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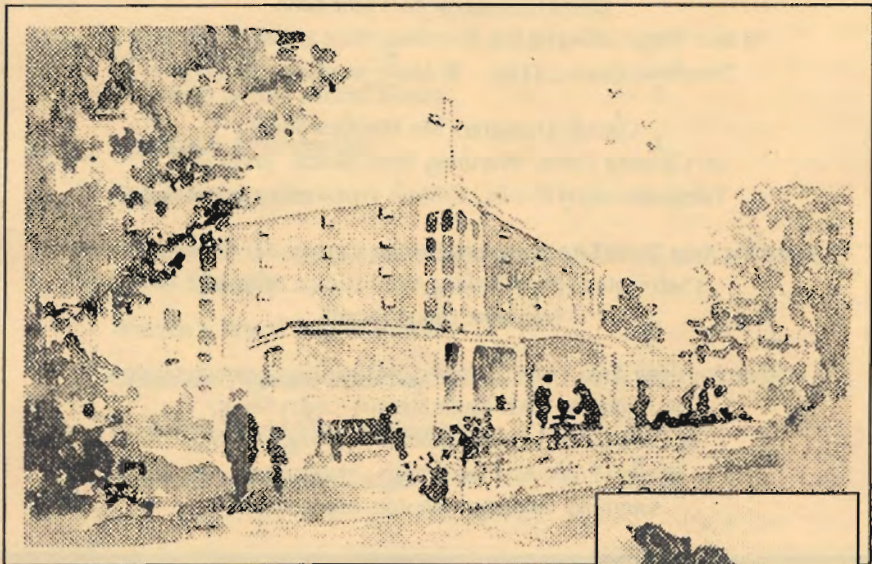
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*including Ruth Chatfield's Newsletter
from Congo-Brazzaville*

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Sunday 8 February for typed and E-mailed articles
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Dear Friends

“With All My Love My Darling
From Your Valentine”

It is very difficult to determine the exact origins of Saint Valentines Day. The story goes that during the 3rd Century in the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius II a priest was arrested and eventually sentenced to be executed. Whilst he was in prison he fell in love with his jailer's daughter and she with him. On the day that he was led out to his death he left a little note in his cell addressed to her. It was signed ‘From Your Valentine’ So the tradition of Valentines came into being.

Of course today Valentines Day is big business for card retailers, florists, shops and the like. Nonetheless it would be good to think that it was not only commercialism that keeps Valentines Day alive, but a real desire for romance. Not the slushy romance of Mills & Boon but the romantic element that is so essential in human life that was exemplified in the little note left by the saint himself as he went to his martyrdom.

The Bible is the most romantic book of all times. It contains the most beautiful love story ever, that of God's love for humanity. Did you know that there are 536 verses in scripture relating to the topic of love? Just look at John 14 verse 21 where we hear words of Jesus himself -

“They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”



Then there is the famous text found at John 3 verse 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” There is no doubt that we all like and need to be loved and the exciting news is that we are. We are loved and cherished by God. Not in any anonymous way like some of our modern Valentine Cards but in a clear dependable strong love that knows no bounds or limits.

February also heralds the beginning of Lent, a time when we prepare to celebrate that which is central to our faith – *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* Here we have the clearest manifestation of God's never ending love, for never has there been and never will there be such a demonstration of love than through the death and resurrection of our Lord.

So when the postman struggles up your driveway on February 14th and delivers sacks of anonymous cards and also as you focus attention upon the wonder that is Easter remember that the richest most beautiful love of all is the gospel message of God's love.

Simon

A tribute to the memory and life of Mrs. Muriel Evans who died on 10th December 2003

"Life on earth is but one stage of a journey which is TEMPORAL - just passing through till ultimately we reach our abode in Heaven which is ETERNAL" Muriel's Home-call came when her illness was not to improve, thus having no more pain or discomfort to endure. She had a great spirit of fortitude and courage throughout the years of her illness that enabled her to live in comparable contentment.

Shortly after coming to Ferring and becoming a member of Goring Church, I was privileged to meet Muriel as her visiting Elder. Her late husband Gerwin and daughter Wendy were members some years previously. Muriel belonged to the Monday Evening Fellowship.

Later she joined The Women's Guild, now Tuesday Fellowship. Of Welsh parentage she loved to recall memories of the Welsh Valleys, the Welsh language. Opera singers and the Rural life she knew so well. The farming fraternity was enriched by her brother's interest in animal care in his role as a Veterinary Surgeon. Muriel was blest with having a sense of 'true security' throughout her life founded in the Love and Trust of The Lord Jesus.

