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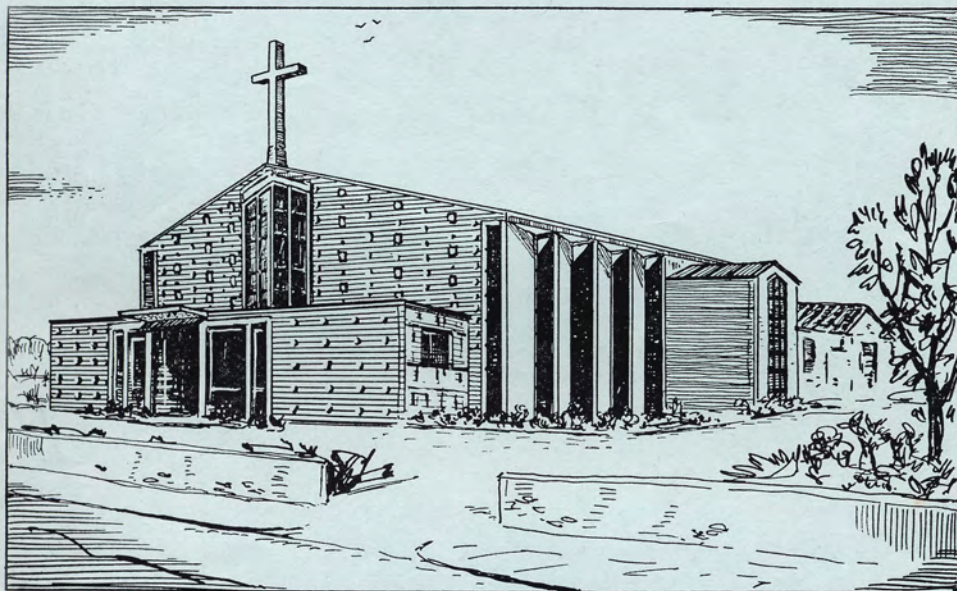
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## GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## SERVICES

### DIVINE WORSHIP

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning.

Third Sunday in the evening.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

One Thursday in each month (date announced) at 10.30 a.m.,  
3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Holy Communion following morning session.

### DEVOTIONAL CHURCH MEETING

All other Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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Pastoral Letter.

My dear Friends,

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to you  
all!

Every New Year challenges us to make  
a new beginning. The Calendar we hang on our  
walls is of course, a man-made device, but its  
attraction arises, in no small measure, from its  
suggestion of a new beginning, ever dear to the  
heart of man. This implies that New Years Day has  
a special message to the Christian, for the very  
essence of the "Good News" is the glorious possi-  
bility of beginning again - "If any man be a  
Christian, he is in a new world" for  
"If Christ a thousand times  
In Bethlehem be born  
If He's not born in thee  
Thy heart is still forlorn."



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This challenge to a new beginning is a dynamic appeal to the Churches, for one thing is certain, whether we like it or not, that this is the year of our Lord 1964, and He is still rejected in the counsels of men and nations. How are we to face this situation? It may be difficult to provide an answer, but the condition of our times, and the moral decadence in our own land, demand an answer suited to the occasion - We shall not find this in any policy of "turning Back" or "sitting tight".

"Not where long-past ages sleep  
Seek we Eden's golden trees  
In the future folded deep  
Lie its mystic harmonies".

At any rate this year dawns for you with new hope and expectation, as you look forward to a new day for this Church, under a new leader whom God will send in His own time.

God bless you all, and "may your dreams come true!"

Your sincere friend,

W. J. ASHFORD.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

By the time this is read we will be very close to the end of the old year; probably the majority of people regard the closing of the year with a sense of relief. Among our own membership there has been, I think, an unusually large number of those who have been afflicted with ill-health or suffered bereavement. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to such, and we do trust that the sense of fellowship in the family of the Church has in some measure helped to sustain them in their troubles. This is a large church, and in spite of the efforts of deacons and visitors it is possible that there are some folk who feel lonely or uncared for. If such is the case will you please let either Mr. Ashford or myself, or any of the deacons or visitors know whenever there is need for visitation. Yet for most of us there has been during

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1963 so much for which to be thankful - the devotion and care of our loved ones, the loyalty of friend, opportunities for service, hopes fulfilled, new paths opened up, a deeper faith, a greater awareness of God's goodness. For all these let us give Him our love and praise.

The Life of this Church in this past year will inevitably be divided in our minds into two almost equal parts. During the first we continued under the wise guidance of our beloved minister Mr. Franks. In God's good time he was called away to serve Him in another Church. We shall ever be thankful for that ministry, and he and his family will continue to be remembered with affection. We take this opportunity of sending them our warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year. For a time after Mr. Franks departure many of us felt somewhat stunned, and it is good and necessary that a certain time should elapse before a new minister comes in order that a Church may adjust itself to the changed situation. During this period there has grown a sense of the responsibility of each member for the welfare of this Church and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Now, as the New Year dawns we prepare ourselves to enter upon a new era. We pray and hope that God is guiding him who shall be our new minister, and that the day will not be far distant when His will will be made known. So let us enter into this New Year with a sense of expectancy and of prayerful preparation.

May I personally wish a very happy New Year to all our readers.

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Congratulations to Mr. N. A. Dobson on the honour conferred on him by being elected Vice-Chairman of the Youth Leaders' Council.

Congratulations also to his daughter Christine in passing Part I of the Nursing examination. She enters Chichester Hospital on January 6th. Our good wishes go with her.

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From the CHURCH TREASURER.

Collections for November, 1963.

|              | <u>Envelopes.</u>   | <u>Loose Cash.</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3rd November | £22. 17. 3.         | £14. 16. 11.       |
| 10th "       | £26. 14. 9.         | £15. 11. 6.        |
| 17th "       | £24. 0. 6.          | £11. 14. 11.       |
| 24th "       | £30. 6. 6.          | - - -              |
|              | <u>£103. 19. 0.</u> | <u>£42. 3. 4.</u>  |

Total for the month for Church Funds

£146. 2. 4d.

The loose collection on Sunday 24th November amounting to £25. 2. 4d was passed to the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee for the London Missionary Society.

Building Fund.

The Treasurer has to acknowledge with gratitude receipt of £100 from Mrs. G. L. Nodes and family, a gift to the Building Fund in memory of the late Mr. G. L. Nodes.

Sunday Services.

The writer is sure that he is voicing the feelings of many of our members when he expresses thanks for the helpful suggestions and prayers which have appeared on the Service order papers during the year. These well chosen passages and petitions, when thoughtfully read, can both set the tone for worship and be usefully employed on other occasions.

Anon.

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The Bible Says:-

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelations 4 V. 22.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come to him. Revelations 20 V. 20.

Contributed by P. S. West.

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Church Building Fund Boxes. I wish to thank all friends who helped to raise the sum of £45. 3. 6d for the above scheme. I think it is a very worthy effort and would be glad if any new members of the Church would be willing to have a box in their homes. It is surprising how the odd pennies and threepenny pieces mount up in the course of a year. Please ask me for a box. Also many thanks to all Church members for the gifts for the Mystery Dips which always delight the children and perhaps, the grown-ups.

A very happy New Year to you all. W. Smith.

United Civic Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

The Annual United Civic Service will be held at the Assembly Hall, Stoke Abbott Road on Monday, January 6th, 1964 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. W. J. Ashford (President of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council) writes:- "At the Free Church Federal Council Meeting the Council decided to ask all Churches to treat the matter seriously. It was stated that, during the past few years, while the attendance at the service on the part of the Corporation, its officials and other public bodies had been exemplary, on the other hand the attendance of the members of the Christian Churches of Worthing had been a shameful betrayal." Mr. Ashford continues: "If we Christian people desire the Worthing Corporation to have in mind the moral values for which the Christian faith stands, and to pay those values respect in their administration of our affairs, it is most imperative that all our people should support our Chief Citizen when he arranges the special United Service of Christian Witness. If we do not support such an occasion we can hardly expect the Town Council to take us seriously when we ask them to consider our principles in public affairs."

Will you, therefore, please book this date and support this gathering.

H. A. W.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS. - JANUARY ROTA.

January 5th - Miss A. Ebbutt.)  
                     Miss G. James. )  
       "      12th - Mr. & Mrs. F. de Pury.  
       "      19th - Mr. & Mrs. A. Winstanley.  
       "      26th - Mr. & Mrs. E. Lowes.

I wish to thank all members of the Church who helped in any way with the supplying and arranging of flowers for the Church during the past year.

Would any members who are not at present on the Flower Rota, but who would like to supply Flowers for the Church, or make a donation to the Flower Fund, please contact me.

E. Bond - Flower Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Will friends who have notices which they desire to be included on the Order of Service paper kindly let either Miss Wain or the Church Secretary have them as early as possible in the preceding week. Only if it is quite unavoidable should they be handed to the Secretary immediately prior to the services. The object of printing notices on the Order of Service paper is to reduce announcements during the service to a minimum, and a request for emphasis should be made only with regard to events of special importance.

H. A. W.

Youth Fellowship.

A group has been formed with the object of providing fellowship for the youth of the Church who are over Sunday School age. The meetings are held in the Church Hall immediately after the service each Sunday evening. A committee has arranged a varied programme.

The youth of the Church aged 14 years and over are cordially invited to attend.

J. F. Mason.



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LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Bearing in mind that during the year ended the 31st March 1963, apart from Covenants sent to Headquarters, 86 donations involving 112 persons were made through the local collectors or the local treasurer to the London Missionary Society, the members of the Church Committee of the Society think there must be many non-subscribing members who would be willing to give an annual donation. The Society requires an additional £26,000 to maintain its work and there is no doubt that this target could be attained with the assistance of more annual subscribers. With our membership of say 360, the difficulty is one of approach. The Collectors are as follows:-

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Miss A. H. E. Grey, | 42a, Marsham Gdns.  |
| Miss M. L. Hawke,   | 46, Marsham Gdns.   |
| Mr. P. W. Hopkins,  | 12, Fairview Ave.   |
| Miss E. W. Lock,    | 80, Melrose Ave.,   |
| Mrs. V. Nuttall,    | 95, South Street.   |
| Mrs. V. E. Pearn,   | Furzedown, Somerset |
|                     | Rd., Ferring.       |
| Miss M. Redman,     | 14, Robson Road.    |

and they set out on their annual visitations towards the end of January into February.

We realise that many contribute to the various missionary offerings throughout the year but regular subscriptions are most helpful.

Will those of our members who are not annual subscribers and would like a collector to call, kindly indicate their decision on the slip included in this magazine. The slip may be handed either to Mr. Howe, Secretary, or to Mr. Wraight, Treasurer.

G. Wraight.

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GROUP NOTES.MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Spring Session - This commences on January 7th with a talk by Mr. A. E. Pearn on "Our Congregational Heritage". The other meeting in January will be on the 21st when Mr. William L. Brewster will continue his talk on "The Rhineland and the Worthing-Wolfstein Bridge" (illustrated). The Fellowship meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45 for 3.0 p.m. and all men of the church and congregation will be assured of a warm welcome. R. Pepperdine.

On November 26th Mr. J. M. Ward gave the Fellowship another talk on "Books and Manuscripts" and their collectors. We heard of the bibliomaniac who, in revolt from an over-possessive mother, crammed a 3-storey house with books, of Bernard Shaw's letters offering the star part in Pygmalion to Myrie Bellew, and of visits by Royalty seeking and selling books. We were thrilled by the discoveries of the Sampler by 9 year old Ann Sparrow dated "March 1618" (which lost considerably in value when found to have been worked originally as "March 16 1802"), of Simon Bolivar's draft constitution for the new country of Bolivia, and of the first maps of England produced at Elizabeth I's command by Christopher Saxton, as well as other stories equally as interesting.

On December 10th our regret at Mr. Percy West's indisposition was offset by the rare pleasure of seeing Mr. Cornwall in the chair to introduce our programme of "Carols old and new", and remind us that the happiest of Christmases comes with a spirit of sacrifice. Messrs. Parker and Wraight set us all singing carols: Mr. Parker sang carols, Mr. Garland Hughes played a carol selection at the piano, and Mr. Wraight's records brought us carols in the voices of the choir of Kings College, Cambridge, Owen Brannigan, Delafonti and Kathleen Ferrier. Christmas was indeed upon us! Before we parted Mr. Cornwall presented to Mr. Franks a pipe and a book as a token of our appreciation of his services to the Fellowship

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

In its last two meetings the Fellowship has convincingly shown its wishes to widen its interests beyond Church walls. A talk by the Borough Reference Librarian, Miss W. Fox revealed the story of the pavements we tread in our daily lives. We learned that long ago Worthing was but a tiny manor surrounded by all-powerful manors of Broadwater and West Tarring; that its growth only really began when a sick little Royal Princess, too innocent to be sent to Regency Brighton, came to recuperate in a quiet house in Montague Street. Soon after the little town became a Borough, typhoid nearly killed it, so that at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, grass grew in the streets. A new waterworks, however, laid the foundation of modern Worthing.

At the following meeting we were again very interested to hear the story of the Royal National Lifeboat Service. The speaker, Mrs. Robinson, who is organiser for the area of England stretching from the Wash to the Needles, quickly made it evident that not only were we listening to the inside story of this wonderful work but also to some of the unsung epics of these wholly voluntary menfolk who risk their lives to save the lives of others regardless of colour, creed or nationality. A humbling thought how little we do to support this Christlike work.

The opening meeting of 1964 on January 14th will be a devotional meeting to be addressed by our very good friend Rev. Harold Rowse of Sompting. Every woman member of our congregation will be very welcome.

D. W.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD Working Party commences again on January 7th 1964 at 2.30 p.m. A warm welcome is extended to all ladies of the congregation. A very happy New Year to you all.

E. M. T.

YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

New Year Greetings to all our friends and readers. We shall be commencing our Winter programme on Jan. 13th with a Members' Evening and take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all who have not been to our fellowship before - why not come along one evening and try us out - we are a very friendly group!

Among the interesting speakers who will be visiting us during the coming weeks are:-

Jan. 27th Miss Joan Strange, talking on Germany.

Feb. 10th Coun. Mrs. Heele, speaking on her year as Mayor of Worthing.

Feb. 24th Rev. Crittle, and two 'Open Evenings'.

Mar. 9th A Concert in aid of the Old Folks Fund &

Mar. 23rd when Co. F. W. Dines will give a talk on Heraldry.

J. Lester.

Life Boys' Carol Concert.

Congratulations to our Life Boy Team (40 boys) who so enthusiastically entertained their parents and friends on their meeting night, December 9th with carol singing and scripture readings leading up to the Nativity Story - the part of Mary being played by the only little girl in the entertainment - Lesley Basey, aged 7 years!

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. C. Hodge, Leader-in-Charge of the Life Boys and her helpers who trained the boys for this evening, and who gave of their time and talent each week for these boys, and congratulations too to the boys who so obviously enjoyed entertaining us.

V. W.

Social Evening Dec. 14th. There was a real sense of a Christian Festive Spirit at the Social arranged by Mr. Mercer and the Tuesday Youth Group, which was well supported by members and friends of the Church, both young and old.

In addition to a hot meal; a demonstration by the Grasshoppers, much comedy provided by Pinky and

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Perky; the Beatles, Mr. Tony Ashton one of our own members with his guitar group, Las Palmas, supplied some real crazy music.

What joy the old folk from London will have when they visit us in the summer, their expenses being met by the proceeds of the entertainment.

Carols accompanied by a tape-recording of the organ made by Mr. Garland Hughes gave a perfect ending to the evening.

I. Challis.

B. Stephens.

#### The GIRL'S LIFE BRIGADE.

The 10th Annual Display of the 5th Wortning Co. was held at West Park School on Saturday Nov. 23rd. The Chair was taken by Miss M. E. Brice, Divisional Supt. Wortning Nursing Cadet Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, who after opening devotions, made presentations of awards to the girls. This is always a most interesting part of the display, and to all those who gained badges and medals we extend our sincere congratulations. The entertainment which followed, called the MAGIC CHAIR was well performed and scenes from popular television programmes were given by the younger members - much thought having been given to the production and dressing for the parts of Bill and Ben, the Flowerpot men not forgetting little Weed, and other characters. The evening ended with a very unusual setting of the Nativity Story - very well and sincerely rendered by all the children.

Much thought, time and loving service is given to our Girls Life Brigade Company by Mrs. Stratton and her helpers, not only for the annual displays but weekly throughout the year, and we should like to convey to all who are concerned with this work our very sincere thanks for all that is done to make this such a fine organisation for our young folks.

V. W.

A repeat performance of the Display was provided for 29 Old People of the Church and neighbourhood on Tuesday 26th November after giving them a

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High Tea of Ham and Salad, Fruit Jelly and Cream. The following Tuesday the Seniors and Pioneers performed their plays at the Nursery Lane Blind Home, completing the evening by singing chosen carols and so bringing a little cheer into the hearts of the blind folk.

Mrs. Stratton.

#### CAR PARKING.

As a member of the Care Committee I have been asked to write on the subject of car-parking. We know that in wet weather there is a large pond on the car park at the rear of the church buildings, but this will be remedied shortly. However, in dry weather we would like to see the cars parked closer together. If the first arrivals would park on either side of the Church Road by the Bridge, on the east side right up to the front wall, and on the west side up to the corner of the kerb, then the following cars should be parked as closely as possible nose to tail leaving the entrances to the Choir Vestry and Sunday Schools clear. Any overflow could then be parked on the North or Church side of Barrington Road, west of the Church.

Now for a few "DONTs" - Please do not park in front of the Church or on the South Side of Barrington Road, and please do not come in the EXIT and out of the ENTRY, it only causes confusion.

Will drivers who are dropping elderly and infirm members in front of the Church doors please go out of the EXIT into the road and back into the IN and so round into the car park.

Deception parking was discussed at great length but this was not considered practicable.

We do hope these few words will help all members (a) to park on Church property, and (b) to be able to park without confusion.

A. Razzell.

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 FEBRUARY 1964.
 

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Pastoral Letter.

My dear Friends,

By the time this issue reaches you, we shall be well into 1964, and we are all asking  
 What of the future?

Fifty years ago, people were asking the same thing. Here is one forecast then -

"The barque which carries humanity  
 "traverses an ocean, where the winds  
 "are contrary and the currents unknown."

So wrote James Bryce. He was then our Ambassador to the United States - historian, statesman, scholar, he wrote better than he knew, for who shall estimate the velocity of the winds which have blown upon our lives, or the totally unexpected character of those treacherous currents which have drifted us so far from the shores of our security during those eventful fifty years?.

Such reflections naturally come to us at the

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commencement of another year, nor should we evade them, but the christian soul can never altogether accept the mood of uncertainty and melancholy which seems to lie behind Viscount Bryce's estimate of the unknown future. Like the wise men, who journeyed from afar, through many perils, and over mountains of difficulty, we too have seen HIS star, and therefore we can share, with Bishop Bickersteth, the confident faith of his noble hymn -

"Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?"

"Jesus we know, and HE is on the throne."

The question of tempest and tide becomes to us secondary to that of Who is at the helm, and by what star do we intend to steer the vessel which carries us and our fortunes?

may it be said of Christian folk today,

"They journeyed toward the sunrising",

(Numbers XXI, v. 11).

I offer to you this as a slogan for 1964, and may the presence of God go with you.

Your sincere friend,

W. J. ASHFORD.

From the Editor.

Amongst my correspondence for this edition of the Chronicle, has come a letter from our friend Mr. Franks. As always his letters contain some kindly thought and on this occasion he refers to the many folk in Goring who sent him, and his family Christmas and New Year wishes. He has asked me to convey to all those folk the sincere thanks of the family, as he is sure they will appreciate it is not possible for them to send individual greetings to everybody.

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

This is being written at a critical moment in our Church's life when an important decision is about to be made with regard to the calling of a minister to the vacant pastorate. By the time these notes appear the result of the Special Church meeting on Feb. 1st will be known, but at the moment all that can be said is that we pray that the result of the meeting, and if a call is made, the response of the minister concerned, may be in accordance with the Will of God for this Church.

The Draft Constitution for a Covenanted Fellowship of Congregational Churches has provoked discussion throughout the length and breadth of the land. Those of us who have studied it have, like many others, been somewhat bewildered by it and have felt that there are points which we would wish to have clarified.

Rev. Maxwell O. Janes, the General Secretary of the London Missionary Society, who is conducting our services on Sunday, February 2nd, is a member of the Draft Constitution Committee. He has very kindly consented to lead a discussion on the Draft Constitution after the evening service on that Sunday. It is to be hoped that many members will take advantage of this opportunity of hearing at first hand one who has authority and knowledge to speak on this subject, which should be the concern of every Congregationalist.

On 15th January another of our older members was called to 'higher service', in the passing of Mrs. M. J. Harland. With Mr. Harland her husband, Mrs. Harland came to us from Lewes in 1956. She attended worship ten days before her death which came very suddenly. We extend our sympathy to her daughters and sister-in-law, Miss Harland. Another familiar figure though not a church member has passed from our midst. Mr. Woodward, who died

on New Year's Eve, was well-known for his attendance at Thursday evening services, especially the Prayer Meetings. He also attended the Men's Fellowship.

The best wishes of the Church go with Miss Jane Stephens who leaves on February 7th for a year's service as Staff Nurse in Hospital, Toronto.

As from time to time I receive letters which are incorrectly addressed, will friends kindly note that my address is WORTHING and not GORING. This will avoid delay in delivery.

H. A. Winterton.

From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for December 1963.

|              | <u>Envelopes.</u> |     |    | <u>Loose Cash.</u> |     |     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|----|--------------------|-----|-----|
| 1st December | £30.              | 7.  | 3. | £13.               | 12. | 0.  |
| 8th "        | £26.              | 13. | 6. | £15.               | 6.  | 8.  |
| 15th "       | £26.              | 2.  | 0. | £14.               | 3.  | 0.  |
| 22nd "       | £31.              | 9.  | 6. | £19.               | 6.  | 5.  |
| 29th "       | £39.              | 8.  | 6. | £13.               | 13. | 10. |
|              | £154.             | 0.  | 9. | £76.               | 1.  | 11. |

Total for the month for Church Funds - £230. 2. 8d.

As a result of the collection on Christmas Day and some additional donations we were able to send £15. 15. 0d. to the Congregational Union of England and Wales for the work at Fen Place. This was gratefully acknowledged.

R. O. Parker.

Christmas Parcels.

On behalf of the old people I would like to thank the children of the Sunday School and members of the congregation for providing the goods which enabled us to pack and deliver 59 parcels, and also for the financial help by which we were able to purchase 5 cwt of coal.

M. S. Dobson.



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GROUP NOTES.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

Our Annual Jumble Sale will be held on March 20th. We appeal therefore, for anything you may wish to discard - anything in fact that will raise a few shillings or pounds!! Arrangements can be made for collection. The Hall will be open to receive goods on Thursday March 19th from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

For your information our next meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 4th and then every other Tuesday.

E. M. T.

JUNIOR CHURCH - THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER.

Since joining the Goring Congregational Church in 1947, we have had two ministers, two temporary ministers, five Church Secretaries and three Treasurers, yet through the whole of that time we have had only one Sunday School leader.

As a Church Member and one of its first deacons, I feel we should be very grateful to Miss Ford who has so faithfully carried the responsibility of leader of the Sunday School.

It is largely due to Miss Ford that the Sunday School has been built up to its present strength - she has seen many come and go, both teachers and scholars, but now she has found it necessary to give up the leadership. So we would not like the occasion to pass us by without acknowledging our indebtedness and real thanks to Miss Ford for all she has done for the Church and Sunday School.

C. S. Wood.

Junior Church leader:- After nearly seventeen years' service Miss B. J. Ford has resigned from the leadership of the Junior Church on grounds of ill-health. In accordance with a resolution passed at the Church Meeting on Jan. 2nd a letter has been sent to Miss Ford thanking her for her services to the Junior Church over this long period.

H. A. Winterton.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The new session opened on January 7th with a talk by our vice-president Mr. A. E. Pearn on "Our Congregational Heritage". The exiles for conscience sake from the Church of England, worshipped in cottage groups etc. for years, until the gradual easing of disabilities allowed them to build chapels for their services.

In 1658 proposals for union of these scattered communities were put forward, but 170 years of discussion followed before the eventual formation of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1831. Owing to their devotion to the cause of freedom of worship, the Nonconformist Conscience was a force to be reckoned with in the 18th and 19th centuries. Alas, that in these days we are so much less militant in fighting causes which are harmful to the wellbeing of mankind.

On January 21st Mr. W. L. Brewster continued the illustrated talk on "A Rhineland Journey and the Wolfstein Bridge" which he had been unable to complete last session. Another link has just been forged between Worthing and Wolfstein at Schools level and as the Wolfstein School holds an influential position in an area containing many village schools, this should do much to improve Anglo-German friendship. It was interesting to compare the film of the Worthing visitors to Wolfstein with the visit of the Wolfstein party to England last year. We enjoyed a busman's holiday by accompanying the visitors on their trip around London sights, many of which we had been going to see while living in that city, but had never succeeded in reaching.

P. W. H.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

On Monday evening 10th February at 8.0 p.m. in the Church Hall, Councillor Mrs. M. Neale will be addressing our Fellowship - her subject - "On being Mayor of Worthing". As we feel that this may possibly be a subject in which others may be interested, we extend a cordial welcome to all members of the congregation who care to attend.

J. Lester.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

There will be two meetings in February. On Feb. 4th under the chairmanship of Mr. Percy West, we are to have a talk by Mr. R. O. Parker on "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" (Jerome K. Jerome). Feb. 18th our friends Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Winterton will give an illustrated talk on "Around and About in Paris", Mr. E. W. Lowes being in the chair.

R. P.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS - FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2nd - Mr. & Mrs. H. Emery.  
 9th - Miss E. Press.  
 16th - Miss M. Hawke.  
 23rd - Miss B. Wiseman.

E. Bond - Flower Secy..

The Bible Says:-

I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8, verses 38-39.

Contributed by P. S. West.

AN APPEAL TO CONGREGATIONALISTS.

The undersigned Congregationalists wish to draw the attention of their churchmen to the serious problems connected with the consumption of alcohol. They realize that over the past twenty or so years the habits of many people have changed. Many ministers and members of Nonconformist Churches are now used to what is termed 'social drinking' and it would seem difficult if not impossible to reverse these processes. Indeed, in many cases such drinking leads to no evil results, but there are evil results from the consumption of alcohol to which no Christian can close his eyes.

1. The most recent statistics confirm the fact that there is a continuing steep increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness.
2. Drunkenness is still finding a new area of development among adolescents and no person with a social conscience can be happy about this or particularly about the number of young girls who succumb.
3. The Nation has a considerable task in handling the difficult problem of about 100,000 chronic alcoholics.
4. Many injuries and deaths on the road are traceable to the effect of alcohol upon the driver. It is established that even a small consumption of alcohol effects the driver's skill adversely.

IT IS NOT FOR US to prescribe the way of duty for individuals, but churches and individuals should look at these facts again and ask themselves what their duty is. We hope that our fellow Congre-

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gationalists will need our appeal.

Rev. John Marsh, Chairman, Congregational Union  
of England and Wales.

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| " H. Cunliffe-Jones.   | " Maxwell Jones.     |
| " F. H. S. Davies.     | " A. D. Oliver.      |
| " W. T. Pennar Davies. | " E. H. Pyle.        |
| " C. R. Garwood.       | " C. A. Rowlands.    |
| " A. E. Gould.         | " Basil H. Sims.     |
| " H. A. Hamilton.      | " Howard Stanley.    |

Rev. Maurice Watts.

