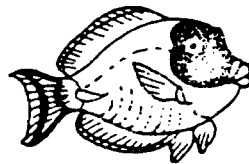
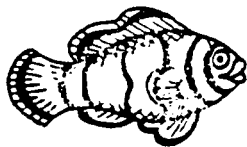
Our church intends to have **TEARCRAFT** coffee mornings where these products will be for sale.

Please contact me, Liz Stilwell, if you are interested in the work of **TEAR FUND** and **TEARCRAFT**.

If you would like to know more about **TRAIDCRAFT**, please contact Mrs Chris Sharpe.

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GORING LITTLE FISHES PLAYGROUP



The Playgroup is now a Registered Charity so, if anyone would like to make a covenantal donation, I will be pleased to give them a form for completion.

Michael Ebeling (Playgroup Treasurer)

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| Term Ends | December 15th |
| Term Starts | January 8th |

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Denise and I are really enjoying the challenge of our roles in the Playgroup. All the little ones have settled well and we are getting lots of 'word of mouth' recommendations.

We have had a visit from Social Services and they were satisfied with every aspect of the Group.

Two parent representatives have now been elected on to the Committee, their special area of responsibility being fund raising, so I am sure that you will be hearing from them about future events.

We now have a Northbrook College student and two Durrington High School pupils (1 boy and 1 girl) doing their work experience with us. This is of great benefit to the students, the children, and to us. A trainee Health Visitor has also been placed with us for day visits.

Now we are into the second half of this term and the children are used to their new surroundings we would like anyone who would like to help - read a story - make something - or just to visit - to please feel free to ask and we can arrange times.

I have taken on, in faith, 4 children whose parents are unable to pay the fees for various reasons. These are 2 boys and 2 girls. The amounts payable for these sessions are:- 1 at £3 per week, i.e., 1 afternoon; 1 at £8 per week, i.e., 2 mornings; 1 at £9 per week, i.e., 3 afternoons; 1 at £12 per week, i.e., 4 afternoons. If anyone feels that they could cover the cost of 1 of these needy children for a week, a month, half a term, or a term, please could they see Michael Ebeling or me. The names or circumstances of these children will not, of course, be released to anyone, even the people sponsoring them.

We would very much like everyone to continue in the prayer support that has covered the Group so well. Thank you. We now look forward to the excitement of our Christmas activities.

Sue Mitchell

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AUTUMN SYNOD HELD ON SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1995

AT SHELLEY ROAD URC, WORTHING

Opening worship was conducted by the Revd Roy Parkington and Bible Study led by the Revd R Singh, Chaplain to the South London Industrial Mission, with Ephesians 2 vv 11-22 as the study passage, in which Paul turns specifically to the diverse inheritance of the Gentiles. Through the death of Jesus Christ the people, previously excluded were brought into the people of God. The question was posed, 'have we, through our styles of worship, created a large group of 'Gentiles', i.e. those not in Christ's Church?'

NOTICES

Among the Notices given were the following:-

1. There is a vacancy in the Southern Province for a Children's Work Secretary; the person appointed should be experienced in working with children and who will liaise with the Youth Work Secretary.
2. Revd Bill McCrorie gave details of, and recommended a course specifically for, Leaders of House Groups, Ladies' and Men's Fellowships, which is already being used in the Medway District. The cost of the course material is £15.

Provincial Council Report

The Southern Provinces' Manse Policy dominated this report. It appears that the Southern Province has not adhered to URC policy in relation to manses which have been sold by individual churches, the proceeds from which have been used to set up manse funds. In implementing URC policy the main problem arising has been how to deal with the few churches having a manse fund. Strictly speaking these funds would not have been established if the Southern Province had followed URC policy. Some churches have been receiving interest on the capital in these funds and have come to rely on the income. A proposal was put to the Synod which, in effect, discontinued churches receiving income in this way by a Provincial Manse Fund taking over all the monies in question and requiring the churches affected having to make application to the Fund in cases of financial difficulty. Understandably, misgivings were expressed by representatives from churches affected who commented on 'lack of consultation' and 'lack of sensitivity'. When the Provincial Council's proposal was put to the vote, a majority voted against it and a modified resolution, more sympathetic to the needs of the churches concerned, was drafted over the break for lunch and approved in the afternoon session.

A Story from the Sussex West District

Revd Rupert Bacon reported on the Homeless Project run by the Churches Together in Worthing and how a property, originally in bad condition, is now used to accommodate 20 homeless people each night.

Following the reception of new ministers in the Province, retired ministers, students and officers, at the beginning of the afternoon session, the session was devoted to an introduction to the Human Sexuality Report. There was no debate on this subject.