On behalf of Goring Church, her many friends and neighbours, I send condolences to Wendy and her family and pray the memory of her life will remain till day is done.

"Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, keep the lamb in safety keep Nothing can Thy Peace withstand. None can pluck me from Thy hand".

(Janet E. Leason 1842)

Pheniah Taylor

Ecumenical Lent Groups
Start at Bury Drive Methodist Church
7th March 2004

Handbook 2003-04

Amendments

Amendments for all Handbooks issued before January 2004:

Page 8. House and Fabric Group. Add Mr Graham Redman

Page 16. Delete Mrs Muriel Evans

Page 18 The correct spelling for Mrs Sue GAUNTLETT is as shown here with two T's at the end of the name.

Page 19 Mrs Janet Hannant has now moved, her new address is -
8 Mill Field Lodge, 20 Downview Road, Worthing, BN11 4QH
Telephone number unchanged, 242622

Page 19 Mrs Rhona Heydon has also moved, her new address is -
The Hurst Nursing Home, 1 Mill Road, Worthing. BN11 4JR

Page 22 Some of the earlier Handbooks issued around September/October may have Lesley Kovacs previous address printed. Her correct address is -
17 Glebeside Avenue, Worthing. BN14 7PR

Page 30. TREW. Delete Miss Vera

It is important to keep your Handbook up to date, as it has been known for people living at one or two of our members' previous addresses to be troubled with telephone calls or post not for them.

Thank you

At the commencement of a new year and with hope in our hearts, Eric and Barbara Popplestone would like to thank all their friends and family at GURC for their prayers and support over the last two years. These recent months have been very difficult for Barbara due to delays in the business side of her situation. However all these have now been resolved and Eric, settled in Darlington Court is well cared for and reasonably happy. So, once again, thank you all, and may God bless you throughout 2004.



Left

Simon Nicholls with his cornet as the band of the Nautical Training Core leaves the hall after the Show in November.

Below

About 45 people attended the Christmas Eve afternoon service of carols. Some were brave enough to take part in the service by facing the lower temperatures outside .





A few 'Notes' from the Choir pictured above. They are delighted that Les (Tenor) and Beryl (Soprano) Richardson together with Joan Eley (Alto) have recently joined them to sing. The Choir hopes that you have enjoyed their singing in 2003 and if anyone else would like to join them you will be most welcome. Speak to Geoffrey Redman if you would like to know more.

The Ark, pictured below, enjoy their Christmas party. If you would like to join in please come along on a Thursday morning between 9.00 and 11.00. Please bring Mummy or your carer along too.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Annual Service Friday, 5th March

"In Faith Women Shape the Future"

Prepared by Christian Women of Panama

After years of hardship and struggle Panama is now an independent nation, proud of the ethnic and racial diversity of its people and of its strong Christian heritage. As in many parts of the world, women are emerging as a major presence in public life and it is their faith and determination that the women of Panama celebrate in this service

Services in this area are:

3pm St Richard's, Collingwood Rd., Maybridge

Speaker: Rev Jo Gavigan

8pm New Life Church, Durrington

Speaker: Miss Lyn Tiller

This is the first time a WWDP service has been held at St Richard's and it will be really nice if we can support it.

If you need help with transport please speak to Eileen Rhodes, Tel 248263

In preparation for these services there will be a **Bible Study on Wednesday, 18th February, 10.00 for 10.30am at Ferring Baptist Church**



FEBRUARY

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 40px; text-align: center;">Sun 1</div>	<p>8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Hilary Redman 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood 6.00pm Evening Worship: Mr Ron Flashman</p>
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Tue 3 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship. Coast to Coast Walk

Thurs 5 9.00am-4.00pm Day of Prayer
7.30pm Evening Prayers

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Thur 12 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

8th - Last day
for March
Chronicle material

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 40px; text-align: center;">Sun 15</div>	<p>8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Robin Bradley 10.30am Morning Worship: Rev David Bedford-Groom 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby</p>
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Tue 17 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship: Littlehampton Harbour Master

Thu 19 3-4.00pm Prayer and Praise

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 40px; text-align: center;">Sun 22</div>	<p>8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood 6.00pm Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood</p>
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Thu 26 7.30pm Church Meeting