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| Mrs. Joan Farthing.       | Mr. E. E. Leigh.   |
| Mrs. G. R. McGregor Wood. | Mr. F. H. Ireland. |
| Mr. D. C. Gould.          | Mr. A. E. Pearn.   |
| Mr. G. M. Poole.          |                    |

Note:- The strong support given to the above appeal should ensure that it receives the earnest consideration of all Congregationalists. Those joining in it include the Chairman of the Union Dr. John Marsh, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, six other Principals of Congregational Theological Colleges, two of whom are former chairmen of the Union, as also are four more of the signatories, including the Secretary of the Union. This appeal was initiated by one of our own members, Mr. A. E. Pearn, with the warm support of Dr. Marsh.

This appeal will reach every Congregational Church for consideration in Church meeting in due course.



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A 'NOTE' from the ORGANIST and CHOIRMASTER.

May I first say how much I appreciated the warm hearted welcome given to me on appointment to Goring. I am very conscious of the responsibility of the man at the keyboard, not only in accompanying the united praise but in providing fitting music to add to the beauty and joy of the services and help the individual in private devotions. That I have received many expressions of pleasure and thanks has been most rewarding.

The Church organ, fairly comprehensive and in good condition, develops considerable volume which I school myself to use sparingly, though musical interpretation demands variety and members will recognise that a great climax in hymn or anthem calls for corresponding crescendo on the organ.

In Congregational Praise, we possess a great heritage to inspire our song as well as a valuable modern contribution.

I am impressed with the thoughtful response of the congregation to changes of mood, tempo and expression in the hymns and chants and here the lead by the choir really counts. They are a loyal body who work hard at practices, attend commendably at both services and despite small numbers reach a very acceptable musical standard. I know the Church is grateful to them as I am.

We aim to recruit another twelve singers (preferably under the 45 age group) three in each vocal part, to achieve adequate strength and ensure a balanced choir of 24 at morning and evening service. Meanwhile gratitude is recorded to

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friends who have added their voices on special occasions. We hope to have them with us for Easter work shortly under preparation.

Arrangements are in hand to form a permanent Junior Choir following the Christmas efforts of the children which were found pleasurable. Practices will commence shortly and I shall be glad to register boys and girls aged between 9 and 15 years. Details will be announced and I am sure this project will have the real interest and support of the Church.

C. Garland Hughes.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Although it will be February before this is read, may I pass on to all readers this Christian New Year Message given to our members by our good friend, the Rev. Harold Rowse; it is found in the 3rd Epistle of John - "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth". Of course, the emphasis was on the last five words.

On February 11th the Rev. Myfanwy Wood will be speaking to us about 'The U.M.S. and women in China'

"Members' Afternoon" on the 25th should be unusual as well as interesting. Members are being asked to give brief talks about specially interesting articles in their possession - maybe something collected on their travels; a family heirloom; a picture or other work of art - there are many things which bring back memories of interest to others as well as to the owner. If you have one and are a member of the Fellowship, please, let me know.

L. B. Reynolds.

BADMINTON CLUB.

The Church Badminton Club was formed a year ago and since then membership has grown steadily. In December we entertained St. Columba Church Club and although we suffered defeat a most enjoyable evening was spent by all those who were present on this pleasant social occasion. We hope to reverse the result in a return match at St. Columba in February! Other matches have been arranged in the near future with Shelley Road Congregational Church, also with Steyne Gardens Methodist Church.

New members, whether experienced players or "Novices", will always find a very warm welcome at our club meetings which are held on most Thursdays and Saturdays.

We do invite anyone who is at all interested to come along - even the best players were "Novices" once!

Club racquets are always available.

E. A. W.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

Our Annual Enrolment Service took place on Jan. 26th when the Acting-Chaplain Mr. Winterton, enrolled five new members, four of these 'coming up' from Cadets and one new Junior. Nineteen of the girls are taking the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination on March 20th under the guidance of Miss Walsh. We are hoping they will win the Battalion Scripture Shield and so repay Miss Walsh for all the time she has given in coaching the girls.

E. Stratton.

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The work of THE CHURCH OVERSEAS.

There are many folk in the Churches of this country, including our own, who are apt to feel that the appeals for help of various kinds in connection with Missionary work abroad are becoming too numerous and should therefore be modified.

Everyone must be well aware that the purchasing power of the pound tends to become less and less, therefore the scope of the work of the Church abroad is very much hampered if the funds available are insufficient.

The news from Africa at the present time gives cause for deep concern. We are made aware of the fact that the mission of a Godless Society is straining its resources to the utmost to win over this vast continent to their way of life.

The representatives of the Church in that area are in URGENT need of all the support and co-operation which can be given them and that MOST SPEEDILY.

The urgency of this help is made abundantly clear from the present political state of affairs in Africa and an earnest appeal is made to the reader to make this matter one of sincere PRAYER followed by conscientious giving to the limit of their ability.

It is said that 'Faith without works is dead' but it is equally true to say that work without the means for its accomplishment will be totally ineffective.

GOD is depending upon US for help in the establishment of HIS KINGDOM everywhere.

T. A. Howe.

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AN APPEAL TO YOUTH.

"The duty of an educationist is....not to think for men, but to enable them to think for themselves."

Delete the word "men" and substitute "youth", and this New Year Calendar thought, gives weighty value to a little book recently published by the United Kingdom Alliance, with its earnest appeal to young people to think for themselves.

Older folk, and those who have already decided for themselves their way of life, are by-passed in this booklet, and not even mentioned. But the writer makes a very powerful plea that the youth of our time shall have the right, and the courage, to think for themselves as to what their decision shall be in relation to the openly acknowledged attempt to capture them to start taking alcoholic drink.

Published at 3d per copy, the facts and figures presented appear to be not merely unanswerable, but practically impossible to challenge. And possibly for that reason the publication will be conveniently ignored.

But printed by the thousand, and widely distributed amongst young people in Youth Clubs, Schools, Brigades and in our Church life, and given official support by those in high places, the effect could be such as to bring to a halt a position towards which our country is steadily drifting. And the writer asks that the coming generations shall be given the opportunity of thinking the matter out for themselves, and not let social customs, or their elders, decide what their attitude should be.

Published under the heading of "Drinking and You" the booklet is written by our fellow Church member, who is Chairman of the Executive of the U.K.A. - Mr. A. E. Pearn.

C. H. C.

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"CHRONICLE" BOOK TALK.

The author of our first new Paperback this month is none other than TREVOR HUDDLESTONE, Bishop of Nasasi, who first hit the headlines with his "Naught for your comfort" written in 1956 when he had become such an embarrassment to the authorities in South Africa that he was recalled to this country. Though the eight chapters of his new book were given as talks to undergraduates during a mission to Oxford University they are compellingly readable and have much to say to each of us on such subjects as:- 'The World', 'Man', 'Evil', 'Forgiveness', 'Christ and the Church' and as one would expect, the African way of life creeps into his talks time and again. Title:- "THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD", Fontana 3/6d.

Our second book, "GOD'S FROZEN PEOPLE" also a Fontana, written jointly by Ralph Norton, a Minister of the Church of Scotland, who has served in Cambridge, China and Iona: and Mark Gibbs, a Grammar School teacher has nothing to say about the English Winter as its title might suggest, but deals with our Spiritual Climate. It is a book about - and for - ordinary Christians, and should have a special appeal to Congregationalists for it is concerned with the Mission of the Laity - not so much on Church premises as in the world at large.

Some twelve months ago there passed to Higher Service one whose name had become a household word in the realm of Divine Healing, namely DOROTHY MERIN, who because she had been miraculously healed at God's hands devoted her life to other sufferers and brought them into touch with the Healing Power of Christ both spiritually and physically. Her own story was told in "The Living Touch" in 1914, followed by the story of her work and testimonies of those who have been blessed in 1952. This latter book entitled "FULFILLING" is now available in a Paperback and makes exciting reading.

Clifford H. Powell.

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CHURCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY.FEBRUARY.

- 1st Sat. - Church Business meeting 3.0 p.m.
- 2nd SUN. Rev. Maxwell O. Jones, B.A., B.D., Genl. Secretary London Missionary Society. Discussion of Draft Constitution after Evening Service - Introduction by Mr. Jones.
- 4th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 3.0 p.m.
- 6th Thurs. Monthly Church meeting.
- 9th SUN. Mr. Roy Currie - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 10th Mon. Young Women's Fellowship - Councillor Mrs. M. Beere at 8.0 p.m.
- 11th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. The L.M.S & women in China - Rev. Myfanwy Wood.
- 16th SUN. Rev. W. J. Ashford. Communion Service after Evening Service.
- 18th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 3.0 p.m.
- 17th Mon. Deacons' meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 23rd SUN. Rev. C.H. Coupland, M.C. of Petersfield.
- 25th Tues Women's Guild Fellowship - 2.30 p.m.
- 27th Thurs. Monthly Business Church Meeting.

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- 1st SUN. Rev. W. J. Ashford

MEMBERSHIP. Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Jacques were accepted into membership by transfer from Winchmore Hill Baptist Church at the Church Meeting on January 2nd. They were welcomed and received into the fellowship on Sunday January 19th.

NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" Sunday March 1st.  
All material should be sent to the Editor before the 25th February please.

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Pastoral Letter.

My dear Friends,

We are now in the Season of Lent, a time for self-examination, penitence and Faith, while we look forward to Good Friday and Easter - the greatest period in the life of the Christian Church.

Concerning the tragedy of Good Friday, more books have been written on the death of Jesus than upon any other event in history. In an essay published in 1958, Dr. Roderic Dunkerley made an original and striking contribution to this subject. On the theme "The Glory of the Cross" he wrote:-

"Here we have a crucial thought which



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many seem to miss. We must draw a clear distinction between the Crucifixion and the Cross. By the crucifixion we mean the awful crime of the Jews rejecting Jesus and murdering Him. By the cross we mean His endurance of this, and bearing it with undying suffering love."

Dr. Cairns speaks of the Crucifixion as the sum of all human infamies, yet God has so overruled it that the Cross is the sublimest manifestation of Himself in human history.

"In the cross of Christ we glory  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime."

Let us thank God that the gloom of Good Friday is followed by the blinding light of Easter Day.

With loving greetings and Best Wishes for a happy Eastertide,

Your sincere Friend.

W. J. Ashford.

What a joy to see the happy faces of the Girls' Life Brigade, and those of the Life Boys on Sunday morning the 23rd February. The Standard Bearers including the boys with their Life Buoy, carried themselves with great dignity, but we missed the fine Standard of the Boys' Brigade, and the boys missed that inspiring talk by the Rev. Coupland who gave the children a text "Hold fast to that which is good", and told of the pelican who was so silly that he opened his great beak for the Sea Hawk to swoop down and take his meal from him.

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From the Church Secretary.

Since I wrote last month's notes the Church has suffered a disappointment in the rejection of an invitation to the pastorate. This is not a unique experience. It has happened recently in other churches beside our own. When a man has weighed up all the factors governing a decision, even including that of a strong call, and then feels certain that he is not being called of God to undertake a particular task, then there is only one answer he can give. It would not be right either for him or for the church for him to accept in such circumstances. We are not in a position to judge for we cannot know all.

So we must continue to have faith that God is choosing His servant to minister to this Church, and that in His own time, if we and he are faithful, that Will will be revealed. At the moment we are perplexed, but there may be some lesson we are to learn from this experience, or it may be that someone will be ready to serve us who was not available hitherto. So let us be patient and trusting, in prayer waiting upon God.

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation is to be held on Thursday March 12th - the one occasion in the year when not only Church members, but all those who worship with us have the opportunity of hearing about the work and witness of the Church. The Treasurer will present his financial Statement for the year, and reports will be given by the Rev. W. J. Ashford; the Church Secretary, and by the Secretary of the Junior Church. Refreshments will be served before the meeting thus giving an opportunity for social intercourse and the chance of getting to know one another better. Please book this date.

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The Election of Deacons, Officers and Delegates will take place at the Church Meeting on Thursday April 2nd. Three deacons will be elected to replace those retiring by rotation, namely, Mrs. Cozens-Walker, Mr. Pepperdine and Mr. Silverston, and the Annual election of Church Officers, delegates and representatives will follow. All Church members are asked to make a special effort to be present on this occasion.

H. A. Winterton.

New Members:

Mr. & Mrs. Pullinger, 55, George V Avenue.

Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, 26 Rosebery Avenue

These friends were accepted into membership at the Church Meeting on February 6th and received into fellowship on Sunday February 16th.

Address: Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Jaques who were admitted in January reside at 37, Chatsmore Crescent, Goring St.

Transfers: On Feb. 6th transfers were granted to Mr. & Mrs. Idris Jenkins to St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, and to Mrs. W. Charles Jones to Hebron, Old Colwyn Presbyterian Church in Wales.

From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for January 1964.

|             | <u>Envelopes.</u>  | <u>Loose.</u>      |
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| 5th January | £31. 11. 3.        | £17. 3. 10.        |
| 12th "      | £37. 7. 6.         | £22. 6. 11.        |
| 19th "      | £30. 6. 6.         | £13. 1. 6.         |
| 26th "      | £28. 3. 6.         | £19. 0. 5.         |
|             | <u>£127. 8. 9.</u> | <u>£71. 12. 8.</u> |

Total for the month - £199. 1. 5d.

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The Missionary Committee is very grateful for the Communion Offerings in January, which totalled £23. 18. 9d. on behalf of the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries; ALSO for the Medical Missions collection of £41. 2. 5d which was received by means of 182 envelopes.

R. O. Parker.

Special Music - Passion Sunday.

At the evening service on Sunday March 22nd an augmented Choir will render Stainer's "Crucifixion". The soloists will be Mr. L. E. Rose (tenor) and Mr. John Polwen (Bass). It is hoped this effort by the Choir will be fully supported by members and friends.

There will be special music on Easter Day.

C. Gariand Hugnes.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY - Annual Conference, at  
The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire - Aug. 8-14th 1964.

The Hayes provides a wonderful conference setting: comfortable premises with single or double rooms, pleasant grounds, tennis courts, putting greens, also indoor swimming pool. Friendly atmosphere, time for fun and games also excursions to local beauty spots.

If there is anyone who would like to go please make early application. Bookings grow heavier and come in earlier each year.

Full details are to be found on the Notice Board in the Vestibule, or Mr. Howe will be pleased to help enquirers.

T. A. Howe.

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MANSFIELD COLLEGE - OXFORD.

I wonder how many Congregationalists realise that there would be virtually no Congregational Ministers if there were no Congregational Colleges to train them; and further that, whilst secular Colleges get very substantial government grants, theological colleges must raise their own income from the Churches apart from any income they may get from (probably meagre) endowments.

A few years back, Mansfield College, Oxford, which was originally not part of the University, was made a Permanent Private Hall of Oxford University. As a result, ministerial students could get a grant from their local authority, since they would have been accepted by the University. So, in turn, the College could charge full fees knowing that the student had the resources to pay. There was therefore, the virtual certainty that the College would be able to pay its way if it could fulfil the conditions.

But the University has a rule that a Permanent Private Hall must have rooms for all but about five of its students within the precincts of the College - which Mansfield had not. So, it was necessary for the College to erect new buildings at very heavy cost. The new buildings were opened by the Queen Mother in the summer of 1962.

The new buildings make it possible for the College, not only to house all ministerial students, but to accept (at full charge) non-ministerials to train alongside them. Men come from the College now, not having been immured in a sort of theological 'cloister', but already prepared, by mixing with other students at close quarters, to understand what others are thinking.

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But - and it is a big 'but' - the cost of the buildings and the costs and other expenses incurred during the interim period and before, have resulted in a heavy debt and there is still nearly £100,000 needed. Unless this can be met and met quickly there is a real danger that the College will have to be closed.

If ANY READERS feel that they would like to help avert such a disaster, I will gratefully accept and forward any gifts along with others I am collecting from friends and members of my own Church. I am very grateful to the Editor and the Deacons of Goring for this opportunity of writing in your magazine.

Barnard R. H. Spaul, Minister  
of Shelley Rd. Congregational  
Church.

#### UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Court Room of the Town Hall on Friday March 20th at 7.30 p.m.

The Speaker will be Mrs. Peggy Crane and her subject Disarmament. Mrs. Crane is attending the Disarmament Conference at Geneva as the representative of the National Executive of the U.N.A., and has made Disarmament her particular study. As it is a subjects that concerns us all, we hope many will want to attend the meeting.

#### Moral Welfare Association.

On Monday, 9th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Court Room, the Rev. Joseph Williamson is giving a talk about his work amongst prostitutes in Stepney.

Mr. Williamson is better known as "Father Joe" author of the book with this title. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

H. M. E.

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Home Churches Fund. - A coffee morning (bring and buy stall) in aid of the above fund will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday March 11th from 10 a.m. As we have a target of £175 this year may I appeal for strong support on this occasion.  
B. W.

GROUP NOTES.

Women's Guild Working Party.

A REMINDER - Jumble Sale March 20th at 2.30 p.m. CLEAR your jumble NOW for early spring cleaning. Collection arranged.

E. M. T.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

Since the Group was formed last December the members have met regularly in the Schoolroom each Sunday after the Evening Service. The programme has been varied and included such items as Quiz evenings, discussions, visits to Greenhills, and a talk by Mrs. Wyatt on Social Welfare.

It has now become possible to bring the lower age limit down to 13 years, and we cordially invite all young people of that age and upwards to join in this Fellowship.

J. F. Mason.

Young Women's Fellowship.

We have two more meetings before the Easter break, and I am happy to announce that both of these will be Open Evenings, when all members of

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the Congregation will be very welcome to attend.

Also -

**A CONCERT!!** Monday Evening March 9th at 8 p.m.  
A visiting choir - the 'Highdown Singers' will delight us with an evening of Folk Songs and Music. Their programme will last approximately 1½ hours and our own Mr. R. O. Parker will be chairman for the evening. Tea and biscuits will be served during the interval at a nominal charge of 6d per head and a silver collection will be made in aid of our Old Folks Fund. Please make a note of the time and date and come along and enjoy yourselves, at the same time supporting this worthy cause.

Monday March 23rd at 8 p.m. brings a very interesting talk on "Heraldry", given by the well-known local authority on this subject - Col. F. W. Dines, and all wishing to attend will be very welcome.

J. Lester.

#### COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The present is a convenient time of year for considering the matter of Covenanted giving to the Funds of the Church, as new covenants signed before 5th April, will be in operation for the whole of 1964/5. May I renew my invitation to all Envelope Subscribers who pay income tax at 7/9d on any part of their income - particularly new ones - to remember the great financial advantage which accrues to the Church from this procedure.

I am most eager to assist you with further information and Covenant forms for signature.

C. S. Stephens.  
Tel: G. 43947.



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Focus on Religious Books.

For all who enjoy reading reviews of New Religious Books and news of forthcoming titles there came into my hands recently a 'must' in the shape of the latest Edition (No. 5) of "Focus" a periodical devoted to this purpose, edited by Peter Smith & Gordon K. Hawes (who is known to many of us). This number contains over 50 excellent reviews of books covering a wide range of Christian Thought by such contributors as:- John Huxtable, Nathaniel Micklem, Leslie Weatherhead, and many others as well known.

What is more, "Focus" is FREE direct from the publishers, Peter Smith Ltd., 24 St. James's Chambers, St. James's St., Derby, who themselves have entered the Religious Paperback field and have already several good titles published and others forthcoming at 6/- and under, namely:-

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| O. Fielding Clarke: | "God and Suffering".      |
| Smith & Ikin:       | "Morality - Old and New". |
| A. Graham Ikin:     | "An Honest Way to God".   |
| Peter Smith:        | "The Caring Church".      |
| John Huxtable and   |                           |

others: "Praying for Daylight".

This latter takes its title from Acts 27, 27-29 N.E.B. and to quote from the review in "Focus", this book contains four lectures given at St. Saviour's, Hampstead by a Roman Catholic, two Anglicans, and a Congregationalist. They were attended by people from all denominations and attracted many from outside the Church, of a variety of backgrounds - one would buy this book first of all to discover why such a variety of people actually came together to hear four addresses on "Prayer and the Love of God", "The Kingdom of God through modern Eyes", "The New Outlook in Theology", and Images of God" - "The Praying for Daylight" belongs as much to the Church as to the world; there is illumination for both in this book.

Clifford H. Powell.

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MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

There will be two meetings in March - see also the Calendar for the Month.

On March 3rd under the chairmanship of Mr. R. O. Parker we are to have an illustrated talk on "A Year in Canada" by our friend Mr. Norman B. Wraight (son of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wraight). On March 17th our speaker will be the Rev. Hubert W. Janisch M.A. of Christchurch Road Baptist Church and his subject - "The Proofs of the Resurrection". We shall have recorded Easter music and this is an Open meeting to which all the ladies of the Church and congregation are cordially invited.

Mr. A. E. Pearn will be in the chair.

R. P.

The two meetings in February were up to their usual high standard, the first on February 4th being a play-reading given of the "Passing of the Third Floor Back" by Jerome K. Jerome. The re-arrangement of the seating in the School Hall to a semi-circular setting length-ways seemed especially appropriate.

Planned by Mr. R. O. Parker, with the able assistance of Mrs. V. H. Padfield, this manner of spending the fortnightly afternoon broke new ground. The author of the play, who died in 1927 at the age of 68, was said to have always had the desire to write a stage play, although his reputation had been made as a humorous writer. And the outcome of this urge was that in 1908 this now classic play was produced in London, with Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson playing the title role.

Listening to the readings one could picture the sordid Bloomsbury House, with its flickering gas-lit fanlight entrance, and the pathetic little cockney servant girl ordered to answer the knocking on the door. And then the dignified figure asking for terms. And those who have seen the play will

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also readily recall the transformation of character and outlook in the lives of the inmates of the house by passing contact with the "Stranger" who refused to accept his fellow travellers in life at their own confessedly low level. The writer of this play undoubtedly had faith in those around him to rise to higher things if influenced aright.

The second afternoon on Feb. 18th provided an illustrated talk by Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Winterton entitled "Around and About Paris". One of the little mysteries of life is how some busy folk find time for extra engagements.

This talk described a fortnight visit in July last year, arranged under an official educational course for teachers of French in our British Primary Schools, and the occasion coincided with a heat wave which made Paris almost unbearable.

Relieved from attendance at the long hours of Sessions lectures, Mrs. Winterton was free on many mornings to look around, and somewhat surprisingly felt that the shops were disappointing compared with our London establishments. But the floral beauty of the park near their hotel greatly appealed to her. For Mr. Winterton, it was a mixed time of business and pleasure, but fortunately some part of each day was free, or devoted to expeditions arranged by the Ministry.

Some of the many coloured views our Church Secretary showed related to well-known buildings and places, and he added his own personal impressions of the beauty of some stretches of the river Seine, a visit to the famous Gobelin Tapestry factory, the wonderful museum of the Decorative Arts at the Jardin des Tuileries, and the magnificent Church of Notre Dame, etc.

These and many other places of historic interest were visited, and the evening at Versailles for the Son et Lumiere was an unforgettable spectacle. And the 985 ft. Eiffel Tower - considered by some a monstrosity, certainly provided some marvellous

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views of the city. The hotel food, (Students' Hostel) was quite good "but somewhat greasy" - but Coffee in plenty.

C. H. Cornwall.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

When Miss Willis showed us her transparencies on January 28th she certainly took us with her on her journey "From Cairo to the Cape". She is an enthralling and spirited speaker and her pictures were wonderful. We could almost feel the intense heat which she and her friend found in Cairo, where it was too hot to stay out in the day time to take photographs; in the few hours it took to fly from England they experienced 50° difference in temperature.

Miss Willis's transparencies taken inside the Tutankhamen museum were splendid and amazing; those of the many wild animals in the National Game Reserves she had been very fortunate in obtaining, for many folk pass through with only seeing a few, but she saw and photographed giraffe, zebra, lions, gazelle and, an unusual sight, elephants coming down to drink. There were many photos of the magnificent Victoria Falls and some very beautiful sunsets. It is impossible to adequately tell of the enjoyment we had that afternoon with Miss Willis.

On Tuesday February 11th a deeply interested audience listened to the Rev. Myfanwy Wood giving a fascinating account of her 44 years as a missionary in China. During that period, thanks chiefly to the work of our missionaries she witnessed a revolution in the lives of Chinese women, who became liberated from their old bondage.

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When Miss Wood arrived there in 1908 she had great difficulty in persuading women to allow her to teach their daughters and grand-daughters, for up to that time women had only a two-fold purpose - to do heavy work and to bear children. Yet when Miss Wood left in 1952, she was Principal of a Ministerial Training College with 46 students, 14 of whom were women.

We are sorry for the ladies who missed these treats, but we have some more in store, so why not join us on alternate Tuesday afternoons. You are assured of a welcome.

On March 10th we again go travelling, this time with Mr. J. R. Peryer and his camera to the Lebanon and Jordan.

The Speaker at our Holy Week service on March 24th will be the Rev. Violet Hedger, and the soloist, Mrs. Grace May.

I. B. Reynolds.

MINISTRY of FLOWERS - MARCH.

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| March 1st | - | Mr. & Mrs. J. Millward.                 |
| " 8th     | - | Miss E. Gilby.                          |
| " 15th    | - | Miss E. Brickenden and<br>Miss E. Ryde. |
| " 22nd    | - | Miss I. Le-May.                         |
| " 29th    | - | Miss D. Walsh.                          |

E. Bond,  
Flower Secretary.

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The Bible Says:

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I have strength.

By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

By me princes rule, and nobles even all the judges of the earth.

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Prov. 8, vv. 13-17.

Contributed by P. S. West.

NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be on Sunday April 5th. Will contributors please let the Editor have all material by the 25th March, and so avoid the Easter week-end. Thank you.

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CHURCH CALENDAR - MARCH.

- 1st SUN. Rev. W. J. Ashford - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
 3rd Tues. Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.  
 Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
 5th Thurs. Devotional Service - 7.30 p.m.
- 8th SUN. Rev. O. H. Butler of Hastings.  
 9th Mon. Young Women's Fellowship - 8 p.m.  
 Concert by Highdown Singers.  
 10th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3.0 p.m. - Mr.  
 J. R. Peryer, illus. talk on Lebanon &  
 Jordan.  
 12th Thurs. ANNUAL MEETING of Church and Congrega-  
tion - 7.30 p.m.
- 15th SUN. Rev. A. J. Haile, M.A., of Lomas House.  
 17th Tues. Men's Fellowship - Rev. H. W. Janisch M.A.  
 Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
 Tues. Reception of Clothing for Help to the  
 aged, 2 - 5.30 p.m.  
 18th Wed. ditto. 10 - 1 p.m. & 2 - 5 p.m.  
 19th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER.  
 20th Fri. Jumble Sale - 2.30 p.m.
- 22nd SUN. Rev. Roy G. Currie - Palm Sunday. At  
 the evening service the Choir will render  
 Stainer's "Crucifixion".  
 23rd Mon. Deacons' Meeting.  
 Young Women's Fellowship - 8 p.m. Col.  
 F. W. Dines will talk on "Heraldry".  
 24th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - Rev. V. Hedger.  
 26th Thurs. Maundy Thursday Communion Service, details  
 later.
- 27th GOOD FRIDAY - 11 a.m. Rev. Roy G. Currie.  
 29th EASTER DAY - Rev. J. Allan Fletcher - Holy  
 Communion 8.0 a.m. and after both services.
- APRIL.  
 2nd Thurs. Church Business Meeting-election of deacons.  
 12th SUN. Preacher - Rev. Howard Stanley.