A Task Group had been formed by the URC in 1994 to deal with this issue subsequent to two male practising homosexuals indicating they wanted to train for the ministry in the URC. On an issue so sensitive as this, and one likely to provoke considerable discussion, probably heated, it was decided that before the URC could come to a decision, the 1995 Assembly should be presented with a process whereby Churches, Districts and Synods could each have time to debate the matter before its inclusion on the Agenda for the 1997 Assembly. Sets of four Papers have been sent to every local church secretary for use in meetings where human sexuality is discussed. In addition, two copies of an introductory audio-tape have been sent to the secretary of every District Council.

It is suggested that the matter is discussed in small groups rather than in large plenary sessions. Churches are asked to make submissions on not more than two sides of an A4 sheet, giving the content of the discussions rather than specific resolutions.

Closing worship was conducted by the Moderator, Revd David Helyar.

As previously, this report includes a selection of topics. Copies of the Papers sent to representatives prior to the Synod are available for inspection in the church vestibule.

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THE QUIET IN THE LAND

The years have passed, your active life
is done; but tell me why
you think you have no more to give,
and for your end you sigh?
Your sadness grows, that now your legs
no longer bear your weight;
your body weak and feeble now -
was this to be your fate?

Oh never think that you are weak
and useless for our King -
for you are STRONG, and God needs you,
and still the work will bring!
In body though some may be strong,
their faith and hope are weak.
Your prayers and intercession now
may bring the strength they seek.

No longer weep, or sigh, or fear
that helpless you must lie,
for thoughts have wings, and prayers have wings,
and heavenward may fly!
Just think of people sick at heart
and weak in mind and soul,
and pray to Christ that He may come
and cleanse and make them whole.

Just pray for others, asking Christ
to guide them, help them live.
Your strength is greater far than theirs,
you have so much to give!
Give love, give prayers, give strength, give hope,
give Christ and let Him move
within their hearts and minds and souls
and fill them with His love.

Simply trusting, calm, serene,
no doubt to cloud your day,
renew your strength - wait on the Lord,
the Life, the Truth, the Way.

Mary Connelly

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT HOUNSOM ON 9.11.95.

Opening devotions were led by Bob Jackson, based on Psalm 84. Prayers were said for those unwell, Rev Bob Murray, Desmond Curry, Rev Marina Kennard and the Church at Pagham. The Moderator, David Helyar and the new Minister at Chichester, Rev Leslie Judd were welcomed. The President asked for prayers for the Worthing Area as Shelley Rd. and Sompting have Rev Charles & Jenny Martin preaching with a view, and the nations of Israel and Nigeria.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND DISTRICT REVIEW.

W.SUSSEX AREA MINISTRY—Rev Brian Wroe sick leave, takes early retirement April.
PAGHAM— District confirmed Church Meetings resolution to no longer recognise ministry of Rev Marina Kennard. She spoke of sadness over personality clashes. Maurice Young authorised to preside at Communion.

WORTHING AREA - Scoped for 4 ministers but considering 3½ at present. Representatives of the 5 Churches meet regularly for discussion. Durrington LEP - Rev Chatfield P/T Ministry extended beyond retirement. Goring - R. Bradley, G. Dearsley and R. Tuley authorised to preside at 8am Communion.

HOVE AREA - a vacancy is declared for 2 Ministers for the 3 Churches.

BRIGHTON AREA - 3 ministers for 5 Churches. Elders of 4 Churches meet often. Graeme Allan to be team leader. Recently turned down one 'preach with a view.'

PROPERTY REPORT Lewes Rd hope for dedication of new Church on 24 March 1996.

FINANCE REPORT Resolution passed, for some capital to be returned to Brighthelm to achieve maximum interest, for upkeep of Church and Centre.

PARACLETE INTERNATIONAL MISSION - Rev Ray Whittle and his wife June.

Recently retired from Guildford URC, they live in Lancing. P.I.M. started 11 years ago, a work of evangelism across the denominations, particularly in Zimbabwe. They spoke of opening a Church in Kuwadzana and will return in March for 2 years to set up a training and resource centre. They held a course for Sunday School teachers and saw the Sunday School triple from 50 to 150. There is a great need for discipling and training of the Christians, for people are eager to learn but their resources are few. It is exhausting but exciting work. God says: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION a video is available of July CWM celebrations.

YOUTH WORK good Dist. wkend at Shelley Rd. Rustington Meth. Youth Gig 2 Dec. 8pm.

WOMENS WORK CPAS Day St. Georges, Worthing, Fri. 24 Nov. Hazel Barclay, 9.15-2.30.
 Dist. Ladies Day at Goring, Mon. 22 April 1996, 10-2.30, Creche and Bookstall
 Rev Lady Helena McKinnon 'God of Our Journey - steps along the way'. Cost £2

EVANGELISM Provincial Training, T.I.E., 1-3 March at Ashburnham and 4-7 Oct. at Neale House, East Grinstead. Churches encouraged to send 20 people from Sussex West Dist., to be a District resource. Apply by 15 December.