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 40px; text-align: center;">Sun 29</div>	<p>8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: rev Marie Roe 10.30am Morning Worship : Rev Norman Croft 6.00pm Evening Worship Rev Andrew Sellwood</p>
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Tue	2	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship. 'Not to be Sneezed at'
Thur	4	9.00am-4.00pm 7.30pm	Day of Prayer Evening Prayers
Fri	5	3.00pm & 8.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (See page 7)

Sun	7	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Vic Sumner Evening Worship: Mr Wilfred Rhodes
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Thu	11	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
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Sun	14	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
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Tue	16	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: Cups of Blessings
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Thu	18	3-4.00pm	Prayer and Praise
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14th - Last day
for April
Chronicle material

Mothersing Sunday

Sun	21	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship: CTG at Goring New Life Baptist
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Thu	25	7.30pm	Church Meeting
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Sun	28		<i>British & EU Summer Time begins</i>
		8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby

Looking ahead into April



11 April Easter Sunday



Christians Together in Goring

As mentioned at the November Church Meeting it is proposed to produce a periodic News Sheet for the Churches in Goring: this would be with a view to making CTG's role more effective.

Initially the contents would include -

Testimonies to changed lives

Reports on projects on events but not of "bring & buy" kind.

The first news sheet could appear in the Spring if contributions are forthcoming. Please give your contributions to Glen & Geoffrey Dean not later than 29th February.

Church & World Mission Group

On October 23rd, the Group met to review our commitments and decide on the allocation of funds available for the year ending December 2003.

LEPROSY MISSION

Bobby Hitchin advised us that the total sent to Headquarters so far, including proceeds from the lunch amounted to £338-35. She expressed her thanks to those who continue to fill phials for this part of our involvement.

CHRISTIAN AID

Bett Swierk reported that over 30 shoe boxes had been donated, and proposed that this work would continue in 2004, for those who desire to do so. A Carol Service at Lancing College Chapel on December 4th. would raise further funds for Worthing supporters.

Christian Aid was involved in Nicaragua, Central America, providing funds for the poorest smallholders to purchase plots of land to grow "Fair Trade" crops.

TEAR FUND

Gaynor Anderson-Easey is proposing to organise an event in the Spring of 2004 in support of this Organisation.

GHANA

Monica Leal continues to keep in touch with Rev. Samuel Nkrumah, who has been moved to a less isolated parish; and another church is commencing their re-Building programme,

BIBLE SOCIETY

Margaret Butcher informed us that the Society celebrates its Bi-centenary in 2004, among other events, there is to be a national service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Group acknowledged the past Colin Nodes request, that donations be made to this Society.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Geoffrey Dean had information that new airstrips were being created to enable access from Uganda to vulnerable Christian groups in Southern Sudan, enabling other agencies to support need there.

LIVING HOPE MINISTRIES

We heard from Geoffrey that this Lancing based Ministry has organised a mission tour in Uganda; and a series of seminars to Church Pastors in Nigeria; where the Christian tribes face opposition from the Muslim tribes.

FEBA

Continue to develop technological facilities to enable the gospel to be beamed in the vernacular languages in parts of the Middle East.

Contact with Wycliffe and Ruth Chatfield will be taken on by myself.

The allocation of the funds available to us for 2003 was approved.

£150 to Living Hope Ministries

£150 to Mission Aviation Fellowship

£70 (approx) to be sent to FEBA

We are grateful that Geoffrey Dean continues to be a member of the Group as representative of the Church Meeting; our thanks to him for his devoted work.. I am now Chairman of the group, following the rearrangement of elders responsibilities after the July elections.

Alec Ralph

Bible Society

£270.24 has been collected for the Bible Society (£235.60 from Colin Node's funeral and £34.54 from Bible Society Sunday) Thank you to all who helped us achieve this figure.

Send a Cow

Approximately £2700 has been donated from the Worthing Area Team Ministry from the Christmas giving, for this charity. £2000 is sufficient to buy, not a cow, but a farmyard !! Goring raised £452.00 Thank you.