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Pastoral Letter

My dear Friends,

By the time this issue reaches you, Easter will have come again - What of its message for us today? The Easter Gospel of Immortality was the first message proclaimed by the Apostolic Church - "They went everywhere preaching the Resurrection." It is true that the Evangelists do not give us one clear account of the great event - there were many traditions as to details and places in the early christian community, but one central fact they all alike proclaim, viz: that He, who had been crucified, returned from the other side of death and revealed Himself to His distracted and dejected followers, with such effect as to revolutionise their thought and lives, and to change them from weak and fearful men and women into saints and heroes. The great apostle therefore wrote that, like as Christ was raised from the dead, we also should walk in newness of life. He also speaks of the Power of

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the Resurrection. We need to realise that Power today. It resides in the Church which is founded upon it.

In the moral deterioration of our times we need a "resurrection" in the Church and in the world about us. It is the Gospel of Eternal Life which can change everything, and bring a new birthday of Faith and Hope to the world. Easter proclaims it, for it is the only supreme incentive to fine and noble living. It alone also provides human society with a sufficient dynamic to lift it over its present impotences to a victory of the spirit beyond our dreaming.

With loving Easter Greetings,  
Your sincere friend,  
W.J. ASHFORD.

Prayer: Pray for all those who, because of the tragedies of our times have lost their faith in the Future Life.

#### FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

APRIL may well be a significant month in the life of our Church. Your continued prayers are asked for the Church as we seek to know the will of God with regard to the pastorate, and in particular for the one who is to be considered in this connection.

On April 12th we are to have a visit from the Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Most of our members will know that Mr. Stanley is shortly retiring from this office, and we, as a Church, express our gratitude to him for all his leadership to the denomination, wishing him every happiness as he enters upon his new pastorate at Hassocks. He already has taken up residence in our county.

The following Sunday we are again to be honoured, this time by a visit from the Chairman of the L.M.S., the Rev. A.M. Patterson, who is one of the

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delegation to our Auxiliary for the Missionary weekend.

On March 5th, after a brief illness, Miss E.M. Curtis died in a Nursing Home. She had been a Church Member for fourteen years. Miss Ford, who worked with her for so many years in the Junior Church is writing an appreciation of her. Our sympathy is extended to her sisters, as it is to Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Lester in the passing of Mr. Barker.

H.A. Winterton.

Baptisms:      March 1st

Timothy Harry John Gosden  
Ian Gordon Gosden  
Christopher James Connor

March 8th

Tessa Lorraine Jones.

Death: Miss E.M. Curtis on March 5th.

It was with sadness, yet thankfulness we received the news of the passing of Miss E.M. Curtis on March 5th. Eve, as she was known to her friends, had been unwell since Christmas and had a stroke the previous Tuesday which completely paralyzed her.

For the past 16 years Eve had been Leader of the beginners department where she was loved not only by the teachers but by all the little ones; some whom she saw pass through all departments and are now junior members, one becoming a helper. Eve had a very retiring nature and loved to work for her Lord and Master, out of the limelight. She was a qualified Froebeland Nursery teacher, and her death will be a very great loss to the Junior Church, as all loved to hear her tell "The Story".

To her sisters Marjorie and Kathleen we extend our deepest sympathy.

B.J.F.

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FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER:Collections for February 1964

|              | <u>Envelopes</u>  | <u>Loose</u>     |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2nd February | £37. 13. -        | £14. 11. 6       |
| 9th "        | 26. 13. -         | 15. 6. 11        |
| 16th "       | 18. 16. -         | 10. 6. 11        |
| 23rd "       | 30. 19. 6         | 14. -. -         |
|              | <u>£114. 1. 6</u> | <u>£54. 6. -</u> |

Total for the month £168. 7. 6.

R.O. Parker

Church Building Fund Boxes

The Holiday Season will soon be here and some of you may be going abroad. This "Appeal" is for all Church members who go overseas - to ask them that on their return they will spare all their ODD Foreign money to place in a special Church Fund Box marked "Foreign Money". If the response is sufficient, the box will be opened in November and the contents converted into English money, and so help in a small way to bring up the final total of the Scheme.

Last year I was given a two dollar bill when collecting the boxes, thus adding an extra 13/6d. Will you please help? I shall remind you on your return from your holiday, which I hope will have been so enjoyable as to make you extra generous.

W. Smith

EDITORIAL

Readers will notice a belated reference to the pastoral work undertaken by the Rev.W.J. Ashford, by which his home address and telephone number is now given. This by reason of the difficulty of a member to get in touch with him urgently just recently.

A letter has been received from Miss Jane Stephens from Toronto, where she is spending a year

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in nursing work. Miss Stephens would like to thank all her friends for their many kind thoughts and greetings before she left Goring last month. On the whole she says the journey was most enjoyable, though a little uncomfortable at times! She arrived a day late but in time to avoid all the worst storms that were to follow. I now quote her own words:

"The Blackmans have given me a wonderful welcome and are making sure I visit all the right places and I have been to Niagara already and seen the Falls in all their winter splendour, and have been for several drives through the surrounding country. I am working in a small general hospital in a ward of 25 beds (semi private) for men and women. The work is quite different but very interesting, the population is very cosmopolitan and NOT very Canadian!

So far I have been visiting different churches on Sundays. Out in the suburbs there are many lovely modern buildings of very varying designs.

I think of you all often at your various activities - FIVE hours ahead of us here!

With my very best wishes to you all,

Jane Stephens."

An appreciation Mrs. D.Barker and Mrs. C.Lester wish to express their grateful thanks to all friends for the kindness and sympathy they received during their recent bereavement.

#### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OVERSEAS

A recent visitor to Hope Fountain had a letter from its Principal, the Rev. W.G.McDonald Partridge, M.A.(Adelaide), Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, from which these extracts are taken.

She herself said that the great clamour of Africans was for education. She saw about 400 running to a newly opened school where there would be vacancies for only about half of them.

Primary education is being taken out of the hands of the L.M.S. and controlled by the Government.

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Under the new regime the education will be secular; the people will pay more; there will be administrative chaos; lower standards for those who will need most to have higher ones, and much of value will be lost. To counter this policy Mr. Partridge plans a united college project to train Christian men and women to be teachers, and to use the best techniques that are known. Developing countries like S.Rhodesia vitally need people more highly educated, and educated more quickly. This plan requires a lot of money but also many people of a rare kind. The planning of the Partridges is an exercise in salvation - an education to make people more loving and loveable and bring nearer the Kingdom.

From the Missionary Committee.

The Bible says:

Pilate saith unto Him, what is Truth?

John 18 verse 38.

Jesus saith, I am the way the truth and  
the life.

John 14 verse 6.

contributed by P.S. West.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

A large gathering of members and friends attended the annual meeting on Thursday, March 12th, the Rev. W.J. Ashford presiding.

In his report for the year Mr. Winterton referred to the faith and vision of the Rev. C.C. Franks throughout his ministry between 1954 and 1963, during which membership had increased from 140 to 350. Mr. Winterton thanked the Rev. W.J. Ashford for his services since June 1963, when the pastorate became vacant, and congratulated him on his appointment in 1963 as Chairman of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council.

The Treasurer, Mr. R.O. Parker, presenting the 1963 accounts, thanked members and friends for their

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continued support particularly during the latter half of the year when we had no settled minister. Income on the General Account was £3,046 and expenditure £2,930, the balance in hand being £233. During the year £720 was given to outside causes and the Building Fund was reduced by £2,080, leaving an outstanding debt of £10,153. Although the building accounts were not yet finalised, the total cost of the Church, organ, furnishings, etc. was expected to be in the region of £35,000. More than £20,000 had been raised or donated towards this cost over the past ten years - a gratifying achievement.

The Annual Report of the Junior Church was presented by Mr. E. Bond, who said that membership now stood at 162.

In his closing address Mr. Ashford paid warm tribute to Mr. Winterton for his untiring devotion to duty, particularly during the last eight months. An enormous amount of work had devolved on him and the Church was fortunate in having as Secretary at the present time a man of his calibre.

E.A. Winstanley.

SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL PROPOSALS in the First Report of the Draft Constitution Committee, as found by the special Committee appointed by the Church Meeting to examine the Report.

1. Change from Congregational Union of England and Wales (which is a free association of Independent Congregational Churches) to THE CONGREGATIONAL or some other agreed designation of which the local Churches would be members. CHURCH
2. The eventual integration of the mission at Home and Overseas by joining together the C.U.E.W., the London Missionary Society and the Commonwealth Missionary Society.
3. The local Churches to enter into a covenant relationship one with the other.
4. The local Churches to retain their present freedom in the matter of calling a minister and the termination of a ministry.

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5. After a period of 5 years, Churches which have not entered into the covenant relationship would not be eligible for membership of the National Body.
6. Membership of the Assembly and the Council to be determined on a group basis; such groups would be larger than the present County Unions and would each have a Moderator-Secretary. In the case of the Assembly there shall be one representative for every 100 members, and with the Council one for every 750 members. In both cases there shall be not less than one-third laymen. and not more than one-half shall be persons in full-time pastoral charge of MEMBER CHURCHES. In addition there would be a number of ex-officia members.
7. Each Church at present is able to send one or more representatives to the Assembly, but under the new arrangement it would not necessarily follow that each Church would have direct representation.

In certain matters uniformity of practice is proposed, e.g. in regard to the recognition of Churches and Ministers

At the Church Business Meeting on 27th February 1964 it was resolved THAT

the members of this Church gathered in Church Meeting, having carefully considered the first Report of the Draft Constitution Committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, they :-

1. Approve in principle the First Report of the Draft Constitution, subject to the amendments given below.
2. Declare their intention to identify themselves with the National Body and to covenant with other Gathered Churches, accepting the responsibilities as well as the privileges of the new relationship.
3. Concur in whatever name the Assembly decides to give to the new National Body, expressing a preference for the name "The Congregational Church".
4. Ask the Draft Constitution Committee to consider

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the following :-

- a. Page 10 Section B. Composition of the National Body 111 (3).  
Do not agree that a member Church of the Congregational Union of England and Wales should be excluded from membership of the National Body by reason of the fact that it does not feel guided to enter into the proposed covenant relationship.
- b. Page 14 VII.  
Consider that every Church should have the right to direct representation on the Assembly.
- c. Consider that in view of the fact that freedom to engage in diversity of practice is the essence of Congregationalism. Page 21 Para. 7 should be deleted.

#### THE MAYFLOWER CLUB - A NEW VENTURE

The new Club for elderly people in West Worthing who, for one reason or another, live lonely lives, got off to a good start on 5th February and meets every Wednesday afternoon on the premises loaned by the Society of Friends, which are in Mill Road.

The idea for such a Club originated in the Worthing Group of the Society of Friends, but they enlisted the help of local Churches, and the Club meetings are arranged in rotation by the six associated Churches - the Friends, the Anglican Churches of St. Botolph's, and St. Lawrence; the West Worthing Baptist, St. Columba's Presbyterian and our own Church. A team of hostesses from the Church responsible each week prepare the room, welcome members, serve tea with cakes and biscuits, and provide a programme of entertainment.

Was there a need for such a venture in the Heene/Mill Road area? The Hall is already filled to capacity by enlisting members, and the many expressions of thanks and appreciation have shown how great the need was. Some of those attending have almost no other opportunity for social contacts



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or any form of entertainment.

As the months pass it may not be easy to find ways of entertaining our guests once every six weeks. There have already been offers of help from our Church members - some have offered to sing, to speak, to give pianoforte solos, to provide records of classical and other music, or to give a travel talk, etc. If you are able to provide some such entertainment for about 50 men and women for 30 to 45 minutes, will you let Mrs. Pepperdine or Miss Gilby know? Or perhaps you could occasionally supply a dozen small cakes, home made preferred (5 or 6 dozen are required every sixth Wednesday)?

Our team of hostesses would appreciate any offers of help in any of these ways.

E.E. Gilby

#### WEST SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION

The quarterly meeting was held at Yapton on 7th March when there was a record attendance. Mr. Terry of Sompington moved into the Chair, and Reports were given.

Mr. Gilmour in presenting his last report before leaving the district expressed his gratification with the increase of nearly £100 over the receipts for 1962, but reminded members that the target for 1964-1967 was one-third higher than that of the last triennial. He was accorded a sincere vote of thanks for all his services to the Union, and Mr. Fancy of Chichester was appointed as Treasurer for 1964.

The Secretary's Report was brief; in it he appealed for more support of Church Anniversaries held during the week. These were - Arundel, wed. 10th June, Amberley, Wed. 8th July, and Yapton Sat. 17th October.

Training for Youth Leaders and for Sunday School Teachers provided the main points of the Youth and Education report, which revealed some progress in this field.

The collection at the Dome Rally had resulted

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in £171 being sent to the Fund for Coloured Churches in South Africa.

After the Business Meeting delegates were entertained to tea by the friends at Yapton.

D.E.Bridger.

Greeting Cards All members of the Church and congregation are invited to take the greetings of this Church with them when visiting other Churches. Small visiting cards suitable for placing in Offertory plates are available for this purpose in the Church vestibule, or can be obtained from the Stewards.

Publicity Committee.

### GROUP NOTES

#### Drama Group

This Group will be presenting two one-act plays on Saturday April 18th at 7.30 p.m. The presentation includes "Time for Bed", a comedy, and "They came to a Cottage", a one-act drama.

Refreshments will be served during the interval

Admission is by programme and these are on sale from any drama group member. Proceeds will be in aid of Drama Group funds.

The Group would like to attempt some more ambitious productions, but at present membership is too small. Anyone who is interested in joining the Group would be very welcome on any Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

I. Bentley.

#### Women's Guild Working Party - Jumble Sale

The sum of nearly £50 was collected from the Jumble Sale, and our Committee give our sincere and grateful thanks to all the collectors and helpers, who gave their services so cheerfully and willingly.

E.M. Townsend.

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Ministry of Flowers - April

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| 5th April | Mrs. R. Gowen            |
| 12th "    | (Mrs. F.E. Gilbert       |
|           | (Mr. and Mrs. P. West    |
| 19th "    | Mr. and Mrs. B. Hoskins  |
| 26th "    | Misses I. & K. Wingrove. |

E. Bond  
Flower Secretary.

Men's Fellowship - March 3rd. A good attendance of members welcomed Mr. Norman B. Wraight, the son of our friends Mr. and Mrs. G. Wraight, who gave a racy talk on "A Year in Canada", illustrated by some delightful colour slides. While his family went by the "Empress of England", the speaker flew out to Toronto on a managerial exchange between I.C.I. and Canadian Industries Ltd., and took over his opposite number's home, car and job.

Scenes in Toronto from Church activities to Ice Hockey and Base Ball were shown. The vivid colours of the trees in the Fall were followed by pictures of what was Canada's coldest winter for 40 years, when the children skated on their own ice rink on the lawn, and Niagara Falls were frozen up.

Easter holidays were spent touring the Great Lakes and visiting Chicago with its skyscrapers.

In the summer holidays it was a tour of New England and States with overnight stops at luxurious motels, with a trip up Mount Washington on the world's first cog railway, then back through the St. Lawrence Seaway. Another summer visit was to a beautiful camp by one of the lakes - a permanent all-summer site of the Canadian Keswick Conference, a much higher proportion of the population than in England. Finally came the trip home via New York, with some notable views taken from the top of the Empire State Building at mid-night.

On March 17th the Rev. Hubert Janisch, M.A., spoke to some 70 or 80 friends, ladies having been invited to this "open meeting". His subject "The

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Proofs of the Resurrection" provided us with a closely reasoned and powerful address. Mr. Janisch started with the challenge that, although we live in a scientific age of unbelief, it is the disbelievers who have to face up to known facts, and stressed the initial point that although the four gospels' historical record of the Resurrection did not dovetail in every detail, that only suggested the accuracy of the story. The varied mysteries, such as rolling away the stone; the unexplained disposal of the body, and the extraordinary absence of a challenge of its historical accuracy, and this in the very centre of its happening, were convincingly referred to.

Finally reference was made to the living power that suddenly galvanized into a living faith His own disciples - a force that could not possibly have been founded on a lie, this and the celebration of Holy Communion, as an act of remembrance of a Living Lord, and other view-points were strikingly suggested.

Mr. Janisch paid a well-deserved tribute to our Chairman for his courageous and sometimes lonely efforts in the cause of Temperance.

The meeting concluded with recorded music from the Messiah, provided by Mr. G.Wraight.

- C.H.C.

Young Women's Fellowship - The concert given by the Highdown Singers in aid of the summer coach outing for our Old Folks raised £5.16. 6, and I should like to thank, not only Mr. R.O. Parker for his able assistance, but all those who attended and supported this worthy cause.

After the Easter break we will re-commence our meetings on April 20th with a Members' Evening. The topic will be "It Doesn't Matter What you Believe - or Does It?" Will all members please note that future meetings will commence at 8 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. to enable us to have a cup of tea and quick chat before we settle down to listen to our

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speaker. Details of our Summer Programme will be given in next month's Chronicle.

J. Lester

Women's Guild Fellowship - A members' afternoon on February 26th proved quite an inspiration. The subject was "Interesting Articles".

Mrs. Evans produced a Redwood Vase which reminded her of a wonderful tour visiting a brother in the Eastern side of the U.S.A. and another in California. She had been taken hundreds of miles sightseeing, but she did want to see Redwood Trees. She was told she was lucky, as some grew on the doorstep - twentyfive miles away!

Mrs. Ball brought along a photograph of an old man, entitled "Old Age Must Come". This proved to be a photograph of herself in fancy dress on board ship returning from Australia some years ago. It won first prize at a fancy dress dance.

Miss Milward produced some Horn Books, the first infant primers of our country. We were shown a 15th century one on which were digits and the Lord's Prayer, and others of later dates. These had nursery rhymes, and Mrs. Milward said one of the last known was of Alice in Wonderland dated 1865.

Mrs. Wraight brought a miniature Davenport Tea Service which belonged to her grand-mother. Only about a dozen were made, so it is a rare treasure.

Mrs. Reynolds read part of a letter received by her great-great-grandmother at whose home in Canterbury John Wesley stayed.

On March 10th Mr. Peryer took us on a journey from Gatwick to Jordan, and a very good idea of both modern and ancient cities of the Holy Land was made clear to us by some fine transparencies.

L.B.R.

Society for Cancer Relief - Coffee Morning on Thursday 16th April at 10.30 a.m. \*Bring & Buy Stall, Cakes, etc. Your support will be very welcome.  
\*At Kingsdene School Shelley Rd.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - MAY 24 to 31.

The Churches in Worthing are observing ~~this week in various ways~~ and we are asked to help.  
ORGANISATIONS - please note.

Ladies are invited to see a film on Tuesday afternoon May 12th. with the Methodist Guild at Bury Drive at 3.0.p.m. On May 27th. a Bring and Buy Sale of Groceries and Cakes is being arranged at St.Mary's Hall, Goring. Do support what you can.

People, whatever their race or creed in NEED anywhere in the World, are helped by the funds raised, and the excellent work of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign is being continued by this means.

Amen's Fellowship Reminder - the last meeting of the session is to be held on April 14th. when Mr.O.H.Hosking,M.I.E.E. will give an illustrated talk on "Thermatology" - Food for thought with some thoughts on Food. Mr.Lowes will be in the chair.

The Missionary Committee have asked that the Newsletter you will find at the end of this Issue, should be made available to all, as it is on the 19th.April that we have our Missionary Deputation week-end when Dr.Paterson, Chairman of the London Missionary Society will be one of the delegation to our Auxiliary.

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CHURCH CALENDARAPRIL

- 5th SUN Rev.Wallis Hayward of Buckland,  
Portsmouth.
- 7th. Tues.Spring Assembly Sussex Congregational  
& Union at Lindfield Congregational  
8th. Wed. Church.
- 7th. Tues.Women's Guild Fellowship. Nursing in  
Prison Hospitals. Sister D. Dearsley.
- 12th. SUN Rev.Howard S.Stanley,M.A., Secretary  
Congregational Union of E. & W.
- 14th. Tues.Men's Afternoon Fellowship.An  
illustrated talk by Mr.O.H.Hosking.
- 15th. Wed. Youth Committee. 8. p.m.
- 18th. Sat. Drama Group. Two Plays 7.30.p.m.
- 19th. SUN. Missionary Deputation week-end.11.am.  
Rev.A.M.Paterson. Chairman L.M.S.  
Rev.W.J.Ashford. 6.30.pm.
- 20th. Mon. Deacons' Meeting.7.30.pm.  
Young Women's Fellowship. Members'  
Evening.
- 21st. Tues.Women's Guild Fellowship. Mr.Millward.  
"Books-some extraordinary Collectors"
- 26th. SUN. Preacher to be announced.
- 30th. Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting.

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- 3rd. SUN. Rev.F.N.James,M.A.,of the Ecumenical  
House of Prayer, Benifold.

NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be on Sunday  
May 3rd. All material should be in the hands  
of the Editor by Sunday 19th.April,please.

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Pastoral Letter. May.

My dear Friends,

Let us rejoice in the return of Springtime!  
 I write in April so can quote:-

"Oh! to be in England now that April's there  
 And whoever wakes in England sees some morn-  
 ing, unaware  
 That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
 Round the elm-tree bole in tiny leaf  
 While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
 In England now".

In twenty years unbroken absence from England  
 one certainly appreciates those lines. And better  
 even than that:-

He leadeth me through green pastures,  
 He restoreth my soul,  
 So that my youth is renewed like the eagles.

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Surely the secret of eternal youth is with Christ's people.

That is our heritage in Him. In the wintry conditions of our times all men in all countries long for a new spring which shall melt the coldness of men's hearts, a coldness which has led us all into our present tragedies and fears for the future.

But Spring is with us, with its golden promises to persuade us that summer is not so far away as we sometimes think. This is the season of encouragement for all garden lovers, but not for them alone.

Best of all, for us to-day, there is always a glorious springtime waiting to burst forth, in every church, no matter how wintry the prospects.

Lift up your hearts! "The Best is yet to be" Spring is here!

With loving greetings,  
Your sincere friend,  
W. J. ASHFORD.

From the Church Secretary.

These notes are being written on the day on which the announcement has been made of the acceptance by the Rev. Wallis Hayward of the invitation to the pastorate of this Church. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God that He has guided both minister and Church to make these decisions. It was very fitting that Mr. Paterson, a friend of Mr. Hayward's should have been leading our worship, and how beautifully he expressed not only our joy and aspirations, but also our prayers for Mr. Hayward and his family and our Christian concern for our brethren at Buckland Church. How delighted (and surprised) we were to find Mr. Franks in the congregation. It must be almost unique for a minister to be in a Church when the announcement is

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made of his successor's acceptance of the call to the pastorate. As we make our plans together we shall seek to prepare ourselves for the great days which we believe, in God's providence, lie ahead of us.

Yet again one of our older members has been called home this month. We rejoice that, after her sufferings, Mrs. Doyle has entered into her rest. She was a lifelong Congregationalist, a most cheerful and generous soul. It is very fitting that Mrs. Edmonds who has known her for so many years should pay tribute to her.

During April an unusually large number of removals have taken place. Fortunately for us, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Bond and family have not gone far afield, but Mr. and Mrs. Horsfall have returned to Yorkshire, and Mr. and Mrs. Latham have moved to Marlborough. Of the many services to the Church of Mr. and Mrs. Horsfall, Mr. Cornwall has written. We do hope that with her return to her own people Mrs. Horsfall will make a more speedy progress to recovery of health. We congratulate Mr. Latham on his new post and remember his services on the Building and Care Committees, and those of Mrs. Latham as Secretary of the Young Wives (Women's) Fellowship, the Church Care Committee and the Cradle Roll, as well as her activities in the Drama Group. We wish all the members of both these families every happiness in their new homes.

From time to time requests are made by elderly or infirm friends for transport to enable them to attend Church services and functions. I should be most grateful if any who would be able to help in this respect, even if not regularly, would kindly let me have their names.

On May 3rd we are to have a visit from Rev. F. N. James, the Warden of the Ecumenical House of Prayer, "Benifold" at Bordon, Hants. This is a comparatively new venture, and Mr. James will make some reference to what is being done there. H.A. Winterton.

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From the Church Treasurer.Collections for March 1964.

|           | <u>Envelopes.</u>  | <u>Loose.</u>      |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1st March | £23. 7. 3.         | £11. 18. 9.        |
| 8th "     | £27. 9. 6.         | £13. 0. 0.         |
| 15th "    | £26. 4. 6.         | £10. 11. 6.        |
| 22nd "    | £30. 10. 6.        | £21. 8. 8.         |
| 29th "    | £30. 9. 6.         | £25. 18. 2.        |
|           | <u>£138. 1. 3.</u> | <u>£82. 17. 1.</u> |

Total for the month - £220. 18. 4.

The collection taken on Good Friday morning for Christian Aid Week, amounting to £12. 1. 1d. has been sent to the Worthing Council of Churches who have expressed thanks to our congregation for their generosity.

Interest Free Loans. In connection with the appeal in the Treasurer's Annual report, for interest free loans, sums totalling £215 have been received and £20 of a previous interest free loan has been graciously forgiven for the benefit of the Building Fund.

Thank you to those who have responded.

R. O. Parker.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.Flower rota for May.

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|-----|------|----------------------------|
| May | 3rd  | Mrs. E. Townsend.          |
| "   | 10th | Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday.      |
| "   | 17th | Mr. & Mrs. T. Howe.        |
| "   | 24th | Junior Church Anniversary. |
| "   | 31st | Mrs. J. Johnson.           |

E. Bond.

Secretary.

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The NEW PROGRAMME OF EDUCATION "GO".

The London Missionary Society has prepared a New programme entitled "Go". An attractive Programme Guide has been printed introducing many new ideas for Missionary activity within our Churches. One free copy of this guide is to be presented to each Church but the Society desires that this new scheme of education should be introduced to the Churches by a visit from Messengers selected for this task by the Auxiliaries.

A Missionary evening has been arranged for the 14th May (Thursday), commencing with a Buffet Supper at 7 p.m. to be followed by a meeting to which we have invited one of the messengers - The Rev. H. J. Rowse - to explain the programme in detail, after which questions will be invited. In view of the importance of the subject it is hoped that you will make a special effort to be present. Tickets for Buffet Supper 1/6d ea.

L.M.S. The Summer Rally is to be held this year at the Congregational Church at Bognor Regis, on Saturday 6th June. Full details will be given as soon as possible. It is hoped to arrange Coach transport to and from Bognor provided the number of persons intending to go by this means is large enough. Will all those wishing to travel this way please give their names to the Missionary Secretary, Mr. T. A. Howe as early as possible.

T. A. Howe.

The Bible says:-

The Lord shall endure for ever. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee, for Thou Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

Psalm 9 - vv. 7, 9 & 10.

Contributed by P. S. West.

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OBITUARY.

An appreciation of Mrs. E. H. Doyle.

A wonderful friend and teacher, to my sisters and then to myself, at Ludwick Road Sunday School, New Cross, attached to Lewisham High Road Congregational Church. Mr. Fisher, her father was the Superintendent.

I have known Mrs. Doyle since I was quite a small girl and she has given me her friendship all through my married life. It is to her that my sister and I went for advice when we wished to join the Church at Lewisham where she was then in the choir and often sang solos.