PORTSLADE are holding ecumenical Midweek Lunchtime services.

HUMAN SEXUALITY audio tape to introduce subject now available.

FURY ASSEMBLY 1996 applications wanted from young people under 25.

DISTRICT ELDERS DAY Elders of District desire this to continue, as it is for the Elders, by the Elders. Goring willing to organise this on Saturday 27 Jan. 1996 10-4.30, 'Equipped To Serve', with Rev Ray Whittle. Cost £2.

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING 15 February 1996 (on 3rd. Thursdays in the future).
 The Meeting closed with the Grace.

Irene Tuley.

Craft Fayre



We are writing to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way at all to make the craft fayre a success. There were many varied and beautiful gifts made and bought, we shared fellowship and food and managed to raise just over £600. Once again a big thank you to one and all for your support.

Sheila Gooderham and Eileen Heckels.



Flowers for 1996



I am sure I write for us all when I say how beautiful it is to have the church decorated with flowers as we come to worship on a Sunday and, indeed, when we are not feeling well or just need to know that we are remembered and loved by the family, to have the flowers brought to cheer our day. In order for this to happen week after week we rely on your kindness to provide these flowers. I have placed, in the foyer, a list for 1996 and I would be grateful if you could sign your name against a date, or dates, that you would like set aside for you. Don't worry if someone else's name is already there for that particular date, our church is big enough for more than one arrangement and I am sure we don't mind sharing special days with others of our family.

If you would like to arrange the flowers yourself, or would like someone special to do it for you, then that is no problem either, just let me know.

May God continue to enrich our worship through the beauty of the flowers supplied.

Eileen Heckels.

YOUTH WORK

With the present leaders of the Youth Service and Youth Club standing down at the end of the year the elders are recommending that we give urgent consideration to provide teams of leaders to maintain this vital work. The Sunday morning Youth Service is essential and there is good material available to help; in addition an evening Youth Club is a high priority. We are looking for those who feel called to work in this area : working in the Youth Service would not necessarily require a commitment to work in the Youth Club - or vice versa. Offers to help on a long term, short term or occasional basis would be welcome. This important matter is something in which we can all play a part in prayer. Please make this need known and any who feel they may be able to assist should contact the minister, Peter Heckels, or the church secretary, Geoffrey Dearsley.

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1995

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| 1 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | 2.00 pm |
| | | Boys' Brigade every Friday | 7.15 pm |
| 2 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, St Columba's URC | 2.30 pm |
| | | Youth Club | |
| 3 | Sun | First Sunday in Advent - Bible Sunday | |
| | | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion | 11.00 am |
| | | Service | 6.30 pm |
| 4 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30 pm |
| | | Boys' Brigade every Monday | 5.00 pm and 6.15 pm |
| 6 | Wed | ADA Worthing Group Christmas Lunch | |
| 7 | Thu | Day of Prayer (Holy Communion at 10.30 am) | 7.00 am to 6.00 pm |
| | | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00 am to 11.30 am |
| 8 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | 2.00 pm |
| 9 | Sat | Torch Fellowship, Jubilee Hall, Greenland Road | 2.30 pm |
| | | Youth Club - Club Evening | 7.00 pm |
| | | Girls' Brigade Awards - Display in Church | 7.00 pm |
| 10 | Sun | Second Sunday in Advent | |
| | | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| | | Parade Service | 11.00 am |
| | | Service | 6.30 pm |
| 11 | Mon | Banner Making Group | 1.30 pm |
| 12 | Tue | Durrington High School PPG (Not in Church) | |
| | | Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship Meetings | 2.45 pm |
| 13 | Wed | Bible Study for Ladies - Harris Room | 10.00 am |
| | | Serendipity and Beano Clubs - Meal | 8.00 pm |
| 14 | Thu | Ark Parent and Toddler Club | 10.00 am to 11.30 am |
| | | Praise and Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel | 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm |
| 15 | Fri | Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | 2.00 pm |
| 16 | Sat | Youth Club | |
| 17 | Sun | Third Sunday in Advent | |
| | | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| | | Service | 11.00 am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion and Healing | 6.30 pm |
| 24 | Sun | Sunday before Christmas | |
| | | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| | | Service of Carols and Lessons | 11.00 am |
| | | Nativity Service | 5.30 pm |
| 25 | Mon | CHRISTMAS DAY - Family Service | 10.30 am |
| 28 | Thu | Praise and Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel | 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm |
| 31 | Sun | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| | | Service with Holy Communion | 11.00 am |
| | | Service | 6.30 pm |

JANUARY 1996

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| 4 | Thu | Prayer Vigil in Church | 7.00 am to 7.00 pm |
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