A **Christian Aid** & **CMS** event

Living Stones

**An evening exploring the faith, culture
and stories of the Palestinian people**

**Pre-booking
essential**



**St Matthew's Church, Tarring Road, Worthing
Weds 11 February 2004, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
FOOD WILL BE SERVED. ALL WELCOME**

Further details from: Rev John Chitham 01903 218026
Katie Hagley (CA) 01273 470504, Tim Morgan (CMS) 01227 752691

RUTH'S CHAT

(from the FIELD)

No.33

Congo-Brazzaville

Dec 2003/Jan 2004

Dear friends,

Here I am belatedly renewing contact as we enter a new year. My lounge is still decorated with Christmas cards, and my email box is bursting at the seams with seasonal greetings tucked in between all the work emails. Thanks to all of you who've made contact, and may the Lord bless your New Year! (In this culture it's OK to send New Year greetings until the end of January!).

So what's been keeping me busy since I last wrote in August?

At the end of **August**, Andrea Waldschmidt, my friend and colleague here in Congo since 1994, announced her engagement to Sylvain Ebengue! Sylvain is Congolese, and he and Andrea have been attending the same church for some years, although Andrea had not considered him as a potential husband until a few weeks before the announcement, so it was nearly as much of a surprise to her as to us! More about this below...



During **September** I continued to give time to the Teke project, in order to make final decisions about changes and corrections to the Teke reading and writing manual. This revised manual then was published at the beginning of December and is now being used in the Teke-speaking area as the basis for classes teaching the Teke alphabet to those already literate in French.

October saw me in Cameroon, taking a course on tone in African languages. Not only did we improve our skills at hearing and writing

down correctly the tones (or melodies) of words and phrases, we also learned more about what tonal patterns to look out for in the languages in this part of Africa, and how we might want to mark them in orthographies. Despite the fact that most of the Congolese languages we work with do not currently write tone marks, there ARE languages which need it written, and others need analysis...

In **November** we brought together again translators from five different languages to complete the work on two booklets of Scripture portions based on Luke's Gospel. This was the fourth workshop dealing with these texts, and we were very pleased that, with the help of Keith Beavon (translation consultant from SIL-Cameroon), we were able to finalise the booklets and send them for printing to the Scripture Gift Mission. We hope to have the booklets available for use in churches sometime next year.



As soon as we finished the Luke workshop in **December**, we changed gears in order to prepare for Andrea and Sylvain's wedding days on 12th and 13th December. Yes, I say "days" because there were three different ceremonies:

First the traditional bride-price ceremony on Friday (in this case, Andrea's church and SIL-Congo acted as stand-in parents for Andrea and received gifts from Sylvain's family, and Andrea had to feed a blind-folded Sylvain some traditional German food – see left), then the official wedding at the Town Hall on Saturday morning, and finally the church service and blessing on Saturday afternoon. We were all quite exhausted by the end, not least the bride and groom, but it was a joyful two days of celebration and thanks-giving to God for this brand-new couple

Sylvain was not able to get his passport in time for them to travel to Germany to spend Christmas with Andrea's family, but they hope to travel once the passport and visa are issued.

After all the excitement I was happy to have a quiet Christmas in Brazzaville. I will be seeing in the New Year in Pointe Noire, whilst

helping the SIL family there to move both their house and the office to a new location.

Once we get into **January**, I will be progressively handing-over my responsibilities as country leader to John Phillips, who returned to Congo in October with his wife Elisabeth and their daughters (Miriam and Chantal), after some years of absence. We are very happy to have this experienced family back with us in the team, especially as Andrea will need to reduce her work hours a bit, (but she will continue to work for SIL), and I will be leaving for some months in England later in the year!

I expect to be in England by **April Fool's Day**, and will be taking some time to rest after a busy two and a half years in Congo. I'll write in more detail about my schedule in England hopefully in March. I'm grateful to God for keeping me going during the times when the work-load has been heavy and the stress of decisions and responsibilities was not easy.

Regarding the prayer requests I gave back in August, the church which was asked to support one of its pastors as a full-time translator has sadly declined to do so, and the checking of the Munukutuba New Testament has not been completed by the end of this year as was scheduled, due to a couple of set-backs.

- Please pray that the final chapters of Hebrews in Munukutuba can be checked at the beginning of January!

- Please pray also for wisdom in knowing how to react to some dissatisfaction which has arisen among SIL employees recently.

- Please pray again for more workers. It's a relief to be handing over responsibilities to John, but he really needs more help than is currently available to keep up with all the administrative tasks.

- Please pray that we will be open to the Lord's leading in 2004!