When we came to live at Goring 5½ years ago, she was in the choir but not for long, as she suffered so much from arthritis and bore her sufferings very cheerfully. She also insisted on writing the little cards which accompanied the flowers sent to the sick, right up to the last.

I, and many more will miss her very much.

E. M. Edmonds.

Our Church has recently very regretfully said farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Horsfall who are returning to their beloved Yorkshire. Coming to Worthing from Batley these friends were received into our membership in April 1949 both having been actively engaged in Church life, Mr. Horsfall as Treasurer at Batley and Mrs. Horsfall a valued member of the Choir.

Life down south must have seemed rather different but they have since that time given willing and varying service in our Church work, and this has been much appreciated, Mr. Horsfall being a member of our Building Committee in 1960. In leaving us our Church suffers real loss, and the last few months have been overshadowed by the breakdown in health of Mrs. Horsfall. But we warmly wish them all that is best, and retain very happy memories of their years

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spent in Worthing. And it is pleasant to think that Worthing surgeons have given back normal eyesight to Mr. Horsfall. Giving their new address they added the words "We shall miss you all very much". We re-echo those words.

C. H. C.

In a letter I received from Mr. Horsfall he asked me to express the very sincere thanks of his wife and himself for the kind thoughts, the lovely flowers sent from time to time, the visits of Mr. Ashford and other members of the Church, and for the prayers which have sustained them during the last six months.

Their new address is - "Falmont", College Road, Gildersome, Morley, Leeds, and the telephone number Morley 2659.

Editor.

COACH TRIPS. The FIRST coach trip for 1964 will be to Rudyard Kipling's House and Gardens at Burwash on Wednesday 13th May, leaving Sea Place at 1.0 p.m. - Cost 13/6d.

Names to Mr. Grew or Miss W. Smith as soon as possible.

This should be a most interesting outing and a fine start to the 1964 travels.

SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION.- County Assembly Apr. 7/8.

The second day of the Conference commenced with the welcome to the District Chairman and new ministers to the County which was followed by an address by the Moderator Rev. W. Andrew James.

(a) The Draft Constitution - of 80% of the Churches who had sent in their recommendations 95% were in favour of the Draft Constitution with reservations.

(b) The discussions taking place with the Presbyterians continues slowly but happily. There are now five Union Churches (Congregational & Presbyterian).

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(c) The present minimum stipend of ministers is £570; it is proposed to increase this by £50 from 1st July, 1964 and thence annually to a maximum of £800. This maximum will include all children's allowances.

(d) An experiment of two churches calling two ministers and sharing their ministry was being tried in four areas.

The Assembly were informed of the death of the Rev. Dr. Maurice Charles who was to have addressed the Conference.

The Delegates stood in silent memory.

At short notice Dr. McLennan of Wandsworth spoke on the subject "Christ on the Frontier".

At the lunch the Vicar of Lindfield and Pastor of the near-by Mission were present and spoke of the unity among the churches of the village and the Vicar expressed the hope that the time would not be long before they could take Communion together.

The Afternoon Session was given over to missionary work when a survey of the Mission Field was given by the Rev. E. R. H. Spaul, and the missionary Address by the Rev. C. Stuart Craig of the L.M.S. who had just returned from the Mission Field. His subject, "The Mission on the Frontier" gave an up-to-date picture of the work.

J. M. J.

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY,  
WORTHING AUXILIARY.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Worthing Congregational Church, Shelley Road, on Monday 11th May at 7.30 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be the Rev. John T. MPAAVEL, B.A., the Society's Assistant Secretary in East Africa, who graduated at Cambridge in Geography and Christian Theology.

S. A. N.

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GROUP NOTES.Women's Guild Working Party.

All members of the Church and Congregation (and this includes the gentlemen) are invited to an "At Home" on May 12th at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided; also a 30 minute programme of music has been arranged.

DO COME.

E. T.

Girls' Life Brigade.

We are holding our usual JUMBLE SALE on Friday 15th May at 2.30 p.m. in aid of Camp Funds. Admission 3d.

We welcome all your Jumble either on Thursday afternoon 14th or arrangements can be made through Mrs. Dobson or myself, Mrs. Stratton, at "Cheancot", The Heights, Findon Valley.

The Brigade will be camping at Mlandudno this year.

E. S.

From the CHOIR SECRETARY.

Since the Organist's Note in the February issue, we have recruited several new members to the choir and I would take this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Booth and Mr. D. F. Jones. A very belated welcome is due to Mr. Fleming who has been with us since Christmas.

Junior Choir practices started again last week and will be held on Thursday each week at 6.0 p.m. Membership is not limited to members of the Junior Church, but girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 13 will be very welcome to come along any Thursday evening to see Mr. Hughes.

A date for your diaries! WEDNESDAY, 3rd June, 1964 at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall - when



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members of our Choir will participate once again in the FREE CHURCHES FESTIVAL OF PRAISE, when our own organist will be the accompanist.

It is hoped that this will be well supported by members of our congregation. Programmes should be available shortly and will be obtainable from the writer or other members of the Choir.

M. Templeton.

#### Women's Guild Fellowship.

The Holy Week meeting of the Fellowship held on the 24th March when Rev. Violet Hedger was our speaker was a great inspiration to us all. We shall not forget readily the vivid pictures our speaker portrayed of the scene when Mary breaks her precious box of ointment upon her beloved Lord, and the challenge that was given to us to do something "mad" for Christ and not to mind what people think. The solos given by Mrs. Grace May were much appreciated and added to the atmosphere of worship in this Easter service of remembrance.

Our next meeting on the 7th April was of quite a different character. Our speaker on that occasion was Miss Doris Dearsley who told us of her work as a hospital sister in Holloway Prison. I think our sympathies went more to the warders and nurses than to the actual prisoners who on some counts, had quite a good time, some even coming back "home" quite often. We do thank God for these dedicated women who serve the community in such seemingly unrewarding service.

G. P.

We hope all our members will attend our Annual General meeting on May 5th and so shew their interest in their Fellowship including its business side. There will be no meeting on May 19th, it being Whit Tuesday, but on June 2nd the Highdown Singers will entertain us and bring to a close our Spring Session.

L. B. R.

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Young Women's Fellowship.

We commenced our Summer Session on April 20th with a friendly Member's Evening, and for those who were unable to be present a reminder that all our future meetings will commence at 8.0 p.m. with a cup of tea. Among the interesting speakers who will be visiting us during the next few weeks will be the Rev. C. King, Chaplain of Ford Prison, who comes on May 4th. Mr. A. E. Bowker will speak on May 25th telling us of his experiences in the Law Courts. Then on June 8th Nurse D. Allard comes from the Animals Dispensary, and on July 6th Mrs. Dawson from the House of Claridge, will talk about Fashions. May I say once again that a very warm welcome will be extended to any member of the congregation who may feel they would care to join us on these occasions - we are always pleased to see new friends.

J. Lester.

Men's Fellowship.

The meeting held on Tuesday April 14th brought to a close a very interesting and successful session, and Mr. E. W. Lowes as Chairman made special reference to those who had helped, and thanking Mr. Pepperdine for his continued efforts as secretary.

The lecture given by Mr. C. H. Hosking, M.I.E.E. entitled "Thremmatology" was certainly unusual and required mental concentration from his audience.

Mr. Hosking had for some 37 years held important official appointments with Croydon and Watford Corporations and elsewhere, regarding Electricity Supply Industry, yet previous to this he had gained practical experience in Agricultural Science and Chemistry at the Cornwall County School of Agriculture.

But a technical talk was given in an unassuming manner, and the rearing of plant life and the breeding of animals was illustrated by cleverly drawn

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charts, and finally, coloured slides, showing cattle on the grazing grounds, and many of prize-winning animals on Show Grounds in England.

C. H. C.

### DRAMA GROUP.

On Saturday April 18th the Drama Group presented two one act plays. The Producer, Winifred Padfield had selected two contrasting plays for all women casts both of which held the attention of the audience the whole evening.

The First, "They came to a Cottage", by May Field, was a thriller comedy and took place in the living room of a lonely deserted cottage on the moors, which atmosphere the set immediately established.

Throughout the play the audience were completely in sympathy with the characters, as one by one they became aware of an "evil presence" in the cottage. The acting was sincere but seemed rather restrained, due we find to faults in the lighting arrangements, when the lights fused at inappropriate moments.

Honours must go to Margaret Dobson who remained in character throughout - she delighted the audience with her "wise cracks" but we were never in doubt about her fear and concern for the others.

The second choice "Time for Bed" by Phillip Johnson, a comedy with a touch of pathos got off to a slow start, but afterwards progressed at a good pace to the main dialogue between "Mrs. Clulow and Tilley" which Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Padfield competently took in their stride. The audience in their turn taking them completely to their heart.

Pam Wilson as the browbeaten daughter and Margaret Dobson as the Vicar's wife gave effective performances.

An entertaining and most enjoyable evening was the general verdict of an appreciative audience.

E. D.

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THIS IS CHRISTIAN AID.

Because people like us, in congregations like ours, co-operated with the members of other denominations, thousands of men, women and children all over the world who were in great need have been helped during the last 12 months by the Churches to overcome hunger, homelessness and other handicaps.

The money we have given or raised as individuals and as congregations has been put into the hands of our fellow Christians overseas for specific tasks of service to others. It is a service aptly known as Christian Aid, not because it is limited to Christians - in fact most of the people helped are non-Christians - but because of the motive behind those who give and behind those who carry out the work on our behalf; also of course, because of the channel through which the aid is passed, Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service, our own ecumenical agency.

But this was not a one-year effort. It is a continuing all-the-year-round act of combined service by the churches. It is continuous because human need itself is continuous. So although we may have had a successful Christian Aid campaign last May we cannot relax our efforts. This year Christian Aid Week is from the 24th to 31st May and is again nation-wide.

Last year Inter-Church Aid through the World Council of Churches resettled another 12,000 refugees. Are we to be content with a lesser figure in 1964? In Algeria 24,000 needy people were employed in the Churches' re-afforestation programme for the planting of 21 million trees to halt soil erosion. They were paid in food for their families, so about 150,000 people experienced freedom from hunger. This year the programme is to be expanded - another 49 million trees, another 21,000 people employed, another 75,000 hungry mouths to be fed, but only if we help finance the project. And in

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Calcutta 8,500 people displaced by the partition of India and Pakistan 16 years ago still live in and around Sealdah Railway Station. The Churches plan to resettle them in jobs and homes this year. But they will still be there in 1965 if we and our fellow Christians around the world fail to find the funds for the job.

These things, and many others from the reclaiming of land and the training of farmers to the supply of medical services and the re-housing of disaster-victims, are Christian Aid. It is our work so let us get on with it and in the process we shall find strength and joy in the service of others and in our own unity of action.

#### Junior Church - Old People's Outing.

It will be remembered that the Junior Church are intending to entertain a coach load or two of old people from London this summer.

The group of Young People who raised £12.12.0 for this purpose by their entertainment on Feb. 14, have since undertaken the brightening up of the Church Hall at the cost of materials only.

They wonder if appreciative friends might care to further the above fund by gifts which can be handed to our Secretary, Mr. Eric Bond, or to myself, or to any other member of the Junior Church Staff.

A. Mercer.

#### Missing Lectern Fall.

The EMBROIDERED FALL for the Lectern belonging to the Junior Church has been missing for the past few weeks. Will anyone who has seen the Fall recently please notify any member of the Junior Church Staff.

E. Bond, (Sec.)

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Alterations to Handbook.

## Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. H. Horsfall, Falmont, College Road,  
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 Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Latham, Glenorchy, Manton Hollow,  
 Marlborough, Wilts. Tel. Marlborough 538.  
 Mr. & Mrs. E. C. & Mr. A. Bond, Ferndene, 20,  
 Warnham Road, Goring.  
 Mrs. E. A. Stratton, Cheancot, The Heights, Findon  
 Valley. Telephone Swandean 2686.  
 Miss M. B. Curtis, Parkside, Wykeham Road,  
 Worthing.

There have been many friends who have recently  
 become regular worshippers. If they would like th  
 their names included in the next edition of the  
 Handbook, will they kindly notify either the Church  
 Secretary or the Editor of the Handbook, Mr. B. C.  
 Hoskins.

Any alterations or additions of telephone  
 numbers should also be notified.

## Corrections:

Mrs. Nuttall, 95, South Street, Tarring, Worthing.  
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 Brighton Road, Worthing.

NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be on Sunday  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>. All material should be in the hands of  
 the Editor by Sunday 30th May please.

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CHURCH CALENDAR.MAY

- 3rd SUN. Rev. F. N. James M.A., Warden Ecumenical House of Prayer. 11.0 and 6.30.
- 5th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. A.G.M. 3 p.m.
- 10th SUN. Rev. H. E. Stichter, B.A. 11.0 & 6.30.
- 11th Mon. Annual Meeting British & Foreign Bible Socy. at Worthing Congregational Church, Shelley Road, 7.30. See Page 8.
- 12th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party "AT HOME" at 2.45 p.m. An open invitation.
- 12th Tues. Christian Aid Week. Film showing at the Methodist Guild, Bury Drive. 3 p.m.
- 14th Thurs. Missionary evening commencing with Buffet Supper at 7 p.m. (Tickets 1/6d ea)
- 17th SUN. Rev. W. J. Ashford. 11.0 and 6.30.
- 19th Tues. No meeting - Women's Guild Fellowship.
- 21st Thurs. Day of Prayer.
- 24th SUN. Rev. H. J. Rowse of Sompting. Junior CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
- 25th Mon. Deacon's Meeting.
- 27th Wed. Christian Aid Week. Bring-&-Buy Sale of Groceries. St. Mary's Hall, Goring.
- 30th Sat. Fen Place Garden Party. Opener - Jean Metcalfe.
- 30th Sat. Christian Aid Week. West Sussex T.W.G. Choir at St. Paul's Church, 3 p.m. Appeal by Rev. C. C. Franks of Purley.
- 24th/31st CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.
- 31st SUN. Rev. David J. Bowen.

JUNE

- 2nd Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. "Highdown Singers", 5.0 p.m.
- 3rd Wed. Free Church Choirs Festival, Assembly Hall.
- 4th Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting.
- 6th Sat. L.M.S. Summer Rally, Bognor.
- 7th SUN. Rev. Dinsley Hamilton of Lewes Road, Brighton.

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Pastoral Letter.

June 1964.

My dear Friends,

I should like this, my farewell letter in this journal, to express a welcome to your incoming Minister and his wife, and to also express my confidence in the future of the Goring Church. Everything is now set for a prosperous advance under the new Leadership.

Thanks to the loyalty of Members and Deacons during the past twelve months, the work has been well maintained; and now, with the same devotion as before, you may go forward together in Faith and Hope. I shall continue to pray for you that

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God's richest blessing may accompany your efforts,  
and that your united ministry may be fruitful in  
the best of all causes.

With affectionate Greetings,  
Always your sincere friend,  
W. J. ASHFORD.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

For almost a year we have been without a minister, and we now look forward with eager anticipation to the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. Wallis Hayward. Our thoughts and prayers will be very much with them during this month of leave-taking from their present Church, and as they move into the Manse and re-dedicate themselves to the service of God in this Church. May they have the assurance that they are coming to a people who are prepared also in heart, mind and soul to receive them and work with them in the Master's service in the days ahead.

All members of the Church and Congregation will receive a letter setting forth the detailed plans for the events connected with the commencement of Mr. Hayward's ministry, so I will not elaborate here. It will be a great encouragement to Mr. Hayward if all members are able to be present on all these occasions.

We have been fortunate indeed that our period of waiting has not exceeded a year. There has been the opportunity for adjustment after the departure of a beloved minister, and although a number of changes have taken place during the year in various departments of the life of the Church there has perhaps come an increasing knowledge of  
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each other and a deepening of fellowship, while attendance at Church Services has been well maintained. This is as it should be, for we come to worship God not to "hear the preacher". This having been said, we do acknowledge with gratitude those who have so helpfully led our worship during the past months, and we look forward with particular pleasure to the visit of the Rev. Richard C. Wood who will be conducting our Church Anniversary services on June 14th. Mr. Wood is exercising a widely-known and powerful ministry at our Church at Kingston.

In conclusion, I would like to express our deep gratitude to the Rev. W. J. ASHFORD for his many services during the past year. In addition to leading our worship one Sunday a month, he has always been ready to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals. He has taken the Chair at our Church Meetings, and his gracious visitation will be long-remembered by those who have benefitted by it. Mention must also be made of Mr. Roy Currie who has so willingly served us on so many occasions during the past twelve months. We have appreciated this, and assure him that our thoughts and prayers will surround him as he continues his preparation for the Ministry.

H. A. WINTERTON.

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From the Church Treasurer.Collections for April, 1964.

|           | <u>Envelopes.</u>   | <u>Loose.</u>     |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 5th April | £42. 0. 0.          | £21. 15. 8.       |
| 12th "    | 21. 18. 0.          | 15. 3. 10.        |
| 19th "    | 25. 12. 6.          | 15. 13. 7.        |
| 26th "    | 24. 3. 6.           | 15. 13. 11.       |
|           | <u>£113. 14. 0.</u> | <u>£68. 7. 0.</u> |

Total for the month - £182. 1. 0.

R. O. Parker.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.Flower Rota for June.

June 7th Mr. & Mrs. S. F. Grew.  
 " 14th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY -  
 Miss F. Bolt,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bond,  
 Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Wills.  
 " 21st Mrs. J. Bridger.  
 " 28th Mr. & Mrs. H. Winterton.

The Bible Says:

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed. We are perplexed but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

11 Corinthians, Chap 4,  
 vv. 6, 8 & 9.

Contributed by P. S. West.

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TWO SUSSEX MINISTERS ON A WORTHWHILE THEME.

It is coincidental that two ministers known to most of us, one a Congregationalist and the other a Baptist, should have recently produced paperbacks on the same subject, one that is vital to every Church of every denomination; to the whole Church, not just a part (and to those without vision, an insignificant part), namely 'The Church as a Family'.

Of one, by our friend Rev. Gwyn Filby, "Family Church - The Household of God" (6/-) which up to the time of writing I regret I have not seen - the Publishers (Independent Press) say: 'If every Church took a copy, and got it's members to study it, the life and work of the Churches would be greatly enriched'.

The other, by our neighbour, Rev. A. Gilmore of West Worthing Baptist Church and Editor of Carey Kingsgate Press who publish it, I have found very challenging. Entitled "The Family of God", (4/6) though its theme is 'Family Church' it deals with the subject in its widest sense, and again should be read by every Church member, and not alone those interested in the work among children and young people.

The sections headed:- 'What we understand by the Church', 'The Church itself must be a Family', 'The Future', 'Family Worship', 'Children's Instructions', 'The Christian Home', 'The Christian Group' and 'Other forms of Christian Training' all provide much food for thought and not a little soul-searching. The experiments mentioned were put into practice at Mr. Gilmore's previous Church at Northampton. Last, but by no means least is the section devoted to 'Questions for Discussion' which will provide much useful and stimulating

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material for Study Groups in all branches of the Church's life and activity.

To quote from the Publishers' 'blurb':-  
This is not simply a book about Family Church or about children; it is about the local church which is trying to live in the sixties and look forward to the seventies!"

Clifford H. Powell.

#### GROUP NOTES.

BAZAAR NEWS. The FIRST meeting of the Bazaar Committee will be held in the Hut on Monday 15th June, 1964 at 7.30 p.m.

Will all Church Organisations interested please send a representative.

J. M. J.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. We extend our thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards our Jumble Sale, which realized the satisfactory sum of £38.10.9d.

The result of the S.S.U. Scripture Examination has now come to hand. We are very gratified to know that all 17 girls passed. 13 passed first class, 2 passed second class and 2 passed third class. We are also grateful to Miss Walsh who so willingly and ably coached the girls.

E. S.

TUESDAY GROUP. For the benefit of friends who may have missed last month's invitation, may we repeat the notice inviting contributions from appreciative members who have benefited by the re-decoration to the Church Hall, wherein we asked for a boost to the Fund raised by the Tuesday Group of Young People to help the Junior Church

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bring some old people from London for a day. So far we have received donations from 5 people, amounting to £3.5.0d. and for this we are grateful.

Meantime on Whitmonday some of the members organised a Barbecue at Highdown, attended by over 100 young people, net result of which was a sum of £8.14.0d. This brings the total Club effort to £24.11.0d, but we are anxious to add to this amount to give as many old people as possible a maximum of enjoyment on the 20th June.

Arthur B. Mercer.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday 24th May we held our Junior Church Anniversary Services which were conducted by our Good friend Rev. Harold J. Rowse of Sompting Congregational Church, whose addresses held the attention of the congregations at both services. The theme of the services, appropriate to the time of the year, was the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and children and young people of the Junior Church narrated the story of the early days of the Christian Church as told in the Acts of the Apostles. The Adult Choir was augmented for the occasion by the Junior Choir, trained by our Church Organist Mr. Hughes, and our very young children made a delightful contribution by singing some of their own departmental hymns.

We of the Junior Church are grateful for the support given by the congregation on our Anniversary Day both in the large attendance and generous offerings made towards the work among the children and young people.

E. C. Bond,  
Secretary.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

By the time this note goes to print we shall have held our last meeting of the Spring Session. But our Summer Outing is on Wednesday June 10th when we leave the Church at 10.30 a.m. A few minutes later we call at the Garage in the Boulevard, and then away to Tunbridge Wells for lunch and thence to Hever Castle. Tea will be provided at East Grinstead. We hope for a lovely day and hope too that all who are joining us will have a delightful outing.

CANCER RELIEF GET MORE HELP FROM OUR MEMBERS.

In view of the interest and help many members have kindly given in the past to the good cause of Cancer Relief, I am sure readers will be interested to know that Mr. Cecil Mabey has been appointed Vice Chairman for the Worthing Committee of the National Society for Cancer Relief.

The local press gave an account a few weeks ago of the excellent work undertaken during the last twelve months by the Committee, helpers and the public, as reported at the Annual General Meeting. A sum of £1250 was passed over to the National Society as a result of these efforts which brings the grand total for five years to £5,650. Money paid out last year on behalf of Cancer Sufferers and families in Worthing alone was £1,500 (£250 more than collected locally) and to Sussex as a whole over £15,000.

The House to House collection last October raised in Worthing £791 and our own collectors put up a wonderful effort by collecting 10% of this total.

Due to the difficulty of trying to find a worthy individual who is prepared to take on a Community Service job, the Executive Committee is more than delighted that Mr. Mabey has agreed to accept the responsible office of Vice Chairman.  
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Miss I. H. LeMay continues to do excellent work as Hon. Secretary and this year Miss E. Gilby is assisting as Minute Secretary until an Assistant Secretary can be found. We would be most grateful to receive an offer from anyone who could take it on.

F. L. Willis.

HANDBOOK. The new issue of the Handbook for 1964/5 will appear at the beginning of July and will include such alterations and additions as have been notified to the Editor of the Handbook or to the Church Secretary.

BAPTISMS. By Rev. W. J. Ashford on May 17th -  
Sarah Eloise Hayne.

MARRIAGE. By Rev. W. J. Ashford on May 2nd -  
Peter Charles Baker to  
Susan Ann Meilish.

We were pleased to see Mr. Betts on Sunday morning 31st May after absence through an accident to his arm, which is now well on the mend, we are happy to report.

Change of Address. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dobson and Miss C. Dobson to:-  
11, Chute Avenue, High Salvington.  
Tel. Swandean 1593.

NEXT ISSUE of The Chronicle will be on Sunday July 5th and all material should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday June 28th. Readers will no doubt remember that this forthcoming issue covers July and August.



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C A L E N D A R for J U N E / J U L Y.June

- 7th SUN. Rev. Dinsley Hamilton of Lewes Road, Brighton.
- 10th Wed. 184th Church Anniversary, Trinity Congregational Church, Arundel. Preacher: Rev. Stanley Sheppard.
- 14th SUN. 17th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY - Rev. Richard C. Wood, M.A., F.R.A.S., of Kingston-upon-Thames.
- 17th Wed. United Free Church Communion Service, Offington Park Methodist Church. Preacher, Rev. L. J. Macpherson, M.A.
- 18th Thurs. Day of Prayer, 10.30 a.m. followed by Communion and at 7 p.m.
- 20th Sat. Junior Church entertainment of party from London.
- 21st SUN. Rev. W. J. Ashford.
- 23rd Tues. Oxfam - reception of clothing.
- 25th Thurs. Monthly Church meeting.
- 28th SUN. Mr. Roy Currie.

July

- 2nd Thurs. INDUCTION SERVICE of Rev. WALLIS HAYWARD, 7 p.m. Presiding Minister, The Moderator of the Southern Province of the C.U.E.W. Rev. Andrew James, M.A. Charge to Minister and Church - Rev. W. J. F. Huxtable M.A., Secretary of Congregational Union of England & Wales.
- 4th SAT. RECEPTION for Rev. & Mrs. W. HAYWARD, 4.30 to 7 p.m.
- 5th SUN. REV. WALLIS HAYWARD commences his ministry.
- 18th SAT. THANK-OFFERING DAY, 10 - 12; 2.30 - 4.30.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

I imagine I am right in thinking that this letter will reach you on the first day of my ministry with you. This being so, my first word must be of thankfulness. Above all, thankfulness to Almighty God for He has led us to this day, and we can be confident that in coming years He will lead us still.

Secondly I want to acknowledge the thankfulness we all feel for the ministry of Rev. Cyril Franks. We enter into a great heritage and must constantly re-dedicate ourselves to be true to God's high calling in Christ.

Last of all we must be thankful to the Deacons

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who by their leadership have so well maintained the life and witness of the Church in past months. As I write this, several names come to my mind of those who have helped Mrs. Hayward and myself personally. To mention names, however, is always dangerous, so we shall be glad if all who have in any way contributed to our settlement both in Church and home will accept our thanks.

There is one name however which all will agree should be mentioned among us and that the name of Mr. H. A. Winterton. We thank God for what Mr. Winterton has done and been through these months, may he be able to continue as Church Secretary for many years.

Now what of the future? There are so many of you who at the moment we do not know, and there is so much about the work that we have to learn that it is inevitable that our first winter's session will be a period of learning. So do not expect any changes, it will take quite a long time to sum up the whole situation. There are however some things of which Mrs. Hayward and I are absolutely confident. First we are confident of your friendship. All that we know of this Church and its people is the ground of our confidence. Secondly I am confident that I shall find the happy friendship and trust, which I have experienced in all my past ministries, with the Deacons. Finally our confidence is in God who has called us here, who will help us together to know what He wants us to do and how He wants us to do it.

We may all be sure that there are challenges and difficulties ahead of us, let us be equally sure that His grace is sufficient for all our needs, and with Him go forward.

Yours very sincerely,  
WALLIS HAYWARD.

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

The day on which these notes appear, the Rev. Wallis Hayward will be commencing his ministry among us. It will be a day of great rejoicing and thanksgiving as we embark on a new phase in the life of this Church; minister and people together seeking to discover the word of God for us. We pray that Mr. & Mrs. Hayward will experience abundant joy and be richly blessed in their ministry at Goring. As we look back on the inspiration of the Induction Service and the demonstration of our fellowship at the reception I should like to express gratitude to all those who participated in these two events.

During the past year many visiting ministers have commented upon the help they have received from the receptiveness of the congregation. May this attitude of reverent preparedness be a source of inspiration to our Minister in the days ahead.

On the 19th June, after a long illness, Miss M. Newnham passed to her rest. Received into membership in October 1960 Miss Newnham was a member of the Women's Fellowship and for a time, of the Working Party. She loved the Church and showed her concern to the very end of her life. She endeared herself to all who knew her. Our sympathy is extended to her sisters.

We congratulate Dr. & Mrs. Ian Black on the birth of their fourth son - Jonathan Paul.

With the advent of a minister I hope that in future issues of the "Chronicle" this item - "From the Church Secretary" will assume far more reasonable proportions but on this occasion I should like to conclude with a personal word of very sincere appreciation to all those who by their helpfulness, kindness and forbearance have done so much to lighten my duties during the past year.

H. A. Winterton.

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WALLIS HAYWARD.

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"The Chronicle". Tradition would seem to denote a "holiday" for the Editor in respect of an August edition of the magazine, but the Deacons are in accord that it would be well worth while having a special edition on the first Sunday in August. We have in mind an edition solely for the purpose of a Record of the Induction Service, The Saturday Reception, the First Sunday in the Month, and in addition information about the Thankoffering Day on July 18th.

Mr. P. W. Hopkins. We are pleased to say the news of Mr. Hopkins' progress is re-assuring, Mrs. Hopkins wishes to say how much she has appreciated the kind enquiries from so many friends, and also the offers of assistance in various ways during her husband's illness.

Golden Wedding Anniversaries. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Allison who celebrated their anniversary on the 2nd July and we wish them many years of health and happiness.

This being a magazine to cover July and August, we send our congratulations in advance to Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Dearsley who celebrate their GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary on August 1st. To them also, we wish many years of health and happiness.

Editor.

From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for May, 1964.

|         | <u>Envelopes.</u>   | <u>Loose.</u>       |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3rd May | £29. 10. 6.         | £12. 13. 0.         |
| 10th "  | £26. 2. 0.          | £19. 14. 7.         |
| 17th "  | £26. 7. 0.          | £15. 18. 8.         |
| 24th "  | £35. 8. 0.          | - - -               |
| 31st "  | £23. 6. 6.          | £16. 4. 7.          |
|         | <u>£140. 14. 0.</u> | <u>£64. 10. 10.</u> |

Total for month - £205.4.10.

I acknowledge with gratitude a legacy of £100 from the late Mrs. E. H. Doyle.  
The Loose collection on May 24th was set aside for the Junior Church, this being their Anniversary Day, and the amount given was £26.4.0d.

The following amounts have been received for Christian Aid Week:-

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|---|----------------------------|
| Junior Church .....                         | £2. 2. 0.                  |
| Women's Guild Fellowship ..                 | £4. 4. 0.                  |
| Young Women's Fellowship ..                 | £1. 1. 0.                  |
| Through "envelopes" .....                   | <u>£14. 4. 6.</u>          |
|   | £21. 11. 6.                |
| With the Good Friday<br>collection of ..... | 12. 1. 1.                  |
| the result of the Church<br>effort is ..... | <u>£33. 12. 7</u> to date. |

R. O. Parker.

The Bible Says:-

Elijah said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

1 Kings, 18, v. 21.

God says, See I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil ..... Therefore choose life that thou may live.

Deuteronomy Ch. 30 vv. 15 & 19.

Contributed by P. S. West.

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"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY" - Luke XI, 1.

The description "A Man of Prayer" must surely apply to Dr. William Barclay, for only a man of prayer himself could compile books of prayers that have been such a guide and inspiration to so many throughout the years. Many ministers of all denominations, as well as laymen, have found his "Prayers for the Pulpit" in the "British Weekly" invaluable; while his "Plain Man's Book of Prayers" and "More Prayers for the Plain Man" are used regularly by many of our members and their sales have gone into many thousands; and if there were a 'Top Ten' in Religious Paperbacks I have no doubt that these would be high in the list. Also the writer has used his 'Epilogues and Prayers' regularly in Bible Study Groups and it is a 'must' for any Youth Group Leader.

It is not therefore surprising that Dr. Barclay's latest Paperback should devote itself to that greatest of all prayers, the one that the Master taught His disciples in response to their request, and in 'The Plain Man looks at the Lord's Prayer' we have the best 2/6d worth in reading material today.

From the pattern of prayer in the Introduction we are introduced to the Prayer Life of the Jewish People in chapter one, and when Jesus, at His disciples request, taught them a prayer, He was in fact building upon a firm foundation already established in the Religious Life of the Jews.

In the following chapters William Barclay does what so many have done before him and takes the Prayer clause by clause and prevents it from ever again becoming 'vain repetition'. Chapter two makes the 'Fatherhood of God' become a very real relationship to the believer, and one's whole Prayer Life must become richer as we read and study this



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book chapter by chapter, and of the Epilogue; which most scholars agree was not in the original prayer; Barclay says:- 'the value of it is that it reminds us of two things. It reminds us to whom we have been praying and it reminds us that, if prayer is to be complete we have to give as well as to take'.

In this excellent little Fontana Book Dr. Barclay not only increases our understanding of 'The Lord's Prayer', but what is more important still, he teaches us HOW to pray.

Clifford H. Powell.

GARDENING? ----- THEN TRY THIS!

First, plant five rows of Peas.  
 P-reparedness, P-romptness, P-erseverance, P-olite-  
 ness, P-rayers.  
 Next to them, plant three rows of Squash.  
 Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference.  
 Then plant five rows of lettuce.  
     Let us be faithful,  
     Let us be unselfish,  
     Let us be friendly,  
     Let us be loyal,  
     Let us be truthful.  
 AND no garden is complete without Turnips.  
     Turn up for Church,  
     Turn up with a Smile,  
     Turn up with a New Idea,  
     Turn up with real determination,  
 THEN see what a wonderful garden you can grow.

(With acknowledgments to "Indian Witness" through the  
 Church of South India Newsletter - via Union Church,  
 Mill Hill, London.)

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GROUP NOTES.Ministry of Flowers.

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| July | 5th  | Mr. H. A. Dobson.                      |
| "    | 12th | Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Pearn.                |
| "    | 19th | (Miss V. Mumford,<br>(Miss L. Thomson. |
| "    | 26th | Miss B. Ford.                          |
| Aug. | 2nd  | Mr. & Mrs. F. Dearsley.                |
| "    | 9th  | Mr. & Mrs. H. Lord.                    |
| "    | 16th | Mr. & Mrs. C. Stephens.                |
| "    | 23rd | Miss J. White.                         |
| "    | 30th | Mr. E. & Miss A. West.                 |

E. Bond,  
Flower Secretary.

Young Women's Fellowship.

There are two more meetings before the summer break - the first on July 6th when Mrs. Dawson of "Claridge" will be speaking on the fascinating subject of "Fashion" and on July 20th we are holding a "Members Evening" when we shall be happy to entertain Mrs. W. Hayward. Will all members please make every effort to attend on both occasions.

J. Lester.

Women's Guild Fellowship.

With a most enjoyable musical afternoon provided by the Highdown Singers we closed our meetings until September 15th. How blessed we were in the weather for our Summer Outing; it was a beautiful day for a drive through our beautiful country-side to a beautiful old castle in beautiful grounds. So what more could we desire! To add to our pleasures many of us had a surprise meeting with Mrs. Franks who was visiting Haver Castle with a party from Purley. We certainly had good cause to count our blessings that day.

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Girls' Life Brigade.

In the recent Battalion Squad Drill Competition our girls gave a very good account of themselves. Looking smart and obviously very keen, they were the "runners up". This surely goes to show that the Battalion is an efficient and well run organisation.

We wish our girls success next year when we hope they will be FIRST.

Garden Party - November Bazaar.

On 15th August, a garden party will be held at 5, Parklands Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m. The proceeds will be divided between the various stalls at the Bazaar. Bring and Buy Stalls, teas, ices, games and lot of intriguing stalls!

The GIFT STALL will hold Garden Coffee mornings weekly as follows:-

On Wednesday mornings - 10.15 to 11.30.

26th August by Mrs. Stanley West, at Minstead, Arlington Close, Goring-by-Sea.

2nd Sept. by Mrs. Eric Bond at 20, Warnham Road, West Worthing.

9th Sept. by Mrs. Hite at 44, Phroso Road, West Worthing.

16th Sept. by Miss H. Lowman & Mrs. Nodes at 5, Parklands Avenue, W. Worthing.

23rd Sept. by Miss Andrew at 144, George V Avenue, W. Worthing.

Charge for Coffee 1/-d - No side shows.

C. M. Nodes.

JUNIOR CHURCH. At the Brighton Central & West Sussex Sunday School Union Annual Sports held on the 27th June, those of our scholars who participated in the Combined Sports are to be congratulated. They were the runners-up in both Junior and Senior Totals for afternoon and evening. One at least of the senior girls had already run in a Sports meeting at Brighton together with a senior boy, which is

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further evidence of the keenness shewn by all the runners, whether they won or lost.

It was a most enjoyable time of fellowship together, and we were glad to see so many parents and friends, including the Rev. & Mrs. Wallis Hayward (strictly incognito of course)! and as encouragement Mr. Hayward has promised that we will do better next year (can we persuade him to enter for the teachers' race?).

A. B. M.

On Saturday the 20th June, the children and staff of the Junior Church were hosts to 65 elderly friends from Paddington who were accompanied by Rev. A. C. French and his family. It was nice to see the French family in Sussex again!

Coach transport was arranged and the party arrived for lunch just after 12.30 p.m. This had been prepared by the staff and some of the children who also waited on our visitors.

An afternoon in Worthing had been arranged and as the weather promised fair, the party set off at 1.30 p.m. and were able to enjoy three hours of sunshine, mostly on the beach. On their return to the Church Hall, tea was served, followed by a choral entertainment provided by the Junior Choir, trained and conducted for the occasion by the Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Garland Hughes; a friend of the Church, Mr. Belbin of Ferring, accompanied by his wife, also delighted the elderly folk with some old songs.

The visit concluded with a short organ recital and service in the Church, and on boarding the coaches, each member of the party was presented with a gift of flowers and cakes as a memento of the day's visit to Goring.

All in the Junior Church are very grateful to friends who so generously helped us to make the outing possible; to those who gave gifts of

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money, produce and flowers; to the Youth Fellowship let by Mr. Mercer who by their efforts raised over £25 for the day, and to the children and young people who assisted the staff during the day.

E. C. Bond, Secretary.

L.M.S. Programme Guide "GO".

A further order for Programme Guides is being forwarded to Headquarters.

Will any one desiring a copy, please hand their names to Mr. T. A. Howe not later than the 19th July.

T. A. H.

Tailpiece.

The comfort of the Choir has been greatly enhanced by the generous and anonymous gift of runner cushions for the choir stalls.

Friends will have observed how much the soft singing of the Choir has improved.

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CHURCH CALENDAR.JULY

- 5th SUN. The Minister.  
 6th Mon. Young Women's Fellowship.  
 8th Wed. Opening of Church Hall, Sompting 7.30.  
 Amberley Congregational Church - Church  
 Anniversary. Preacher Rev. Robert H.  
 Smith M.A. of Chichester.
- 12th SUN. The Minister.  
 18th Sat. Thank-offering Day. 10 a.m. to noon &  
 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. The Minister will  
 receive gifts in his vestry.
- 19th SUN. Dr. Aubrey Vine M.A., B.Sc., D.D. Gen'l  
 Secretary-Free Church Federal Council.  
 20th Mon. Deacons Meeting.  
 Young Women's Fellowship.
- 26th SUN. The Minister.  
 30th Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting.

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- 2nd SUN. The Minister.  
 9th SUN. Rev. F.H.S. Davies of Sutton.  
 16th SUN. The Minister.  
 23rd SUN. The Minister.  
 30th SUN. The Minister.

Garden Party.

15th SAT. By invitation of Mrs. G.L. Nodes at 5,  
 Parklands Avenue - 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Garden Coffee mornings, as indicated on Page 9.

BIRTH - to Dr. and Mrs. Ian Black - a son, Jonathan  
 Paul on May 28th, 1964.

DEATH - Miss M. Newnham on June 19th, 1964.

Next FULL issue of the Chronicle September 6th.  
 Please let the Editor have all material by the 23rd  
 August.

G O R I N G   C O N G R E G A T I O N A L  
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C H U R C H .  
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The preparation of this Special Issue of the "Chronicle" has been prompted by the wonderful events of recent weeks, and we shall record in some measure, the happenings, in their various ways, of the following events.

1. THE INDUCTION SERVICE held on Thursday 2nd July, and the subsequent reception of visiting friends from other Churches, especially the fine body of friends from Buckland Church, Portsmouth, together with Ministers and Clergy in the Borough who came to honour our new Minister.
2. THE SATURDAY RECEPTION on July 4th in honour of the Rev. Wallis Hayward and Mrs. Hayward, when members of the Church and the Congregation were invited by the Deacons and their wives to tea and musical entertainment by the Choir, the reception closing with speeches of welcome.
3. IMPRESSIONS of the First Sunday of Mr. Hayward's Ministry, on July 5th.
4. THANKOFFERING DAY July 18th. Information and "reflections on Gift Day" by Mr. Hayward.

IT IS FITTING at this stage to begin with a message from our new Minister and Leader, and also to express my appreciation of the help given to me by Mr. Winterton, Mr. Parker, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Powell and Mr. Winstanley in providing so much of the 'copy'.

Ed.

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The Manse.  
19th July, 1964.

My dear Friends,

Thank you all for the wonderful welcome you have given us. If we had come here with any doubts in our minds as to our future happiness those doubts would by now have been dispelled, but we came confident in God's call, and your warmth and generosity have justified that confidence.

I believe that someone else is writing about the Induction Service, but you may be interested to know some of our thoughts and feelings. To begin with a feeling of anxiety - would our daughter and son succeed in getting down to be with us? First one and then the other arrived and our hearts were full. The Moderator and Mrs. James were already having tea with us, and as soon as the children had arrived Mr. James and I had to leave for the Church. Here, I was at once greeted by Revs. Sheppard and Rowse and felt myself to be among friends. The three great moments in the Induction Service were first, when I was called upon to renew my ordination vows, secondly, when you stood in acceptance of myself as Minister and the prayer that followed, and thirdly, when I was conducted by the Moderator to the Minister's Chair at the Communion Table.

For Mrs. Hayward and me it was a moment of mixed feelings as we watched the coach full of dear friends leaving for Portsmouth, but when they had gone we were conscious of the very real friendship which already surrounded us here.

What a happy time we had at the reception on Saturday - bewilderment with faces and names, but a deep sense of satisfaction that everything



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confirmed God's call. Thank you to Mr. Parker who presided, to those who made speeches of welcome, especially to our own Mr. Wills. Thank you to the organist and choir for all the music of both occasions. Thank you to the ladies who must have worked very hard indeed to prepare the refreshments.

Thank you to our caretaker, Mr. James, for whom all this must have meant a great deal of extra work. Thank you to everybody for such a warmth of friendliness. Above all let us give thanks to God - elsewhere I am asked to write reflections on Gift Day - but here I must say how moving it was that Gift Day was indeed such an act of Thanksgiving.

Our welcome was completed yesterday morning when owing to the visit of Dr. Aubrey Vine Mrs. Hayward and I were able to visit all the departments of Junior Church. This gave us very considerable pleasure and we were grateful to leaders and teachers who uncomplainingly accepted our interruption of their work. Here above all is the challenge to the Church to do the work of Christ.

NOW let us look forward. I am at present engaged in a series of consultations and committees which are helping me to get a grasp of the situation and its needs and opportunities. All this is preparation for the winter when we must go forward for the building of life into the kingdom of Christ.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

The Induction of the Rev. Wallis Hayward  
to the Pastorate of our Church,  
Thursday, 2nd July, 1964.  
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It was soon after 6 o'clock that the first comers took their seats in the Church and by 6.30 a good congregation had assembled to hear the Organ Recital provided by our Organist and Choir-master, Mr. C. Gariand Hughes. In a well chosen programme Mr. Hughes prepared his listeners for the service which was to follow.

The service commenced at 7 o'clock and by that time nearly 500 people had gathered to support our new Minister. Among those present were many of the leading clergymen of the district including Rev. P. Curgenvin, Vicar of Goring and other Anglican friends. The Free Churches were also well represented and among these were several ministers who had served our Church during the year when we were without a Minister.

Nearly sixty members of Buckland Congregational Church, Portsmouth, came by coach and car to pay a tribute to their former Minister, and we were happy to have them with us.

The service opened by the choir singing the Introit "God's goodness hath been great to thee" by J. Frederick Bridge. The Moderator of the Southern Province of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, the Rev. W. Andrew James, presided and also performed the Act of Induction after the Church Secretary and the Minister elect had each made a statement.

In his statement our Church Secretary Mr. H. A. Winterton outlined the steps which had led us to approach Mr. Hayward with an invitation to be our Minister. How graciously he had been received by Mr. Hayward who had then met the Deacons. The

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Deacons had unanimously recommended to Church meeting that Mr. Hayward should be invited to preach with a view on April 5th. Church meeting had agreed and an invitation was sent and accepted.

Mr. Winterton then read the resolution put to The Special Church Meeting held on the 16th April in which the members of the Church having sought to discern the Will of God, issued a warm invitation to the Rev. Wallis Hayward to be our Minister and pledged themselves to support him. This resolution had been passed by an overwhelming majority and the invitation had been accepted.

Mr. Hayward said that when the call came to make a move to Goring it was one which he wanted to resist as he did not want to leave the Church where he was happy and where there was plenty of work for years to come, but God's call to minister here was insistent and not to be denied.

After the Act of Induction the right hand of fellowship was given by Mr. Winterton on behalf of the Church, by Rev. S. A. Sheppard for the Sussex Congregational Union and by Rev. W. Andrew James for the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

The charge to the Minister and to the Church was given by the Rev. W. J. F. Huxtable M.A., Principal of New College, London, and Secretary Elect of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He spoke from the words in 1 Timothy, 1, 12 "I thank Him, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He has judged me faithful by appointing me to this service". He reminded us that in the Epistle to the Corinthians Paul looks back and confesses his unworthiness for the great work to which he had been called, and said that all true ministers feel:- 'O who am I that for my sake, our Lord should take frail flesh and die - for Thou hast called me, even me Servant

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Divine, to follow Thee - O use me Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when and where.

He then went on to remind us of the three aspects of the Minister's Calling and Service:-

1. He is called to be a Pastor. He has to care for God's people - a wonderful privilege for which he is grateful - to talk over their problems with them - to suffer with them - to pray with them, yes and to teach them to pray. This is a part of the ministry which though not seen, is its very foundation and essence.
2. He is called to be a Preacher. This is indeed a High Calling and cannot be underestimated - seeking to relate the Eternal Truths of the Gospel to the people. But not only must he speak to the people in God's name, he is called to speak to God in the people's name, in other words -
3. He is called to be a Priest, he has a Priestly function, he is to be an Intercessor, a man of Prayer. He has to enter into the secret place of God for those who cannot or will not do so for themselves - beseeching God as Moses did 'Blot out their sins'.

Mr. Huxtable said that he wanted to remind the Church of these three aspects of the Minister's calling, and charged us "Let your Minister do what he has been called and trained to do". "He is not called to be a Manager or a First Executive - too many ministers are frustrated at not being given the opportunity of doing the job that they have been called and trained to do - don't be afraid of making heavy demands upon your minister in the things of his calling."

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He went on to say that the charge is also to the Church; the Church is the Priesthood of all Believers, we are called to the same Ministry in all its three aspects. Ministry is not something only the Minister does - we are all committed to it and the charge is as much to us as it is to him.

He concluded by telling a story from the early days of his own ministry, of a man who had continued to attend a church for many years without entering the full fellowship as a believer, and when questioned as to why he still attended he replied:- 'If ever I find Him, I shall find Him among them' and he charged us:- 'May the people of Goring be able to find Him among you'.

Also taking part in the Service were the Rev. B. R. H. Spaul who read the Scripture passages, the Rev. S. A. Sheppard who gave the Induction Prayer, and the Rev. H. J. Rowse who read the Church Covenant. This was an impressive part of the Service and reminded each one of us of the duties we owe to our Church and our fellows.

The Service throughout was spiritually uplifting in its sincerity and simplicity and was a fitting occasion to mark what we hope and pray will be a long and fruitful Ministry.

After the Service the visitors were entertained to light refreshments in the Church Hall, and it was particularly noticeable with what enthusiasm the friends from Buckland greeted Mr. and Mrs. Hayward.

THE SATURDAY RECEPTION.

On Saturday 4th July a large gathering attended the reception to the Rev. Wallis Hayward and Mrs. Hayward in the Church Hall. Guests included the Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, Minister of Worthing Congregational Church and Mrs. Spaul, the Rev. H. Rowse of Sompting Congregational Church and Mrs. Rowse, the Rev. W. J. Ashford and Mrs. Ashford, and Mr. L. C. Terry, Chairman Western District Sussex Congregational Union, and Mrs. Terry.

Following a Buffet Tea during which Mr. and Mrs. Hayward were able to meet and talk with many Church members, the formal part of the proceedings commenced at 6.15 p.m. with a recital of part songs rendered by the Church Choir under the direction of Mr. C. Garland Hughes, organist and choirmaster.

Mr. R. O. Parker, our Church Treasurer, in his opening remarks as chairman of the proceedings, said that all who were present must have been inspired and uplifted by the Induction Service on Thursday evening. He expressed the hope that this would be the commencement of a happy relationship between the Minister and the Congregation.

Mr. Winterton our Church Secretary, then read a number of apologies for absence, and said greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Hayward had been received from a great number of people, including Dr. Marsh - ex Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and the Rev. Howard Stanley, ex Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales and from the Rev. C. C. Franks.

Mr. Parker then introduced the Rev. R. C. C. Pattison, Superintendent Minister of Offington Park Methodist Church and President for 1964/5 of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council who brought the greetings of all the Free Churches in Worthing. Mr. Pattison said that there was a real feeling of fellowship between the Churches and he was happy to share in this family gathering and to extend

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good wishes for the success of Mr. Hayward's ministry. Although Worthing was mostly a town of "retired" people, Mr. Hayward would soon discover, as he himself had discovered soon after he had arrived from Luton a short time ago, that being a minister in Worthing was anything but a 'retired occupation'! Mr. Pattison paid tribute to the way in which the Church members had continued the work of the Church during the previous twelve months and expressed the hope that the forthcoming months and years would be a time of wonderful and happy co-operation.

The Rev. E. W. Stredder, curate of St. Richards, deputising for the Vicar of Goring, the Rev. P. Curgenvin, who was unable to attend, then brought the greetings of the Anglican Churches in Worthing. Mr. Stredder spoke of the wonderful spirit of co-operation between the Free Churches in Worthing and their Anglican friends, and said that this work was exemplified by the work already being achieved on the Goring Green Estate.

Mr. F. Wills welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Hayward in the name of the Church members. He traced the events from the time Mr. Hayward was first approached with regard to the vacant pastorate. He said the Church could be proud of its record during the past twenty two years. They were a united family and a happy and live fellowship. Mr. Hayward had arrived with a great reputation and he promised him loyal support on behalf of the Church members. He concluded by wishing Mr. & Mrs. Hayward every happiness in their new home and in their new fellowship, and hoped they would spend many happy years amongst us.

Mr. Hayward replying on behalf of himself and Mrs. Hayward said that their hearts were very full with thankfulness first of all to God for having led them here and secondly for the wonderful welcome they had experienced.

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He thanked the Deacons and all others concerned for the thought and care that had gone into the preparations for the welcome. They both felt completely at home already. He referred in particular to the deeply moving Induction Service. He knew they were going to be happy at Goring. After twenty eight years experience in three other Churches he could sense the Spirit of Goring Church and he looked forward to the coming years in which God's name would be glorified and His kingdom enlarged.

The reception closed with a final song by the Choir, and the Benediction given by Mr. Hayward.

#### IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MINISTRY.

The first Sunday of a new pastorate is usually a notable day for all, including the minister and his wife. And it is pleasant to record that July 5th was a very happy day for the Church. Some scriptural words seem to aptly express the situation. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight not by constraint, but willingly." (1 Peter, 5, 2) It is that final word which seems to best describe the manner of the coming of the Rev. Wallis and Mrs. Hayward into our midst.

Fortunately the weather was fine, and for the morning service the Church was well filled. And Mr. Hayward quickly seized the opportunity to ask the children for their friendship.

The sermons for the day appropriately stressed the inner and outer aspects of Church life. "This is my body broken for you." The Communion service which would follow would emphasize that the broken bread is for us. This in preparation for the bestowing of the Holy Spirit, the Church being not merely a happy



society, but the power house of God. And this power so generated that we may become His witnesses in Christian fellowship.

The Communion service was a fitting conclusion to our morning's devotions, about 200 members and friends remaining. And at this service a new Communion tray kindly given by Mrs. C. M. Freeman was used for the first time. Throughout many years this lady has been a loyal and generous friend to the Church.

For evening worship the attendance was again very good, and the anthem "God is a Spirit" was helpful music. Speaking of the outreach of our Church life Mr. Hayward took as his subject Matt. 13, 31, "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed", the smallest of all seeds, but with the unspeakable wonder of life contained in its minute form.

So when God and man co-operate the seeming impossible begins. It was this which energised the early disciples and kept them 'going', the bestowing of the Holy Spirit being a reality.

Our new friend and minister closed with the thought that prayer is an adventure we must discover for ourselves. But this unseen power of God can today just as truly enter into our hearts and lives as it did to His disciples of old, and so we too can bear witness and carry on His work.

The flowers for this special day were not only lovely, but also beautifully arranged. And the prayers and hymns led our thoughts in the desired direction. The former included kindly thoughts for those unable to be present, and the hymns suggested the 'outreach' in our Church life. "That we may care, as Thou hast cared, for sick and lame, and maimed and blind."

It is good to think that the Rev. Wallis Hayward has come to a Church which has always sought to live possessed by this spirit.

THANK OFFERING DAY.

Mr. Hayward sat in the Minister's vestry, whilst Mr. Parker and Mr. Munday sat in the Deacon's vestry, at 10.30 awaiting the first plate of gifts from the minister's vestry. No waiting however, for piles of envelopes, cheques and bank notes and coins quickly appeared. The remarkable and generous response was so immediate these friends must have wished for an adding machine. Meanwhile, ladies of the Church were busy providing refreshments of which friends could partake after having visited their minister and enjoy a short rest and friendly conversation. The total amount of the gifts on 'the day' was £969 and by Sunday evening had reached £1075. Before these reminiscences appear in print, the total will have reached at least £1100.

Reflections on Gift Day by our Minister.

Before setting out for the Church I was careful to get some work ready to take with me so that I should have something to do between times. As soon as I arrived I was presented with a cup of coffee by Miss Smith - I thought I would have preferred my coffee in a later break - but the good lady was right - there was no break.

There was a queue before I started to receive gifts - there was a queue the whole morning through - my coffee was only taken in sips and mostly nearly cold - not a stroke of work done - non-stop giving and receiving - breathtaking!

The afternoon began with a Wedding (somehow a wedding always makes me thirsty) so a welcome cup of tea from Mrs. Lester began my afternoon in the vestry. Not so busy perhaps as the morning, but not time even to think of beginning to write a letter. What a kaleidoscope of names and faces. Various people telling me I could remember their name for one reason or another, e.g. two persons, detectives Sherlock and Blake - but the point is putting names to faces - I could learn the names in the Handbook off by heart but that could not really help.