Sylvain and Andrea saying their vows at the Town Hall

(Continued from page 15)

Having just celebrated Jesus' first coming, I am reminded that we are to expect his second coming at any moment:

"I am coming soon! Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown." (Rev. 3v11)

All the best for 2004!

Ruth

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CHRONICLE MAILING

After three or four years of being responsible for the Chronicle mailing, Mrs Eileen Jordan believes that the time has come for her to stand down from this duty and to let somebody else take over. We thank her for all that she has done in this way during the last few years. Ron continues to provide a very worthwhile service by checking for mistakes before they are printed. Thank you Ron too.

If anybody feels that they would like to take over from Eileen, please speak to either Jane Bond or Graham Redman for information

Just for a laugh

- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water" and this evening, "Searching for Jesus".

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Sunday Services

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Morning Worship
 - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.
 - Family service monthly as announced
 - Junior Church with Crèche
- 6.00pm Evening Worship
 - with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month
 - Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month.

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Dear Friends,

Two horse riders were making their way across the South Downs when they came across an injured seagull. It was obviously injured fluttering on the path in front of them unable to get airborne. The lead horse stopped dead when it saw the gull and refused point blank to go any further. The rider on the second horse took his animal past the bird and waited for his companion to catch up. But as hard as he tried, the rider of the first horse could not persuade his mount to pass the bird. This went on until the gull managed to get itself into the air and make good its escape. This was a totally irrational reaction from the horse, because what harm could an injured bird do to a 16 hand hunter!

Sometimes we too have irrational reactions to life's challenges.

It could be worth looking at Matthew ch 14 v 22 - 33. It is the account of Peter leaping out of the

boat he was in and running across the lake to meet Jesus. Not exactly the wisest of moves. Especially as he didn't actually make it! Jesus had to rescue him. Peter started out OK, in faith, but let his eyes wander away from Jesus. He let doubt creep in. His faith suffered and he started to go under.

This is the start of Lent 2004, a real chance to develop our faith and trust in Jesus. An opportunity that we must take, so that despite the problems that life throws at us, we are able to deal with them. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus and not as Peter did let our attention wander. If we do, we will follow Peter and go under. We need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus to ensure we don't.

There are all sorts of opportunities during Lent to develop our understanding of Jesus.

So why not use them to grow in faith, trust and maturity.

Norman

“Here thou art but a stranger, but a stranger, travelling to thy country, where the glories of a kingdom are prepared for thee.

It were therefore, a huge folly to be much afflicted because thou hast a less convenient inn to lodge in by the way”. Anon



Engagement

Hilary and Graham Redman are pleased to announce the engagement of their elder son Edward Paul to Mary Elizabeth Lee.

Paul and Mary are planning for their wedding to take place in July of this year in Mary's home town of Basingstoke.



For your prayers

Please remember several of our friends presently and recently in hospital:-

Mrs Ailsa Blackwood
Mr Les Burrage
Mr Tom Lyons
Mr Harry Offer
Mrs Pheniah Taylor

We remember the sick in our midst and pray for them, and those who care for them, and for their families and friends.

We remember also, Mrs Elsie Marsh in our prayers who died on Sunday 22 February 2004. We pray for her family and friends that they may be comforted.



Rehearsal times for "The June Show"

Are to be held on the following days, all at 2.00pm:-

6 March, 13 March,
10 April, 8 May, 16 May

It is planned to include music from the 1950s to the present day, with a time travelling theme. More information may be obtained from Malcolm Nicholls

Christians Together in Goring Ecumenical Lent Groups Bury Drive or St Richard's Church

This year the studies will be based on the Lord's Prayer and each session will include listening to a CD. Each meeting has a theme and a purpose based on the Lord's Prayer. This year the Lent courses are to be held at two venues:-

1. Bury Drive Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays,
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th of March.
2. St Richard's, Maybridge at 10.00am on Wednesdays,
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of March.
These sessions at St Richard's will be followed with a lunch of soup, roll, cheese, biscuits coffee and tea.
The charge of £2.00 will be given to charity.

The Lent Groups are part of a prayer initiative in Sussex during 2004 the theme being "Your Kingdom Come" - lighting the Flame of Hope for Sussex. This is an invitation to Sussex churches backed by their leaders to unite in prayer for our communities, by holding a period or days of prayer this year. Many churches in Sussex towns have agreed to do this. This initiative came from a heart burden to hear and seek the Lord's presence and to pray. CTG have felt a call to cooperate with this heart burden for the life of our churches and the growth of new spiritual life in our communities. Three members of CTG including Rev. Nigel O'Dwyer our fraternal representative have been to a training day at Lewes URC. Three members attended the launch service in Chichester Cathedral led by Churches Together in Chichester. ~~The Cathedral was filled with members of all~~ denominations. Further information about being part of this call to intercession will follow.