Finally the announcement of the result and brief act of thanksgiving - words are inadequate for such a thrilling occasion - God knows the true feelings of our hearts.

THE MANSE.

Sept. 1st, 1964.

My dear Friends,

It may seem quite wrong to be wishing away the summer, but I must confess that both Mrs. Hayward and I are looking forward to getting back from our next holiday in September, when we shall all be settling down to the winter's work. It is about the plans so far made that I wish to write to you now.

We shall hold our monthly Day of Prayer on the second Thursday of each month and the programme will be a Service of Prayer at 10.30 a.m. concluding with a Communion Service, and a second service at 7 p.m. We shall discontinue the Week Night Service on the remaining two Thursdays of the month, so that with the Church Meeting and the Day of Prayer there will be two devotional Thursday evenings each month, and my sincere hope is that we shall see an increase in numbers for both these occasions as a result of this decreased demand upon your loyalties.

The Bible Study Groups will commence on the 29th September with a meeting at the home of the Misses Redman, 14, Robson Road. This winter we shall study the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. The general scheme is that I shall take the first meeting on the 29th September and give a general introduction to the book, thereafter those taking part will meet in groups in different homes, and on each fourth meeting we shall all meet together again for general questions and discussion. I shall be present at each fourth meeting.

We are anxious to increase the number of groups for this Bible Fellowship and hope that all interested will try to be at 14, Robson Road on September 29th. What I want to emphasize very strongly indeed, is that nobody need be afraid to come because it may be too high-brow for them, and nobody need be

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afraid to come because he or she feels it impossible to join in discussion. We are not going in for theological or advanced study but we are going to read and talk together about this book in order to try to find its truth for our Christian lives, and you may be sure that there will be some in each group who will be silent participators as well as some good talkers. Please give careful thought to the possibility of your joining this fellowship.

Two fellowships will be coming into being this Autumn for Young People. The first for young people of 18 years of age and over, will meet on September 27th at the Manse immediately after the Evening Service, and thereafter on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We shall have a cup of tea and a biscuit and then form a question and discussion group. We warmly invite all young people of 18 and over to join this group.

The second fellowship will be for young people aged 14-18 years, and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock. We shall have tea together, each being asked to bring his or her own "eats" and we shall lay on the tea-lady, volunteers will be required to take a turn with this. After tea we shall have the Minister's class. Junior Members will be expected to attend this class as part of the obligation of Junior Membership. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month the fellowship will be after the Evening Service for social activities under the leadership of Mr. Mason.

Part of our work in which I am keenly interested is the Life Boy Team and Boys' Brigade Company. In some respects a new start must be made with this work as last session it was under different leadership. We are in need of help in both these sections of our work. We need most of all people who

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have had some previous experience, and who know they can manage boys, but we should also be glad to know of anybody with a love of boys for Christ's sake who is prepared to learn and train to fit themselves to share in this fine work. I know men who were brought to Christ in their boyhood through the Boys' Brigade and I want to see that happening again here - what a fine call and challenge for the right people.

In addition to all these activities are others which will continue as in previous winters, and the opening dates of which will be announced in due course. The whole programme is such that there is opportunity for devotion, thought and discussion on the one hand and for social activities on the other for the great majority of our people. It is for each one to decide what advantage they will take of what the Church offers. But this is not all, there may be some part of the work in which we cannot possibly participate - there is no part of the work which we cannot constantly uphold by our prayers. Those who are working amongst the boys and girls and young people will have many problems, difficulties and set-backs, no one can tell how much they may be helped by your prayers.

May God grant that we may go forward for the bringing of young life into His Kingdom, but for such advance, God is dependent upon the devotion of us all.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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From the Church Secretary.

I want to say this month a brief word about the Handbook which by now should be in the hands of all those whose names are included. Our gratitude is due to Mr. Hoskins, the editor, for the very considerable work involved in its preparation. There may be some readers of the "Chronicle" who may not be aware of its purpose or even its existence.

The Handbook is published annually in July, and contains comprehensive information about the Church - its covenant, extracts from the Constitution, particulars of meetings and all organisations, names of officers, deacons, stewards and leaders of all branches of the Church's activities. Above all it provides a directory of all church members, and it is hoped, of regular members of the congregation.

It is in respect of the last item that your assistance is invited. Throughout the last months a large number of newcomers have become regular worshippers. If you are such and have not yet received a handbook it means in all probability your name is not included. To rectify this will you please give to Mr. Hoskins or to me, your name and address in writing, so that a supplement appearing in the next issue of the "Chronicle" may be as complete and correct as possible.

H. A. Winterton.

From the Church Treasurer.

The final figure for the Thank-offering Day appeal reached the wonderful total of -

£1124. 11. 6d.

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The retiring collections on Sunday 12th July for the National Children's Home amounted to £9.13.9d. I have received a letter from Mr. Alan L. Malden, Deputy Secretary of the Home, in which he wishes me to convey to our members and friends their gratitude for our support.

The offertories at the July Communion Services for the Home Churches Fund including provision for pastors' widows and orphans, amounted to £27.1.6d.

Collections for June and July, 1964.

|          | Envelopes.         | Loose.            |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 7th June | 23. 9. 6.          | 15. 8. 4.         |
| 14th "   | 30. 19. 0.         | 21. 19. 4.        |
| 21st "   | 25. 8. 0.          | 13. 13. 11.       |
| 28th "   | 33. 5. 6.          | 19. 3. 5.         |
|          | <u>£113. 2. 0.</u> | <u>£70. 5. 0.</u> |

Total for the month £183. 7. 0d.

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| 5th July | 42. 0. 6.          | 25. 11. 2.        |
| 12th "   | 26. 15. 0.         | 19. 10. 7.        |
| 19th "   | 26. 14. 0.         | 20. 7. 1.         |
| 26th "   | 30. 12. 0.         | 23. 14. 5.        |
|          | <u>£126. 1. 6.</u> | <u>£89. 3. 3.</u> |

Total for the month £215. 4. 9d.

R. O. Parker.

The General Election.

The three candidates for Worthing at the coming Election, Mr. Butler, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Rose, have all agreed to speak at a meeting in St. Paul's Church, Chapel Road, on Monday September 28th.

The meeting has been arranged by the Worthing Branch of the United Nations Association, and is open to all.

The Chairman will be Mr. J. Grundy, J.P., the Hon. Secretary.

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GROUP NOTES.Women's Guild Fellowship.

A SPECIAL Invitation is given to all ladies and gentlemen to the first meeting of our new session when Mrs. Padfield and Mr. Parker are repeating their "Afternoon with Jerome K. Jerome" which has been so much appreciated by our Mens' Fellowship and the folk at Shelley Road. This OPEN afternoon on Sept. 15th has been arranged to help the "Home Churches Fund" for which a retiring collection will be taken.

On Sept. 29th our Speaker will be Mrs. I. Worstead who has lived and worked in Nigeria for some years and who has first-hand up-to-date knowledge of the conditions there. Her subject is "Whither Nigeria" and will be illustrated with her own transparencies of that country.

We hope to welcome all our old members and many new ones to these meetings and to the other interesting ones which have been arranged for alternate Tuesdays throughout the winter.

L. B. R.

Autumn Session - Men's Afternoon Fellowship.

This commences on September 22nd with an illustrated talk by our Minister on "Oberammergau" and our vice-president Mr. A. E. Pearn will be in the chair.

The Fellowship meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45 for 3.0 p.m. and is followed by tea in the Church Hall with the Ladies Working Party.

May we urge those men of the Church and congregation who have not hitherto joined us, to come along and enjoy these afternoons with us. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

R. P.



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Women's Guild Working Party.

The new session commences on the 22nd Sept. at 2.30 p.m. and all ladies are welcome. All hands to the "needle" for the forthcoming Bazaar. We would remind you of the Coffee morning to be given by Miss Andrew, which will be at her house, 146, George V Avenue, not 144, as previously stated.

BAZAAR NOTES.

The Bazaar this year will take the name of "Pedlars' Fayre" and will be held on Saturday 14th November.

The "Fayre" will be opened by Mrs. Wallis Hayward in the morning and by Mrs. G. C. Osland in the afternoon.

It is hoped that the amount raised will substantially reduce the Building Fund Debt.

NOTE - The next meeting of the "Fayre" committee will be held on Monday 21st Sept. at 7.30 p.m. in The Hut.

Garden Party. At the Garden Party held at the home and grounds of Mrs. G. Nodes a sum of £60 was raised and this amount will be divided amongst the stalls at the "Fayre" on the 14th November. Our thanks to Mrs. Nodes and all her helpers on such a grand effort.

Coffee Mornings. The coffee morning held at Mr. & Mrs. West's home on 19th August was well supported and the sum of £8 was passed to the bazaar treasurer. Our thanks to them and Mrs. Townsend for their hospitality.

The helpers on the "Gift Stall" are hoping to raise a further sum of money by holding "coffee mornings" as under.

Wed. 2nd Sept.- Mr. & Mrs. Bond, 20 Warnham Road -  
10.15 a.m. 1st left off Alinora Ave.

Wed. 9th Sept.- Mr. & Mrs. Hite, 44, Phrosso Road -  
10.15 a.m. Off George V Avenue.

Wed. 23rd Sept.- Miss G. Andrew, 146, George V. Ave.  
10.15 a.m. Contd.

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Wed. 7th Oct. - Miss Hilda Lowman at 5, Parklands  
10.15 a.m. Avenue.

All coffee mornings are from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.  
This is an opportunity for you to get to know other  
members of the Church and you will be most welcome.

There will be no side shows at any of these  
mornings.

J. M. J.

### Young Women's Fellowship.

Our thanks to all who supported so generously  
the coffee morning on Aug. 6th in aid of the local  
child who is to be sent to Davos for 18 months. We  
raised the sum of £10.15.0d. We resume our activi-  
ties on Monday Sept. 21st with the A.G.M. followed  
by a talk on "Care of the Face and Skin" by one of  
our own members, Mrs. H. Garrett.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - As from this date we shall  
cease to be known as the Young Women's Fellowship  
as it was unanimously decided at our last meeting  
to re-name ourselves the Monday Evening Fellowship.  
We feel that with the commencement of a new chapter  
in the life of our Church this is an appropriate  
time for change. We are conscious of the fact  
that, with the development of the Goring Green  
Estate, there may be shortly a real need for a  
genuine younger women's group, and by vacating our  
old title we leave the way open for such a group to  
be formed. By dropping the prefix "young" it is  
sincerely hoped that all ladies will feel free to  
join us - do come along - a warm welcome awaits.

J. L.

### MINISTRY of FLOWERS + Rota for September.

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| Sept. 6th | - | Mr. & Mrs. W. Betts.                |
| " 13th    | - | Mr. & Mrs. W. Coltart.              |
| " 20th    | - | (Miss L. Ball &<br>Mr. C. Cornwall. |
| " 27th    | - | Harvest Festival.                   |

E. Bond.

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Church Care Committee.

It has been suggested that the Ladies' Cloak-room of the Church should be furnished with two comfortable chairs.

If any person is able to answer this request would he or she please notify me.

M. B. S.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

We of the Junior Church are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Parker for their generous gift of a new table cover and lectern fall for use in the department. These gifts make a welcome addition to the furnishings in the Junior Department.

At this year's Bazaar we will be responsible, as in previous years, for the running of a Bottle and Tin Stall and shall be grateful for any gifts of bottles or tins of produce that the friends may wish to give.

E. C. B.

SERMON PREACHED ON AUGUST 16th.by Rev. WALLIS HAYWARD.The Disturbing Christ.

Luke 8: 37. The whole multitude besought Him to depart from them.

The story of the man of Gadara is one of the most interesting in the New Testament and has much to say to us. At the moment we are only concerned with the fact that because the people of Gadara believed that the devils had been driven out of the unhappy man into their pigs, and that as a result the pigs had stampeded and were all lost, they were asking Jesus to go away.

They would have said it was a good thing that the sick man was healed, but whether the price they had to pay was worth it was another question altogether. After all the man gave them no trouble - living in the cemetery - and everything was going along quite nicely until Jesus came and disturbed the peace. If they allowed Jesus to stay amongst them what else might He disturb and what might it

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cost them? - it was better for Him to go away and leave them in peace.

The truth is that wherever Jesus goes He is a disturbing influence. Read through the Gospels, it is written in every page. Peter and the others who thought they were set for life - Matthew who no doubt believed himself to be on a good thing - all these found Jesus disturbing indeed. He disturbed men's religious thinking - He disturbed their political thinking.

Do we expect that Jesus will prove a disturbing influence in our life, or do we only want Him to bring us peace and quiet and re-assurance?

Young people who have good prospects - are you sure that that is all that Jesus wants of your life? It is sometimes my privilege to interview young people as applicants for training for the ministry - Christ has disturbed their lives - are you sure that if you would allow Him He would not call you to the ministry or mission field?

You gentlemen of business who feel that you have succeeded by now in getting security, and you retired gentlemen, who think that you have earned your rest and that you can now please yourselves - supposing you were to come face to face with Christ, are you sure that this is all He would ask of your life? We need Lay Pastors for many of our little country Churches.

Housewives! Of course you like to have your home all nice and clean and tidy, and of course it is important that you should prepare good meals, but do you imagine that this is all Jesus would ask of you?

He disturbed men's religious thinking - I wonder how far He would disturb ours if we really let Him come into our life.

In October we have a General Election - we know how we're going to vote - the same as we voted last time and the time before that. What would happen to our politics if we really let Christ in on them?

But we don't come to Jesus to be disturbed - we

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have enough of that in daily life - cannot we come to Him for rest and peace? Yes, the peace that Peter and Paul found - the peace of the prison cell, the whipping post and the martyr's stake - the peace that is the satisfaction of service given - no matter what it costs - the Peace of Life in and with Christ.

### THE FAMILY.

Our thoughts and prayers have recently been with Mrs. Willoughby in the passing of her husband who was a member of the Church.

We have also lost two who worshipped with us. Mrs. Milborrow and Mr. Allison, and our thoughts and prayers have been with those who mourned them.

We have also shared the sorrow of Mr. Cushing in the passing of his brother.

Miss Vine has had an operation and is now away convalescing. We hope she will soon be quite fit and well.

Mrs. Brown has been ill but is making good progress which we pray will be continued.

Mrs. Fox is also progressing and hopes that she will soon be able to start learning to get about.

We were all glad to see Mr. Hopkins at Church for the first time last Sunday August 16th.

Congratulations to Mr. Grew on his 80th birthday.

Congratulations to Mr. C. Stephens upon election as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of New College.

### TOC H.

On Monday 21st Sept. at 7.45 the Goring Branch are to hold their annual Re-dedication Service in our Hall. This is an open meeting and an invitation is given to any of our congregation to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided, before the vicar of Goring, Rev. P. Curgenvin conducts a short service at 8.30.

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The late Mr. T. G. Willoughby.

Our friend and member Mr. T. G. Willoughby died on July 25th after several years of particularly trying illness, and all who knew him will mourn the passing of a truly humble and saintly Christian man. He was of the self-effacing type, shrinking from anything in the way of publicity, but one could not be in his presence without feeling that here was one whose Christianity was no mere matter of assenting to creed or dogma, but who viewed his religion as a challenge to be accepted and lived out to the full.

Some years ago he was persuaded to accept the office of secretary of the Men's Fellowship when Mr. Horsfall was compelled for health reasons to resign, and as was to be expected, he carried out this work with a grace and efficiency which could not fail to endear him to his colleagues. He also acted as Church Auditor for some time.

To Mrs. Willoughby and to their son goes our heartfelt sympathy, with the prayer that they may be sustained in this time of sorrow by the fragrant memories of former days.

A. E. P.

A Prayer for the Elderly.

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows fonder as the years go by. Teach me the useful lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosey, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity to let it go to waste - but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends left at the end.

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UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION - WORTHING.WEEK COMMENCING 14th JUNE, 1965.

The Executive Committee of the Worthing Council of Churches are compiling a list of possible Stewards. Stewards (men and women) who are adequately trained and briefed are vital to the smooth and informative running of the Exhibition. Among other things their duties will enable them to interest visitors and win their support for missions by tactful contact and informed conversation. They will generally work in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hour shifts; some may be prepared to do more than one shift and so reduce the number required. As far as we can see at the moment we shall require the following Stewards:-

- (a) General Stewards to undertake such tasks as door-keeping, collecting (especially at the film shows) and various other orderly duties. At the beginning and end of the Exhibition we shall need a good company of willing helpers.
- (b) Section Stewards who will have some knowledge of the exhibits on the various stands, will be in a position to answer questions and generally to interest people.
- (c) Book-stall Stewards.

It is hoped to arrange some briefing meetings nearer the time of the Exhibition but Stewards in category (b) should be prepared to attend some study groups during the winter.

Will anyone, lady or gentleman, who would be willing to help in this way please hand their name to Mr. T. A. Howe, our own Missionary Secretary as soon as possible, who will pass it on to the Exhibition Secretary, the Rev. J. A. Rees.

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Bible Study Groups. On 14th July some 26 members of the groups met the Rev. Wallis Hayward at 14, Robson Road (by kind invitation of the Misses M. & L. Redman) for an informal hour to discuss the future of the Groups and the subjects for study.

Mr. H. E. Ellis gave Mr. Hayward a resume of the origin and growth of the Groups and the subjects studied. It was then agreed that the new session should commence on Sept. 22nd when Mr. Hayward would meet the leaders and others in preparation for the study of the Acts of the Apostles. Mr. Hayward intimated that at some future date he would like to introduce the groups to the study of the Old Testament background and some of the Psalms.

He expressed his surprise and encouragement in finding some 30 or so people meeting week by week in this way, and I think 'exciting' was the word he used when speaking of the future programme. Meantime it is hoped that more folk will express their wish to join us in this very rewarding and by no means dull activity. It is also hoped to recruit additional leaders and to have groups meeting in all parts of our 'parish'.

C. H. P.

#### A Thought for To-day.

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money will buy amusement, but not happiness;  
a bed, but not sleep; books, but not brains;  
food, but not an appetite; finery, but not  
beauty; a house, but not a home; medicine,  
but not health; luxuries, but not culture;  
a crucifix, but not a Saviour; a church pew,  
but not a home in heaven.

Carl E. Harwood.

P. S. W.



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From the Secretary's records.NEW MEMBERS.

Mrs. Wallis Hayward received 5th July by transfer from Buckland, Portsmouth.  
Rev. Wallis Hayward inducted as Minister 2nd July.  
Mrs. Woodward accepted 25th June and received 2nd Aug. Transferred from Mitcham Lane Baptist Church.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Dearsley received 2nd Aug. as transfers from Sutton Congregational Church.  
Miss M. Scott received 16th Aug., transferred from Edgeley Road, Stockport.  
Mrs. E. L. Morgan received 16th Aug. - transferred from West Worthing Baptist Church.  
Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Elliott received 16th Aug. as Associate members.

Deaths.

Mr. T. G. Willoughby.  
Mr. C. W. Allison.  
Mrs. Milborrow.

Baptisms.

On 26th July, Christine Julie - infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Hawkins of "Stone Wold", First Avenue, by the Minister.

Thought for the Month.

It's not what we have, it's what we give;  
It's not what we are, but how we live;  
It's not what we do, but how we do it  
That makes this world worth going through it!

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CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER.

2nd Wed. Coffee morning - 20 Warnham Road.  
 6th SUN. The Minister. Junior Church  
 Promotion Sunday.  
 10th Thurs. Day of Prayer - 10.30 a.m. & 7.0 p.m.  
 13th SUN. Rev. G. N. Fisher of Bognor.  
 15th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship.  
 19th Sat. Western District Meeting- Sompting 3 pm.  
 20th SUN. The Minister.  
 21st Mon. Deacon's Meeting - 7.30 p.m.  
 21st Mon. Young Women's Fellowship.  
 22nd Tues. Men's Afternoon Fellowship, 2.45 for  
 3.0 p.m.  
 22nd Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
 23rd Wed. Missionary Committee, 6.30 p.m.  
 24th Thurs. Junior Church - Teachers' Meeting  
 7.30 p.m.  
 26th Sat. County Youth Rally.  
 27th SUN. HARVEST FESTIVAL.  
 29th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship.  
 29th Tues. Bible Fellowship re-commences.  
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 1st Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.  
 3rd Sat. HARVEST SUPPER.  
 4th SUN. Junior Fellowship commences - 4 p.m.

The Next Issue of the "Chronicle" will be on Sunday  
 October 4th. All material should be in the hands  
 of the Editor by Sunday 20th September, please.

## THE MANSE

Sept. 1964.

My dear Friends,

On the first Sunday of my ministry I asked the Deacons each to supply me with a list of the people in their district who by reason of age or infirmity could not come to Church, or who for any reason I should visit early in my ministry. Since then I have been trying to work through that list and at the same time keep abreast of what visiting needs arise through sickness or trouble. In July and August I have paid over 70 visits not including calls when nobody was at home, and I have not quite finished the original list with which I started, and I have not started any systematic scheme of visiting every home associated with the Church.

I feel quite sure that everybody will agree with me when I say that the visitation of people who are ill or in trouble and those permanently prevented from attending worship must have priority over all other visitation, and I feel sure that you will be understanding if, because of this pressure, I do not succeed in paying a social call upon you, though I shall do my best to get round to as many homes as I can.

I am very impressed with our group scheme and with everybody having somebody responsible for them as a visitor. This is going to be a tremendous help to me in my work. But despite this scheme I do appeal to everybody to let me know when they hear of any case of sickness or trouble - please do not think that the visitor or deacon responsible is sure to tell me, in that way there may be a slip-up. I would rather be told about one person twenty times than not be told at all.

As soon as I know what are the demands of the winter programme I shall fix a time to be in my

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vestry to receive any who wish to talk with me. Meantime, I am usually available after Service on Sunday or can make an appointment to meet anybody who so wishes.

Once or twice folk have suggested that I should make a call in the morning. Except under quite exceptional circumstances this is impossible as mornings must be spent in the study in preparation for Sundays and such things as classes and meetings.

I have received the resignation of Mr. Richards from the leadership of the Junior Dept. of Junior Church and we record our gratitude for the work he has done for us. By the time you read this I am confident that a new appointment will have been made, but as I have to write this before my holiday I cannot say anything yet.

The day upon which you receive this letter should be Dedication Sunday; I hope and pray this will be such a day of inspiration that we shall be able truly to go forward in coming months to the Glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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International Bible Reading Association and  
Bible Reading Fellowship.

Mrs. Parker will be pleased to receive the names of any who would like to join either of the above Societies. It will be presumed that present members wish to remain so unless notification to the contrary is given before the end of the month when the orders for the coming year have to be forwarded to Headquarters.

P. Parker.

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Collections for August, 1964.

|                                   | <u>Envelopes.</u> | <u>Loose.</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2nd August                        | £29. 2. 6.        | £23. 6. 6.    |
| 9th "                             | £29. 9. 0.        | £17. 7. 4.    |
| 16th "                            | £28. 16. 6.       | £22. 16. 1.   |
| 23rd "                            | £26. 4. 6.        | £26. 6. 1.    |
| 30th "                            | £31. 11. 0.       | £22. 5. 8.    |
|                                   | £145. 3. 6.       | £112. 1. 8.   |
| Total for the month - £257. 5. 2. |                   |               |

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks another loan of £100 to the Building Fund, free of interest.

R. O. Parker.

An appreciation - Mrs. Adamson and Mrs. Brown wish to express their grateful thanks to all their Church friends whose interest, prayers and assistance have been so great a comfort to them during Mrs. Brown's illness.

Chichester Diocesan Moral Welfare  
Association.

An Autumn Sale is being held at St. Paul's Church Hall on FRIDAY 9th Oct. from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. As in previous years, the Congregational Churches are taking part in the grocery stall and gifts should be sent to Mrs. Spauli or to Mrs. Ellis, or they may be taken to St. Paul's Church Hall on Friday October 9th by 10 a.m.

THE FAMILY.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Mrs. and Miss Heley in the recent passing of Mr. Heley and with them we rejoice that he was spared suffering. We are glad to report that Mrs. Brown is making good progress.

Mrs. Fox is also doing very well and hopes that she may soon be able to get about again.

Miss Lamboll has had a slight stroke and has been in hospital. We hope she will soon be able to get home again.

We are sorry to hear Mr. Mabey is unwell and hope that by the time he reads this, will have recovered.

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A recent SERMON preached by  
OUR MINISTER.

Acts 23. 11. The night following the Lord stood by him, and said, be of good cheer Paul.

Paul's situation at the time of this visitation was indeed desperate, he was used to persecution by his fellow countrymen for Christ's sake, but this was the first time he had actually been the prisoner of the Romans. This time, however, the charge against Paul was not that he preached Christianity but that he had desecrated the temple by taking a gentile into it. To the Jews there was hardly a worse offence, to the Romans this could be made to appear as an act of rebellion.

In this situation Paul must have found it difficult to hold on to his courage, and in fact our text leads us to the conclusion that this night he was pretty near to despair. It was not that he asked anything for himself, he was quite ready to die when the time came, the one thing for which he lived was to spread abroad the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Possibly Paul's depression was due in part to the feeling that he had brought this trouble on himself, despite warnings he had insisted on delivering himself the gift of some of the Churches for the poor in Jerusalem, perhaps in this he had even gone against the guiding of the Holy Spirit and perhaps by this he had thwarted God's purpose for him to go on to Rome and Spain. Yes, Paul was pretty near to despair, and that night "the Lord stood by him, Be of good cheer, Paul, for as thou hast testified in Jerusalem, so thou must bear witness also at Rome". God was with him and with God's presence was assurance.

It must have been a good deal easier for people who lived in Bible times to be sure of God's presence than it is for us, they could sometimes see a vision, hear a voice or perhaps have a significant dream, but nothing like that ever happens to us. Even Christians who suffer for Christ in these days do not get

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the help of that kind of assurance. For the knowledge of God's presence we are entirely dependent upon faith.

Why did God give to people in Biblical times help of a kind that He never gives to us? I do not believe that Paul actually saw or heard something with his physical eyes or ears that night. God is spirit, and whilst we really do not know what that means, we do know that we cannot appreciate the spiritual with our physical organs. To believe that Paul saw or heard something seems to deny that God is spirit. What then happened in Paul's cell? We have said that Paul was depressed, near to despair, but not giving in to depression, not yielding to despair. Paul's cell was a battle-ground, and the weapons with which Paul fought was prayer, and in the end he was so sure of God's presence with him that it was as if he had actually seen and heard God.

From all this we may derive two propositions. The first is that you cannot know the presence of God whilst you are yielding to doubt. This is not to say that doubt is wrong, a person who never really doubts God never really believes in Him, but it is also true that the person who yields to doubt cannot of course believe in God. It is by wrestling with doubt through prayer that faith grows.

The second proposition is that you do not believe in God because you experience His presence; you experience His presence because you believe in Him.

We shall all know difficult times in life and times when we find it hard not to yield to depression or despair. At these times we shall not be comforted by a vision or any other sort of visitation, but we can know God's presence without the slightest shadow of doubt, through faith and prayer, and with His presence will come assurance.

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GROUP NOTES.MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

A reminder to all our members, and any who may wish to join us, that during the Autumn and Winter months we meet in the Back Hall of the Sunday School on alternate Monday evenings at 8 p.m. Among the interesting speakers who will be visiting us during the next few weeks are the Rev. C. King who will be telling us of his experiences as Chaplain of Ford Prison, on October 5th. On October 19th a representative from Seaboard will be explaining about "Lighting in the home", and on November 2nd Dr. Lydia Panton will discuss "The Modern Treatment of Mental Disorders".

J. L.

Women's Guild Fellowship.

The opening meeting of the session was a most happy and enjoyable one at which we welcomed some gentlemen; several friends from Shelley Road Church; some new members and many old ones. Altogether 90 were present to hear Mrs. Padfield and Mr. Parker give us their afternoon with Jerome M. Jerome, and the retiring collection amounted to £6:8:0 on behalf of the Home Churches Fund.

On October 13th we look forward to welcoming Mr. Hayward when he visits us for the first time. On October 27th we hold our 10th anniversary when we hope all our lady readers will join us in the Church at 5.0 p.m.; tea following in the Hall. Our speaker, Mrs. Muriel Edgcombe of Eltham is well known to some of us and we know she will delight you all and bring you a challenging message. Mrs. Cynthia Brown, our soloist, needs no introduction as she has given us so much pleasure in the past.

L. B. R.

FROM AN ORDINARY WORSHIPPER. May I ask that the request at the foot of the Order of Service Paper be more conscientiously observed, so that we may be able to enter into the Spirit of Worship.



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Building Fund Boxes. Will friends please make a note that I shall be collecting the boxes the week prior to the Bazaar, viz: 9th to 13th November.

This notice is well in advance in order that you may collect as much money as you can between now and that date. I am still aiming at £50, so please help all you can.

Mystery Gifts. Once again my sister and I have been asked to be responsible for the above stall, and hope you will give generously, as always. This year we have decided to have "Three Tubs" - one for the 1/-d Gifts for Adults, one for 6d Gifts for Boys and one for 6d Gifts for Girls. So many boys have been disappointed in the past when opening their parcels, finding the articles quite unsuitable.

Gifts should be wrapped in Gay paper and marked clearly with a "coloured" pencil. Please let me have your gifts on any Sunday morning, or at the Working Party. W. Smith.

The final COFFEE morning to help raise money for the various stalls at the "Pedlars Fayre" in November will be at 5, Parklands Avenue on Oct. 7th. - 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. and as usual "No side Shows". Your hostesses will be Miss Hilda Lowman, Mrs. F. Wills and Mrs. Milward. We thank all who have supported our efforts and hope the financial result from the Bazaar will greatly reduce the debt on the Building Fund.

A further word - will friends kindly remember the GIFT STALL - articles new or nearly new, will be gratefully accepted by Mrs. Nodes and her helpers.

C. M. N.

G.L.E. Camp (cont. from page 8)

On Friday - we spent the morning on the beach with shopping in the afternoon, and a very, very good Variety Show in the evening to finish our best camp ever.

Thank you, thank you "Well Wisher" dear,  
For sending us 'lolly' to spend,  
On beach we had lollies, in Theatre ice creams,  
What a wonderful gift to send.

One of the girls.

Girls' Life Brigade. May we please draw your attention to Brigade Week - Oct. 4th to 11th. This is the only occasion when we ask for your financial support; one third of all monies collected is sent to Headquarters for work overseas and two thirds is retained for work in our own Company. Please either place your envelope in the offertory plate or hand it to any officer or member of the Girls' Brigade.

Please book the date of our Display - the 21st November at West Park Junior School, and come and support us.

G.L.B. CAMP - Llandudno, North Wales. On Saturday 22nd August, 18 girls and 5 adults boarded an early morning train at Durrington Station when they began their week's camping holiday at Llandudno. This was a holiday spent at the Congregation Church Hall there, and we were met by the Church Secretary who walked with us to the Church. The Minister and his wife were waiting to welcome us. Our week was well filled with interesting sightseeing and time on the beach.

Sunday we attended the services morning and evening, and in the afternoon we had a fine walk up the Great Orme.

Monday we took a bus to Rhos-on-Sea and walked to Colwyn Bay where we had a picnic lunch in the park; then a bathe in spite of jelly fish, then back to Llandudno.

Tuesday - a coach trip including Swallow Falls on the way to Pen-y Pass. After a picnic lunch we started the ascent of Snowdon going through marshland and with much scrambling reached the top of Snowdon. We had a gorgeous view of the surrounding countryside, and then returned by the mountain railway - what an experience!

Wednesday - visited Happy Valley and afternoon on the beach.

Thursday - train to Anglesey, crossing the Menai Bridge on foot, and stopped at - you know where!

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QUOTE: "HE WAS THE EMBODIMENT OF 'ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS', Hugh Redwood.

It is 15 years since that great American minister, Chaplain to the United States Senate, Peter Marshall, was called to Higher Service at the early age of 46, but his memory has been kept green, and his influence felt, through the books written about him by his wife Catherine. His life story "A man Called Peter" written in 1951, soon became a 'best seller' and the film of the same title, starring Richard Todd, was shown in Churches and cinemas alike to large audiences all over the world, and all who saw it were impressed by the Sincere Faith and Indomitable courage of this hitherto unknown American Pastor.

Three years later there followed a book of his Sermons and Prayers entitled:- "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master", sermons which even in 'cold print' retained so much of their fire and challenge that book sellers had to change their thinking that 'sermons won't sell in the 20th century' and the prayers which accompany the sermons of which the following is a specimen can be used with profit in our own private devotions.

"Forgive us Lord Jesus, for doing the things that make us uncomfortable and guilty when we pray. We say that we believe in God, and yet we doubt His promises. We say that in God we trust, yet we worry and try to manage our own affairs. We say that we love Thee, O Lord, and yet do not obey Thee. We believe that Thou hast the answers to all our problems and yet we do not consult Thee. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and the wilful pride that ignores the Way, the Truth and the Life. Wilt Thou reach down and change the gears within us that we may go forward with Thee, Amen".

These two excellent books are now available in the Fontana Paperback series at 3/6d each and are well worth reading and re-reading by young and old alike.

C. H. Powell.

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.Changes of Address.

- 1 DORE, Mr.&Mrs.C.W. 35 Southdownview Rd, W.  
 2 FOLLIF, Mr.H.B. 56a, Goring Road, G.  
 6 FRITH, Mrs.H.I. Dursley, 198, Heene Rd. W., W30052  
 0 GILMCUR, Mr.H. 27, Briarwood Rd, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 2 GUEST, Mr.M. 19, Brook Barn Way, G.  
 7 HILL, Mrs.M.M. 76, St.Lawrence Avenue, W.  
 0 JOHNSON, Mrs.J. 89, Hempstead Rd., Watford, Herts.  
 6 LILBURN, Mrs. 2, Rye Close, W.  
 0 PENWILL, Miss E.V. Village End, Sidford, Sidmouth,  
 Devon.

Insertions.

- 6 BARLOW, Mr.&Mrs. A. 5, Aglaia Rd. W.  
 5 x HARDING, Miss E. 5, Chesham Close, G.  
 7 HAWKINS, Mr.& Mrs. R.F. "Stone Wold" First Ave.W.  
 1 HEDGCOMBE, Miss D.M. 16, Mulberry Ct., Goring Rd. G.  
 5 JEPHSON, Mr.& Mrs.E.W. 7, Sandown Close, G.  
 5 PICKETT, Mr.J.S. 16, Arlington Close, G. G45434.  
 7 PINKHAM, Mr.& Mrs.L.H.& Mr.A. Woodside, Suntham,  
 Findon. F.2354.  
 3 POWELL, Miss E.A. 19 Lithurst Crescent, G.  
 3 ROSS, Mr.& Mrs. 9, Durrington Gdns. The Causeway, G.  
 5 x SCOTT, Miss M. 22, Brook Barn Way, G.  
 1 x SPENCE, Mr.& Mrs.H. 15 Sunningdale Ct, Jupps Lane, G.  
 5 x WALDEN, Miss A.M. 149, Goring Rd. G. W.46636.  
 3 WILLIAMSON, Mrs.J.E. 19, Lithurst Crescent, G.

GREEN, Miss F.M. - Insert 104, Goring Road.

New Members - Names already in Handbook.

- x DEARSLEY, Mr. & Mrs. J.  
 A ELLIOTT, Mr. & Mrs. L. H.  
 x MORGAN, Mrs. E. L.  
 x WOODWARD, Mrs. J.

Telephone Numbers.

- EATON, Mr. & Mrs. J. - G. 43140.  
 MASON, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. - G. 46380. cont. over

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## Handbook amendments (cont.).

## Group Numbers.

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| Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Bond and Mr. A. | 1 | to | 5. |
| Mrs. N. M. Hadley                | 1 | to | 2. |
| Miss L. B. Stockbridge           | 6 | to | 7. |
| Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Willis          | 2 | to | 5. |

## The Bible Says:-

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and  
I shall keep it until the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law;

Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the paths of the commandments;  
for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies.

Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is  
devoted to Thy fear.

Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts;  
quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Psalm 119, verses 33-40.

P. S. W.

Badminton Club. The session commences on Saturday  
September 26th at 7.30 p.m. and thereafter the  
Church Hall will be available for play on most Thurs-  
day and Saturday evenings during the winter. Table  
Tennis will also be available on club nights.

We hope that we shall again be able to arrange  
matches with other Local Church Clubs during the  
season.

A warm invitation is extended to all Church  
members interested in Badminton to join the Club.  
If you have never played before do come along one  
evening and "have a go". We feel sure that by the  
end of the evening you will want to come again.

Club racquets are always available if you have  
not one of your own.

E. A. W.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 1964.Oct.

- 1st Thurs. Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.  
 3rd Sat. HARVEST SUPPER.
- 4th SUN. The Minister.
- 5th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship.  
 6th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
 6th Tues. Men's Afternoon Fellowship. Speaker -  
 Mr. C. Garland Hughes - "Theme and  
 Variations of a Civil Servant".
- 8th Thurs. Day of Prayer - 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 9th Fri. Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale - 7 p.m.  
 10th Sat. Sussex Cong. Union Autumn Assembly at  
 Ifield, Crawley.
- 11th SUN. The Minister. Missionary Sunday.
- 13th Tues. Youth Committee.  
 13th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m.
- 18th SUN. The Minister.
- 19th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship.  
 19th Mon. Deacon's Meeting - 7.30 p.m.  
 20th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.  
 20th Tues. Men's Afternoon Fellowship - Speaker,  
 Miss G.E.R. Willis, 'From Cairo to the Cape,  
 Illustrated.
- 25th SUN. The Minister.
- 26th Mon. United Nations Day, St. Paul's Church 7.30 pm.  
 27th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - TSMTH  
 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE IN THE CHURCH.  
 29th Thurs. CHURCH MEETING 7.30 p.m.  
 30th Fri. Brit. & Foreign Bible Society - Great  
 United Women's Rally - St. Paul's Church 3 pm.

Nov.

- 1st SUN. The Minister.  
 14th Sat. Church Bazaar "Pedlar's Fayre".
- Next issue of the "Chronicle" will be on Sun. 1st Nov.  
 All material should be in the hands of the Editor by  
 18th Oct. - earlier, if possible.

## The Manse.

November 1964.

My dear Friends,

Since our last magazine we have had two outstanding Sundays - first of all, our Harvest Festival - how beautiful our lovely Church looked for that occasion, which must have meant a great deal of work. The Evening Service was in the nature of a Festival Service prepared by our Organist and Choirmaster, a Service so designed that it gave a message. The Soloists and our Choir made the evening a rich and worshipful experience.

A large part of this service was repeated on the Monday evening at Cuckfield Church and gave great pleasure to the people there.

The Harvest Supper was a splendid evening and I am sure its fellowship was an enrichment to our Church life. We are grateful to the ladies who provided an excellent supper, and again to the Organist and Choir for a most enjoyable hour of music.

Dedication Sunday was also an occasion to be remembered and no one could fail to have been moved as we stood whilst Mr. Winterton read our Covenant.

Our first winter's work together is now under way and I am glad to be able to report encouraging signs.

We have been able to increase our number of Bible Study Groups meeting in different homes from three to five, and something like fifty of our people are now sharing this fellowship of thought and seeking, together. I am sure that this must make an enriching contribution to the whole life of our Church.

Mr. Stewart has made a new start with our Boys' Brigade Company and we may hope and pray that from small beginnings he may be able to build up a Company worthy of our Church. Here we need more officers - are there no men in our Church who have

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had B.B. experience - who perhaps are thankful for its influence on their own boyhood - who are prepared to give time now to this fine service? Are there no men in our Church who, even though not experienced in B.B. work are prepared to learn and serve for Christ's sake? Here is a very fine opportunity and a very real call.

As day by day all our work goes on we must each one support it by our prayers. May I suggest that after worship on Sunday you should take home a copy of the Order of Service, so that each day, when you pray, you can remind yourself of which part of our work you should remember in your prayers.

If it is true, as we must surely believe it is, that prayer is the very heart of all our life and work, should there not be more who either in the morning or the evening share in our Day of Prayer?

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

#### Ministry of Flowers

The donors of flowers during October were as follows:-

4th Mr. E. & Miss M. West  
11th Miss L. Appelbee & Mrs. F. James  
18th Miss M. Curtis  
25th Mrs. C. Nodes and family.

Our November contributors are as follows:-

1st Mr. and Mrs. R. Pepperdine  
8th Mr. and Mrs. J. Jenkins  
15th Mr. and Mrs. P. Hopkins  
22nd Mr. and Mrs. H. Horsfall  
29th Mr. and Mrs. A. Edmonds

E. Bond

Flower Secretary.



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REV. W.J. ASHFORD

It came as a great shock to many of us to hear of the sudden death of the Rev. W.J. Ashford on 9th October. He died "in harness" as surely as he would have wished, for on the previous day he had attended the Executive meeting of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council, and he would, the following day, have been at the County Assembly.

This is not the place to give a resume of his ministry - that has been done elsewhere. Although he had supplied our pulpit on a number of occasions previously, we shall particularly remember his services to us during the period of our pastoral vacancy.

He gave himself to us unsparingly, never refusing any call upon his time or energy. There are many who will always be grateful for his visitation and kindly sympathy and understanding in time of need and distress. Although there were occasions when he was obviously fatigued and under strain he never complained. For a man in his eightythird year his preaching was amazingly vigorous, being couched in a beauty of language of which he had a wonderful command. He loved children and drew on a wide fund of knowledge and research for children's addresses.

We give God thanks for our share in a ministry which extended for over sixty years, and express our sympathy to Mrs. Ashford.

H.A. Winterton.

A personal appreciation.

In Mr. Coltart's passing we lose a very old member of our Church. He was a staunch Congregationalist and his long service as Secretary to the Church in Warwick will not be forgotten.

But for me and my sister this is a personal loss. Mrs. Coltart was our first visitor, and with Mr. Coltart was most gracious in hospitality. We think with pleasure of Mr. Coltart's humour, his knowledge of Church life in many places and his alert mind.

Mr. Coltart's was a rich life, for which all who knew him were thankful.

Hilda Grey.

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Collections for September 1964

|               | <u>Envelopes</u>  | <u>Loose Cash</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 6th September | 29. 7. 6          | 23. 9. 11         |
| 13th "        | 22.18. 6          | 20. -. -          |
| 20th "        | 29.18. -          | 22.14. 4          |
| 27th "        | 41.14. 6          | -                 |
|               | <u>£123.18. 6</u> | <u>£66. 4. 3</u>  |

Total for the month - £190. 2. 9

cash

The loose/in the collections on Sunday 27th September (Harvest Festival) for the Home Churches Fund amounted to £50. 6. 5. Miss Wingrove also wishes to acknowledge donations to the Home Churches Fund from Mr. Grew and grateful passengers on the Coach outings. The Treasurer acknowledges with gratitude the following special gifts:-

A donation to the Building Fund of £50 from Mrs.

G.L. Nodes in memory of the late G.L. Nodes.

An anonymous donation of £500 to the Church Funds and a donation to the Building Fund of £100 from the estate of the late Miss M. Newnham, made possible by the generosity of her sisters, the Misses I. and V. Newnham.

R.O. Parker.

Home Churches Fund.

Friends are reminded that the Church has undertaken to increase the amount paid to this fund to £175 per annum, and Miss K. Wingrove will be pleased to receive any regular subscriptions outstanding, and would welcome new subscribers willing to promise a definite yearly sum.

A Quotation

"You will never drive religion into anyone with a hammer. Try a screw-driver and a few good turns."

Hugh Redwood.

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THE FAMILY

Since our last issue two of our members, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Coltart, have passed into the fuller life. We give thanks for their devotion to our Lord and to His Church, and we remember with sympathy those who mourn.

Mr. Brewer has recently lost his mother, and our thoughts have been with him and his family.

What a joy to see Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Willoughby able to get to a Service once more; we hope it will not be long before they are able to come again.

Mr. Mabey is making good progress and is now able to get out a little.

Mrs. Wills has a tired heart, but is making slow progress.

Mrs. S. Cane is still poorly, and we hope she will soon be better.

We also remember Mr. Cunningham who is very unwell, and hope he will find that his treatment does him good.

Miss Stevenson is making good progress.

International Bible Reading Association.

Many thanks to those readers who returned the Special Appeal envelopes - this year I was able to send £5.- to Headquarters, which they gratefully acknowledge.

P.M. Parker.

CHURCH HALL - Keys The locks to the Church Hall, viz: Front door, kitchen and Church side door are to be changed early in November. To avoid possible inconvenience, officers and others needing facilities for access are asked to advise Messrs. J.M. Jenkins or H.G. Bussell as soon as possible, so that new keys may be provided where required.

Care Committee

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A recent SERMON by our Minister.

Matt. 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

On another occasion Jesus spoke about the unforgivable sin as blasphemy against the Holy Ghost without really saying what this blasphemy was. Here Jesus speaks of the unforgiving spirit as being unforgivable. We shall find that what might appear to be two such sins are in fact one.

First we must ask, "Why does God refuse to forgive the unforgiving?" Does He say, "I will forgive this, and I will forgive that, but the man who is unforgiving towards his neighbour has gone too far?"

Here let us recall the parable called the parable of the unmerciful servant. The servant was forgiven a great debt by his king because he pleaded for mercy, but he immediately went out and prosecuted a fellow servant for a small debt - despite his pleas for mercy. When the king heard this he withdrew his forgiveness of the unforgiving servant until he had paid the whole.

If we imagine that Jesus wanted us to conclude from this parable that this is how God would act, we are pressing the possible too far, we are making God in the image of man.

This parable is meant to teach us about the nature of the forgiving and unforgiving spirits, not about the nature of God. Of course a man may say, "I can forgive most things - but that I cannot forgive"; even make a virtue of it, as if he were too good to forgive one sin or another. When we look at the nature of God we must discover that the truth is that God can never be unforgiving. To be unforgiving must at the very least mean to put a boundary to love; it is most likely to mean that there is a spirit of bitterness or ill-will in the heart of the unforgiving. Obviously God can never have any

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bitterness or ill-will, and the truth is that if there were any limit to God's love He would not be perfect, it would always be possible to conceive of perfect love and therefore to conceive of one greater than God.

There is no such thing as the sin that God will not forgive - if His love were imperfect He would not be the God that Jesus revealed. Such is the love of God, that all sin - every sin - the whole sum total of human sin is forgiven - it is in fact even forgiven before it is committed. But there is the sin which is unforgivable nonetheless, and it is unforgivable not because God will not forgive it but because He cannot. The unforgivable sin is the refusal to accept forgiveness. God cannot restore the relationship which man has broken down by his sin, unless man is willing to restore it. Forgiveness, like giving, involves two, he who gives and he who receives. No one can give or forgive unless another will accept what is given.

Do you remember that Jesus once said that if you were on your way to worship God and remembered that there was something wrong between yourself and another, you must abandon your worship until you have put things right with your brother. How can a man worship the God of love if he has an unloving spirit in his heart?

Is it not because of this that Jesus taught us to pray "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us?"

If we are unforgiving towards anyone - no matter what he has done - we are refusing God's forgiveness of our own sin and separating ourselves from God.

If we forgive others then the spirit of true love is in our hearts, and that is the Spirit of God.

My grateful thanks to Mrs. Howe and her husband and Miss Walsh who assisted in producing last month's Chronicle in my absence, and to Miss Walsh who is assisting this month during Mrs. Howe's withdrawal from activities while undergoing medical treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Editor.

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THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES September 27th

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday was a paean of praise from the opening sentences in the morning service to the last note of the Dresden Amen at night.

The offerings of brightly coloured fruit, flowers and vegetables added beauty to our already attractive Church, and I think we were all, as we invariably are, quite moved as we watched the procession of Sunday School children earnestly carrying and laying down their gifts.

The fervour of our hymn singing secured the symbol of grateful hearts, for this year especially our thanks were deep.

Not only were we grateful for wonderful weather and a magnificent harvest, but also for again having a leader, and for the happy beginning of a new ministry. The sermon on "The Harvest and the Reapers" made us all, irrespective of age, feel the deep need for response to the call of the vineyard.

The evening service took the form of a Choral Festival Harvest Service, and we are grateful to Mr. Garland Hughes for the way he planned and executed an admirable programme depicting the story of Creation in word and music.

Apposite words from the Bible were read at intervals by a number of readers, portraying the progressive stages of Creation, and the readings were supplemented by appropriate hymns and music by the Choir and Soloists. These renderings were most enjoyable and the singing of our Soprano Guest artist, Jean Smyth, enchanted us.

Towards the end of the service our Minister, Mr. Hayward, in a brief moment or two, and in well chosen words, drew together the threads of the day's design and completed the lovely pattern. There followed the final hymn, "Allelujah" and the Dresden Amen and Blessing, concluding a day which was really memorable.

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The Bible says:-

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me: for thou art my rock and fortress.

Psalm 71 verses 1 to 3. P.S.W.

#### LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

When acknowledging a remittance representing the monies received for missionary purposes during the quarter ended 30th Sept. the Rev. R.O. Latham, Home Secretary wrote -

"We are very grateful for the gift which we have just received from your Church for this current year. Last year the Society had cause for rejoicing, as the deficit was wiped out and contributions covered the amount of work which the Board authorised. For this coming year they have authorised work which will require a further £22,000, and from the letters which we have received from Churches and individuals we have every hope this will be possible.

It will require the earnest and active support and generous giving from all who believe in the overseas work to which the Society is committed. We are grateful for all that your Church has done and is doing, and we ask for your continued support."

From the Missionary Committee.

#### A REMINDER

Solutions of the Sussex Quiz should reach Mrs. Wraight, 3 Melrose Avenue, before WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, please. There is still time to enter as a few copies of the Quiz are available.

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GROUP NOTESBOYS' BRIGADE

Several of the congregation expressed their pleasure on seeing a row of boys in uniform at our last Church Parade. We hope and pray that these boys will continue serving in the Company and that more will join us. Would you please pray about this as well as keeping a look-out for possible recruits.

Activities are being planned for the winter, but these of necessity have to be limited owing to lack of help. If any gentleman is interested in a job that offers - NO pay, No opportunity to strike and No overtime ban, then this is your chance. The reward may be somewhat delayed!

Your financial encouragement would be greatly appreciated during B.B. Week, 21st to 28th November. Information about this will be sent out later in the month.

LIFE BOYS

Once again a call for help. If you are feeling old but still young in years then these boys will change your outlook on life. They are brimful of energy that can so easily be turned in the wrong way. What a grand opportunity awaits a person seeking worthwhile Christian service. These boys are the concern of each one of us; it is our duty to ensure that they are led in the paths of truth.

Thank you to those who gave, bought or helped at our combined Jumble Sale. We nearly reached £14, which will ease our financial position somewhat.

D.W.S.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Many thanks to all who contributed to G.L.B. Week. A total to date of £29. 7. - but a few cards still to be received. £12. -. 9 came from the Church and £17. 6. 3 was collected by the girls. One-third of the total is forwarded to Headquarters for work overseas, the remaining two-thirds being



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retained for use by our own Company.

In connection with the Sale of Work we are hoping to sell Christmas Crackers which we obtain wholesale. As we do not wish to be left with unwanted boxes, will those who would like to buy their crackers through us please let either Mr. or Mrs. Dobson know their requirements as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our Display takes place on Saturday 21st November at West Park Junior School at 7 p.m., when our Minister will be the Chairman and Mrs. Hayward will be presenting the Awards. Tickets 1/6d. each now available. Please DO come and support the girls.

#### MENS' AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Details of November Meetings will be found under 'Dates for your Diary'. All men are welcome.

Meeting on Tuesday 22nd September. This Fellowship first met in November 1954 and for a few years attendance seldom numbered more than from 12 to 15. But the start of the present session brought together friends old and new, almost trebling the attendance of bygone days.

The programme opened with a talk on "Oberammergau" by our minister, and was not only very interesting, but was deeply moving, being beautifully portrayed with coloured views.

In 1960 Mr. Hayward himself organised a Church party of 26 from Buckland Church, and under a touring agency saw this world renowned Passion Play, which takes some 7 or 8 hours to perform, and which must without doubt leave everlasting memories in the minds of those fortunate to be present. Not a play but an experience was Mr. Hayward's apt summing up.

Surrounded by mountains on three sides, and with magnificent stage settings, our Minister's personal impressions and manner of description made a memorable afternoon. Mr. A.E. Pearn as Chairman, and Mr. Robin Parker behind the lantern set a very high standard for any who may follow.

C.H.C.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We are now well under way with our winter programme and during the next few weeks we look forward to hearing the following speakers. On Nov. 2nd Dr. L. Paton on modern treatment of mental disorders, Nov. 16th the Rev. M.J. Davies of Rustington on his year in the U.S.A., and on Nov. 30th Mrs. B. Hilder will talk on Christmas Floral Decorations. All who are interested in any of these subjects do come and join us - you will be very welcome.

Old Folks Outing. On Wednesday 23rd Sept. we hired a coach to take 29 old people for an afternoon's drive over the downs. In glorious sunshine they paid, for many of them the first time, a visit to Devil's Dyke and the surrounding countryside - returning to the Church Hall for, as one old lady said, "a scrumptious tea" of cold turkey, salad, trifle with cream, etc. Our thanks to all who helped and also the kind donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

M.D.

PEDIAR'S FAYRE - Saturday, November 14th.

1. Reminder for men. The Men's Stall will be, as last year a "Market Garden". Gifts will be welcome, viz: garden produce, flower cuttings and plants; garden accessories, dairy produce, etc. Thank you.

A.E. Edmonds

2. The Gift Stall. The helpers on this stall will gladly accept any articles, new or otherwise, copper, brass, E.P.N.S., odd china, linen, perfume, handkerchiefs, etc. On sale will be a good selection of stationery, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, etc. There will also be some nice modern jewellery. The result from the fine coffee mornings was £56.10.-. This money and that from the Garden Party (£60) will be divided between the stalls. Thank you for your generosity.

C.M. Nodes

Mrs. and Miss Andrew wish to thank all who contributed

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to make their coffee morning such a success. The amount was £12. 2. 7.

I would like to thank those members of the Working Party who have been working throughout the year for our Needlework Stall, with many new and attractive ideas. May we say 'Thank you' to them by paying a visit to this stall on November 14th.

G.J.A.

#### AUTUMN ASSEMBLY OF SUSSEX COUNTY UNION.

At the Autumn Assembly held at the new Trinity Church, Ifield, Crawley, the theme for consideration was "Belonging Together".

After devotions, led by the Chairman, a welcome was extended to our Minister.

A warm tribute to Lay Pastors and Preachers was paid by the Moderator, who appealed for more volunteers for training.

The Rev. Barnard Spauld reported on L.M.S. Board Meetings held between March and October 1964, and stressed the fact that partial unity is being achieved by the Churches in S.Africa and Northern Madagascar. After touching on educational problems and the difficulties of Christian people in the political settings of the present time, Mr. Spauld said that £22,000 more is needed if the overseas work is to continue in full.

The afternoon session was given up to discussion on the efficacy of the present set up of the District Meetings. An introduction to the subject was given by the Rev. John Reardon, M.A., who spoke of the experiment being carried out in the newly formed Northern District, where evening meetings are held. Each Church is represented by the Minister and Deacons, who meet (a) to share common problems, perhaps to solve them, (b) to arrange training for Church membership, L.M.S., youth leaders, teachers, etc. and (c) to arrange sharing of ministerial

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strength.

Six groups were formed, and the main points of Mr. Reardon's talk were discussed and the findings reported back to the Assembly. An advance notice of the Dome Rally was given - the date September 25th 1965: Speaker the Rev, John Huxtable.

I.W.

Caer Gwent Old People's Residential Club, Wykeham Rd.

The Secretary of the Council of Social Service wishes it to be known that there will be a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 12th November, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., when His Worship the Mayor will be in attendance.

Entrance tickets 1/- each are for sale in advance or can be obtained at the door.

There will be a number of well-stocked stalls.

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PEDLAR'S FAYRE

Saturday, 14th November 1964, in the Church Hall.

The Sale of Work will be opened at 10.30 a.m. by Mrs. Hayward when the chair will be taken by Mr. C. Stephens.

In the afternoon the opening will be by Mrs. C.C. Osland, with the Rev. Wallis Hayward in the chair.

Each opening will be accompanied by the G.L.B. Choir singing "Come to the Fayre".

Coffee will be served in the morning, and teas in the afternoon.

Stalls for needlework, knitting, sweets, cakes, flowers, bottled and tinned goods, garden produce and horticultural requisites, hand-made goods and gifts and stationery, will be in charge of leaders of different Church organisations.

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CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS: On October 11th Jonathan Paul  
                  infant son of Dr. & Mrs. Ian Black  
On October 11th Simon Collingwood  
                                Russell

DEATHS: On October 10th Mrs. L. Morris  
On October 17th Mr. W.L. Coltart

NEW MEMBERS - admitted October 1st and received  
                  into Fellowship October 4th 1964 -  
Miss E. Harding, Mr. & Mrs. H. Spence,  
Miss K.M. Walden.

Changes of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. K. Mitchell to West Winds,  
Longlands Glade, Charmandean.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. & Miss L. Razzell to  
5 Hayling Rise, High Salvington.

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Miss Walden)

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The next issue of the Chronicle will be on Sunday,  
December 6th. All material for this issue should  
be in the hands of the Editor by 22nd November  
please.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1964

|          |          |  |
|----------|----------|--|
| 1st      | Sunday   | The Minister<br>Junior Fellowship 8 p.m.   |
| 2nd      | Monday   | Monday Evening Fellowship  |
| 3rd      | Tuesday  | Men's Fellowship 3 p.m.<br>Women's Guild Working Party 2.30<br>Bible Study Leaders at Manse 8 p.m.   |
| 5th      | Thursday | Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 7.30   |
| 8th      | Sunday   | The Minister<br>Senior Fellowship The Manse 8 p.m.   |
| 10th     | Tuesday  | Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.  |
| 12th     | Thursday | Day of Prayer 10.30 a.m. 7 p.m.  |
| 14th     | Saturday | Sale of Work - Pedlar's Fayre<br>10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. See special<br>notice  |
| 15th     | Sunday   | The Minister (Junior Fellowship 8pm)   |
| 16th     | Monday   | Monday Evening Fellowship<br>Ministers' & Deacons' Meeting at<br>Shelley Road  |
| 17th     | Tuesday  | Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.<br>Men's Fellowship 3 p.m. "Any<br>Questions" afternoon. Chairman the<br>Rev. Wallis Hayward.  |
| 21st     | Saturday | G.L.B. Display West Park School 7 p.m.   |
| 22nd     | Sunday   | The Minister<br>Senior Fellowship The Manse 8 p.m.   |
| 24th     | Tuesday  | Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.<br>Combined Bible Study 8 p.m. 14<br>Robson Road   |
| 26th     | Thursday | Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.   |
| 29th     | Sunday   | The Minister   |
| 30th     | Monday   | Monday Evening Fellowship  |
| December |          |  |
| 1st      | Tuesday  | Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.<br>Men's Fellowship 3 p.m. Speaker<br>Mr. A.E. Pearn "Life & Witness of<br>Dr. Albert Schweitzer".<br>Bible Study Leaders 8 p.m. The Manse |
| 3rd      | Thursday | Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.   |

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DECEMBER, 1964.

The Manse,  
Dec. 1964.

My dear Friends,

We were all very sorry to hear at our Church Meeting of the resignation of Mr. C. Garland Hughes, as our Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Hughes will be with us until the middle of January, but we would like to take this opportunity of saying how much we regret his decision, and how grateful we are for the service he has given us.

No doubt elsewhere will be found the financial details of the result of our Pedlars' Fayre. My greatest cause for gratitude for this day was in the knowledge of so much devoted work for Christ and His Church, and secondly for the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed together. It is as good for the family of Christ to work and play and laugh together as it is for any other family; these things, as well as the things of the spirit, bind us in unity.

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May I remind friends that the first meeting of the Faith and Order Group for our District will be at our own Church on Wednesday Dec. 9th at 8 p.m. and thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month up to and including March.

Now we begin to talk about Christmas.

We, this year, are having printed 1,500 copies of a Christmas card to be distributed from door to door in the neighbourhood around the Church. This Christmas card has a photo of the Church, a message from myself, and details of our Christmas Services. I fancy the Publicity Committee would be grateful for helpers in distributing these cards.

Our Christmas Services will begin on December 10th - our Day of Prayer. The evening Service on that day at 7 p.m. will consist of the presentation of a Nativity Play in the Church by the girls of West Preston Manor School. We are very fortunate indeed to have this opportunity and I hope it will be very well supported. An offertory will be taken at this Service for the Save the Children Fund.

December 13th will be our GIFT SUNDAY when we shall receive gifts for distribution to those who will be grateful for the Church's thought of them.

On Thursday December 17th the branch of the Civil Service Christian Union from our Inland Revenue neighbours are holding a Carol Service in our Church from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. and invite members of our congregation to join them. I hope we shall show ourselves truly neighbourly.

On December 20th we shall have a special Family Carol Service at evening worship at which the main feature will be congregational singing of Christmas Hymns and Carols.

Our Christmas Services will be as follows:-

Christmas Eve - 11.30 to 12 midnight - Divine Worship.

Christmas Day - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

10 a.m. Divine Worship.

These services should provide everybody with at



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least one opportunity for worship during the Festive Season, and how can it be truly and rightly festive unless we do?

During Advent I shall be preaching two special series of Sermons. In the mornings a series on Isaiah 40. The Lord's Coming.

29th Nov. "Of the Lord's Hand Double".

6th Dec. "Prepare Ye The Way".

13th Dec. "He shall feed His Flock like a Shepherd"

20th Dec. "To whom then will ye liken me?".

27th Dec. "They that wait upon the Lord".

For the evening Services the subject will be "He came to call".

29th Nov. "The purpose of the call".

6th Dec. "The adventure of the call" (Parade Service).

13th Dec. "The nature of the call".

20th Dec. "The cost of the call".

I sincerely hope these series may help us to realise more fully the purpose of God's Gift to us and our opportunities of response to that gift.

Now it only remains for me to say a purely personal word. By the end of December Mrs. Hayward and I will have been amongst you for six months and we would like to say how grateful we are for all the help and understanding and friendship we have received. At this Christmas season we would wish it were possible for us to give you each a personal greeting as a mark of our gratitude and of our care for you, but that is impossible. Will you please therefore accept these words as the good wish and prayer from Mr. Hayward and myself for you personally.

May God at this time, make known to you and to your loved ones more fully than ever before the riches of His Grace, and may this joy and peace be and abide with you.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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Collections for October, 1964.

|             | <u>Envelopes.</u>  | <u>Loose Cash.</u> |
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| 4th October | £28. 0. 0.         | £20. 0. 4.         |
| 11th "      | 25. 7. 6.          | 25. 15. 1.         |
| 18th "      | 30. 2. 6.          | 21. 0. 11.         |
| 25th "      | 29. 13. 6.         | 23. 5. 7.          |
|             | <u>£113. 5. 6.</u> | <u>£90. 1. 11.</u> |

Total for the month - £203. 5. 5d.

The Treasurer acknowledges with gratitude two gifts to the Building Fund of £1000 and £100 respectively. The same fund benefitted by the sum of £53.10. from the Collecting Boxes, thanks to the help of Miss W. Smith and all those who contributed to the boxes.

The Hon. Appeal Secretary of the Schools for Missionaries' children has expressed his thanks for the gift of £13.5.0d. the collection at the Communion Service on the 1st November, and wishes our people to know how they are encouraged by our continued support.

R. O. P.

G.L.B. DISPLAY. Once again we are all indebted to the Officers, helpers and girls of the G.L.B. for giving us another original and enjoyable display.

The theme "Our Island Home" enabled all sections of the company first to show us something of the lighter side of their activities and then culminated in a moving finale "Friendship's Chain" in which we were shown different ways in which other countries are linked with our own.

The girls gave a warm welcome to their chaplain, who took the chair, and Mrs. Hayward who presented the awards.

Many hours of hard work must have preceded the presentation of so many awards and one wonders that there was also time to put on such a carefully prepared display. From the delightful item by the cadets right through to the finale a very high standard was maintained and a great deal of time and thought must have been given to the preparation of the costumes.

We are appreciative of the enormous enthusiasm that runs right through the company and would heartily congratulate all concerned.

I.H.L.M.

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THE FAMILY.

Since our last issue Miss Davis and Mr. W. Arnold have passed into the fuller life. We remember all who mourn.

We have greatly rejoiced to see Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Wills and Mr. Mabey back at worship and we hope they will continue to progress.

Mr. Pepperdine has had an eye operation, and we hope he will soon have more vision than for many years

Mrs. Williams has shingles and we hope she will soon find relief.

Mrs. Brown is a little better again - we are happy to report.

Mr. P. S. West has had bronchitis and we hope he will soon be able to get out again.

Mrs. Howe and Mr. Edmonds are waiting to go into hospital - our thoughts will be with them and we hope they will be quickly restored to health.

The Bible Says:

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah, Chapter 9, verses 23 & 24.

P. S. W.

The British & Foreign Bible Society.

COME AND HEAR on Monday 7th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Baptist Church, Christchurch Road, Worthing, the

Rev. F. L. Stubington

in a Face-to-Face Interview with Rev. Max. W. Hancock who was for many years in Angola, East Africa.

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WEEKLY FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPE SCHEME.

Once again may I plead with those Members of long standing who so far have not joined the scheme, and also those who have come amongst us more recently, to consider making their financial contributions to the life of our Church by the above mentioned method.

It does help our Treasurer to ascertain more accurately the income of the Church, and this is important, and therefore, the greater number of members of the Church and congregation who adopt this system of giving, the more it enables our Treasurer to do this. You will, I am sure appreciate that the weekly loose cash contributions must of necessity be an unknown quantity.

So do please join; I will endeavour to be in the Church vestibule after service to explain how the scheme works to any who are not conversant with it; or if you will be kind enough to write to me at my home address:- 4, Little Drive, Ferring, Worthing, (Phone Goring 44405), I shall be only too pleased to send you the literature explaining the working of the scheme.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your interest.

Norman Gregory.

Weekly Free Will Offering Envelope  
Treasurer.

Ministry of Flowers.

Dec. 6th - Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Williams.  
" 13th - Miss D. Ward.  
" 20th - Mrs. C. Freeman.  
" 27th - Miss E. Harland.

E. Bond.  
Flower Secretary.

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A recent SERMON by our Minister.The Unsearchable Riches of Christ.

When our son was very young he saw some people selling "The Watchtower" and asked what it was; his mother, not wishing to enter into explanations about Jehovah's Witnesses, wisely replied "It is a book about religion" to which the little chap answered "Oh we know all about that don't we?".

Anyone who has done any biblical teaching of children knows what it is to begin telling a story, and a small child will say "Oh I know that one" and immediately attention and interest are lost and very difficult, if not impossible to regain. The wise teacher will find a new approach, will tell the story from the point of view of one of its characters or will find an introduction to the story which will so captivate the interest of a young hearer, as to make it possible for the child to hear even a familiar story without loss of interest.

Whether we realise it or not this fact, so true about children, may also be true of ourselves. How easy it is to read the Gospel and find that not a spark comes from it - we know it. We can read the very words of Jesus Himself - we can read about His healing works, even His death and resurrection, and find that no fire or enthusiasm or love is kindled in our hearts.

Of course we recognise that at the very best we have only tasted the beginnings of all that Jesus should mean and be to us - which of us would say "Oh we know all about that"? and isn't it sometimes baffling and dismaying to us to know that there is no end to the unsearchable riches of Christ, and yet as it were, we can only touch the hem of His garment. Let us remind ourselves of some of these riches and ask ourselves how we may seek to possess more of them.

What about faith? Who among us has faith to remove mountains? Who can face all the demands and

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tests of daily life without fear, anxiety or fretting? Or who among us has faith wholly to follow Christ day by day?

What of the joy of Christ? Are Christians by and large, more joyful than their fellowmen? Happier probably, but with a deep abiding joy that is so set upon the things that are eternal, that the things that are temporal cannot move it? I wonder.

Or peace. In this world of noise and tumult, in this world where so many have little or no time to be still, or dare not, what do we know of the peace of Christ? Not only upon the mountain top of prayer and worship, but in the plain of the every day.

And lastly, what of the love of Christ? If only we had more of that spirit in our hearts might not people be won to it? How can we find more of the unsearchable riches of Christ?

First we must have a sense of our need. Whenever we are self-satisfied we shall fail to learn and discover anything more.

In the second place, having discovered our need we must absolutely believe that what Christ has to offer is riches indeed. Isn't this where we sometimes fail, we so value earthly things that we insufficiently treasure the things that are eternal.

Last of all we must of course, seek. We shall not find that the riches of Christ just drop into our hearts because we read a few verses of scripture or say a prayer. Prayer and worship and every act of devotion must be earnest and thoughtful in seeking - it is those who seek who find. Even this is not the whole truth; some of the riches of Christ cannot be found in the quiet but only in the world of men.

PEACE is only really peace when it is in contrast to turmoil.

We can only possess faith by being faithful, and love to be discovered, must love.

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GROUP NOTES.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. On the 20th October we enjoyed a thrilling hour watching beautiful coloured pictures taken by Miss G. E. R. Willis on a recent six-week trip "From Cairo to the Cape". At the museum in Cairo we saw some remarkable pictures of the treasures taken from Tutenkhamen's tomb. Our next stop was Nairobi "The City of Flowers" - here the many fine pictures included some of the wild life in the natural Reserve. From there on to Salisbury with its statue of Cecil Rhodes and here too, we saw many colourful pictures of the opening of Parliament. Then on to Bulawayo and to the Victoria Falls, the pictures of which were grand, followed by a trip up the Zambesi River after which we flew on to Johannesburg and then to Durban. The final picture was of Table Mountain as we sailed from Cape Town. All this in one breath-taking hour.

F. D.

Our excellent and conscientious secretary, Mr. Pepperdine has been undergoing treatment for eye trouble and we are glad to know that very soon he may be able to see better than for many years past. We wish him a very successful operation. We are looking forward to two meetings in December, the first being a talk by Mr. Pearn on the Life and Witness of Albert Schweitzer on Tuesday 1st December. On the 15th December "An Afternoon of Carols" when we are to have a combined meeting with the Ladies Guild Fellowship and the Ladies Working Party. The carols will be an arrangement by Mr. Gordon Wraight and Mr. Robin Parker.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. We should like to thank all who helped to stock our Sweet and Cake Stalls at the Pedlar's Fayre and also those who bought our goods.

Since our last report we have had a visit from our Minister - our TENTH Anniversary, and Mr. Gariand Hughes talked to us of Greig and his music, which he

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illustrated at the piano, and Mrs. Cozens-Walker gave us two delightful solos.

Now we look forward to a Surprise Programme, arranged by the Monday Evening Fellowship, and on 8th December, Miss Hutchinson will give us an illustrated talk "The Glory of God in Creation", for which I understand, she has some beautiful transparencies of nature throughout the four seasons.

That is our last meeting for this year, but we hope all our members and friends will join with the Working Party and the Men's Fellowship in the combined Christmas gathering on December 15th.

I am sure all our members would like to thank our new President, Mrs. Hayward, for the very happy and helpful way in which she has led our meetings in this her first session with us. We have found in her another true friend.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and, whether you are already one of our members or not, we hope you will be with us at our first meeting in the New Year - January 5th, when our Minister will be the speaker.

L. B. R.

#### GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

Our DISPLAY is now a thing of the past and we do trust all who supported us found the effort worthwhile. The total collected for G.L.B. Week amounted to £34.17.0. for which much thanks.

On 1st December we are visiting the Blind Home to render such items as are suitable. The evening will be completed by Carol Singing in which all will join. On the 8th December we entertain the Old People of the district to a meat and salad, fruit and cream tea, followed by a repeat of the Display.

E. S.



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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Only one meeting in December - Monday 14th when we shall be busy packing parcels, and hope to close the evening with a medley of favourite carols. Please arrive as early as possible to help with the good work, and as we make our preparations for Christmas, we think of the old folk, the lonely, the sick and all those less fortunate than ourselves. So we ask you again to bring your gifts on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th - a tin of fruit perhaps, a jar of jam, soup, beverages or a few sweets, in fact anything that goes towards that little extra at Christmas. As always we are sure we can count on your warm hearted support.

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

M. D.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On Sunday November 8th we formally bade farewell to Mr. Richards who, for the past six months, has been leader of the Junior Department. This brought to an end ten years of devoted service and we are very grateful for all the good work he has done on behalf of the children and for the benefit of the Church. On the same occasion we were pleased to welcome Mrs. M. Stephens as the new leader of the Junior Department and we wish her a happy and fruitful time with us.

At the Pedlar's Fayre the Junior Church was able to raise over £25 from their stall, and we are indebted to our many friends in the Church, and the parents too, who by their generous gifts, made this result possible.

E. C. B

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PEDLARS' FAYRE.

In spite of a nasty bout of weather on Saturday the 14th November, great interest was shown as witness the number of people who were present most of the day.

There was no doubt that the children of the Church set the theme of the day when the Girls' Life Brigade Choir with Miss West at the piano, sang "Come to the Fayre" at each of the opening ceremonies, after which they carried trays of all manner of good to sell. The Boys' Brigade had command of the 'ices and minerals stall' and they seemed to be enjoying it.

We should like to thank all helpers - in whichever sphere they worked - for making the day the success it was. The one regret of the day was that Mrs. Nodes, who has not spared herself over the months to raise money to give to the stall-holders to furnish their stalls - was unable to be present on the day as she was unwell. We thank her for her persistent efforts on behalf of the Church which both she and her late husband loved.

To Mrs. Hayward and to Mrs. Osland who opened the proceedings morning and afternoon respectively, and to Mr. Hayward who so 'boisterously' chivvied the men to buy the remaining flowers for their wives, our very real thanks.

The amount raised towards the reduction of the Building Fund Debt was £560 : 4 : 7d.

A very happy day of Fellowship.

J. M. & D. B. J.

Knitted Goods. Mrs. Edmonds wishes to extend grateful thanks to all who gave knitted goods to the stall and especially to those who knitted for all the year.

Building Fund Boxes. Miss W. Smith wishes to say how grateful she is to all those who have so generously supported this means of saving, which has meant reaching the target for this year with a sum of over £53.

Men's Stall. Mr. A. E. Edmonds extends a sincere Thank You to the men of the Church who in any way helped to make our effort such a success.

Gift Stall. Mrs. Nodes is grateful to the stall-

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holders for the excellent way in which each made such good use of the monies allotted to them from the Garden Party and the Coffee Mornings.

Summary of the Bazaar Account.

|  |              |            |           |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Women's Fellowship (Sweets & Cakes)        | £52.         | 13.        | 10.       |
| Men's Stall                                | 50.          | 17.        | 10.       |
| Gift Stall                                 | 85.          | 17.        | 1.        |
| Stationery                                 | 25.          | 7.         | 0.        |
| Flower Stall                               | 42.          | 2.         | 0.        |
| Tears and Sale of Cakes                    | 9.           | 13.        | 5.        |
| Boys' Brigade                              | 4.           | 1.         | 0.        |
| Bran Tubs                                  | 8.           | 16.        | 5.        |
| "Sussex" Competition (per Mrs. Wraight)    | 5.           | 4.         | 6.        |
| Junior Church                              | 25.          | 4.         | 10.       |
| Needlework Stall                           | 150.         | 0.         | 0.        |
| Knitting Stall                             | 56.          | 8.         | 6.        |
| Girls' Life Brigade                        | 30.          | 1.         | 11.       |
| Donations                                  | 4.           | 5.         | 6.        |
| Profit on lunches (per Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins) | 17.          | 0.         |           |
| Monday Evening Fellowship                  | 17.          | 17.        | 5.        |
| Chocolate Box Competition                  | 3.           | 0.         | 6.        |
| Cinema Shows (per Mr. Wraight)             | 1.           | 3.         | 0.        |
|  | <u>571.</u>  | <u>11.</u> | <u>9.</u> |
| Less expenses                              | <u>11.</u>   | <u>3.</u>  | <u>8.</u> |
|  | <u>£560.</u> | <u>8.</u>  | <u>1.</u> |

NOTE:

Mrs. Reynolds reports that the key of the top cupboard in the Church kitchen cannot be found. Would anyone able to help in tracing its whereabouts kindly let Mrs. Reynolds or Mr. Parker know.

Ed.

THE SUSSEX QUIZ.

Mrs. Gordon Wraight has given me the answers for your information. The answers are all place names in Sussex.

| <u>Clue.</u>                                 | <u>Place.</u>          |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Irritating meadow -                       | Itchingfield.          |
| 2. Quintin Hogg -                            | Hailsham.              |
| 3. Bovine Crease -                           | Cowfold.               |
| 4. Animal Value -                            | Petworth.              |
| 5. Dig Deep -                                | Bury.                  |
| 6. Cooks do not use this method -            | Ashburnham.            |
| 7. Bob's Crossing -                          | Robertsbridge.         |
| 8. Never dull hereon -                       | Brighton.              |
| 9. Mind the prickles -                       | Thorney.               |
| 10. Wide liquid -                            | Broadwater.            |
| 11. Cricket Commentator -                    | Compton.               |
| 12. Putrid Cleric -                          | Rottingdean.           |
| 13. Surrey military town -                   |                        |
| less 100 -                                   | Amberley.              |
| 14. Seaweed lane -                           | Tangmere.              |
| 15. You find me on the border -              | Berwick.               |
| 16. Not done by church member -              | Didling.               |
| 17. One 20 cwt. -                            | Singleton.             |
| 18. Matador's dread -                        | Goring.                |
| 19. This does not make the joint -           | Birdham.               |
| 20. This stream could not be in W. Sussex -  | Eastbourne.            |
| 21. Knee Comforters -                        | Hassocks.              |
| 22. Trench Fish -                            | Ditchling.             |
| 23. Combat -                                 | Battle.                |
| 24. A Public School -                        | Ardingly or any of six |
| 25. Hard dignitary -                         | Bishopstone.           |
| 26. Applaud meut -                           | Clapham.               |
| 27. Nonsense at dawn -                       | Bosh u m.              |
| 28. Hutton's meadow -                        | Leonardslee.           |
| 29. Hard on dentures -                       | Hardham.               |
| 30. Oak trees provide this -                 | Goodwood.              |
| 31. European cereal -                        | Rye.                   |
| 32. often done by authorities at midsummer - | Tarring.               |
| 33. Overweight -                             | Plumpton.              |

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

This will be the first Christmas Mr. & Mrs. Hayward will be spending amongst us. We look forward with particular anticipation to this season knowing that it will be enriched for us by their presence and the message we shall receive. We pray that for them it will be a time of great blessing and happiness. I would like, too, on behalf of the officers and deacons to wish all members of the Church and Congregation a very happy Christmas and joyous New Year.

H. A. Winterton.

The Church Register.

NEW MEMBERS - admitted October 29th and received into Fellowship on November 1st:-

Miss D. M. Hedgcombe, Miss L. Pepperdine,  
Mrs. N. Gregory.

and on the 15th November:-

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Redman.

BAPTISM -

On November 8th Rosemarie Ann Luff,  
daughter of David Alan and Jean F. Luff.

MARRIAGE -

On November 7th Mr. Richard James Harold  
French to Mrs. Mary Brookes Newton.

DEATHS -

On November 5th Miss M. Davis.

On November 6th Mr. W. Arnold.

Change of address - Mr. & Mrs. V. R. S. Mott to No.52,  
Pembroke Avenue, Worthing.

Miss P. Heley, 42, Parklands Avenue.

Miss A. Ashton, 95, Rectory Road.

Telephone Nos. - Miss L. M. Walden, G. 44762.

Mrs. A. J. Short, W. 6882.

For insertion into Handbook -

5 x Miss A. Attkins & Miss D. Cox, 47 Falmer Ave.,  
Goring. Tel. G.43545.

7 Mr. & Mrs. W. Carey, 96, Canterbury Road.

4 Mr. & Mrs. R. C. H. French, 27, Melrose Close.

4 Mr. & Mrs. Willmott, 27, Melrose Close. G. 46203.

1 x Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Mason, 18, Rosebery Avenue.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1964.

- 1st Tues. Men's Fellowship. Speaker Mr. Pearn.  
Subject Albert Schweitzer - 3 p.m.  
Bible Fellowship Leaders at the Manse, 8 pm.
- 3rd Thurs. Church meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 6th SUN. Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Communion after morning service.
- 8th Tues. Bible Fellowship Groups - 8.0 p.m.  
Women's Guild Fellowship - 3.0 p.m.
- 9th Wed. Faith and Order Group - 7.45 p.m.
- 10th Thurs. Day of Prayer - 10.30 a.m. with communion.  
7.0 p.m. Nativity Play in Church.
- 13th SUN. Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
GIFT SUNDAY - retiring collection for  
British and Foreign Bible Society.  
Junior Fellowship - 8.0 p.m.
- 15th Tues. Combined Men's and Women's Fellowship.  
An afternoon of Carols.  
Bible Fellowship Groups - 8.0 p.m.
- 16th Wed. Missionary Committee - 6.30 p.m.
- 17th Thurs. Inland Revenue Carol Service - 1.0 p.m.
- 20th SUN. Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Family Carol Service 3.0 p.m.
- 21st Mon. Deacons' meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 24th Thurs. CHRISTMAS EVE service 11.30 p.m.
- 25th Fri. CHRISTMAS DAY, Holy Communion - 8 a.m.  
Divine Worship - 10 a.m.
- 27th SUN. Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m.  
Congregational Carol Service - 6.30 p.m.
- 29th Tues. Combined Bible Fellowship - 8.0 p.m.
- 31st Thurs. Church meeting - 7.30 p.m. followed by  
social.  
Young People's Social - 8 p.m.  
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE - 11.30 p.m.

The NEXT ISSUE of the Chronicle will be on Sunday 3rd January, 1965. All material for this issue should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday 20th December please.