Jesus said, "When you pray say - Our Father"



Sussex URC suggested 2004 Daily Individual Prayer Focus

Mondays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in individual members of the URC.

Tuesdays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in the local URC Church and other churches in the area.

Wednesdays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in the URC and other churches in Sussex.

Thursdays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in the local community.

Fridays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in Sussex.

Saturdays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in the UK.

Sundays

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in the world!

For more information contact: Rev. Dr. Sas Conradie; Sussex URC

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Sun 16 Team Service at Shelley Rd URC



Women's World Day of Prayer

**Annual Service
Friday, 5th March**



"In Faith Women Shape the Future"

Prepared by Christian Women of Panama

After years of hardship and struggle Panama is now an independent nation, proud of the ethnic and racial diversity of its people and of its strong Christian heritage. As in many parts of the world, women are emerging as a major presence in public life and it is their faith and determination that the women of Panama celebrate in this service

Services in this area are:

3.00pm St Richard's, Collingwood Rd., Maybridge
Speaker: Rev Jo Gavigan

8.00pm New Life Church, Durrington
Speaker: Miss Lyn Tiller

This is the first time a WWDP service has been held at St Richard's and it will be really nice if we can support it.

If you need help with transport please speak to Eileen Rhodes, Tel 248263

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING A new Christian Care Home ?

**God wishes us to respect, care and speak up for the elderly.
Much of this caring is necessarily done in care homes.**

In November, I reported briefly on a presentation by John and Celia Royston (Managers at Koinonia Nursing Home) regarding the scarcity of Care Home places in Worthing, particularly those of a Christian nature. They wish now to find out the feelings of local churches towards supporting the idea of a new Christian care home in the locality.

Under God's blessing, *Churches Together in Worthing Homeless Projects* is successful, as churches support one another.

To progress this idea, John and Celia Royston have circulated a questionnaire. Goring URC has 64 people (49 members) over 80 years of age, 11 people are in care homes visited by 7 elders. Some of these people might have preferred to be cared for in a Christian care home.

In Worthing, there appears to be no Christian care home for elderly Christians, except of course Koinonia.

- How many of us, reading this would prefer to live in a Christian care home, when we come to needing care?
- How many of us, have a real burden to help in this need?

The Roystons will judge the need from church replies.

After our November Church Meeting, I telephoned Mrs Celia Royston. She said that she would write to each church, to identify those with a burden for this need. She proposes to bring those burdened together, to seek how to satisfy this need. Expertise advice would certainly come from Koinonia.

Michael Donnelly



ROWLAND SINGERS

It is the custom of the Rowland Singers to perform one of their Easter Concerts in this church, and this year is no exception.

They will be singing Handel's Messiah on -

Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm

The Soloists are:-

Soprano - Helen Emery
Contralto - Fiona Cartmel
Tenor - Anthony Cartmel
Bass - Nick Ryder
Organist - Donovan Brown
Conductor - Jacky Emery

Entry is by programme at £5.00 and these can be obtained from members of the choir or on the door. After expenses have been paid the balance is divided between the choir and our church. So do come and support this well-loved Oratorio

Sheila Gooderham

Do join us for an encouraging day as we take

'One Step at a time'

A story of endurance and perseverance with

Julie Sheldon

Friday 12 March 2004 9.15am - 2.30pm

At Broadwater Baptist Church

CPAS Ministry Among Women

A letter from the Executive Director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators -

Dear friend,

A pastor in a desert region of Africa reports that people belonging to one people group are having visions across three countries which they roam. He personally has talked to around 50 people who have had the vision and the entire main town they reside in is talking about it.

The vision is of Jesus, flying along about two meters above the sand with an open book in His hand. The book has the name Jesus on it. Even children who can't read are sure about the name on the book. It seems obvious that the Lord is preparing people for the coming of the New Testament in the local language next year, (it was type set in the UK earlier this year).

(Note that while visions of this sort are rare in the West, it is much more common for people to have visions that lead them to faith in areas where they do not have access to the scriptures and opportunities for sharing are limited).

The pastor says that scores of people have been coming to have the vision explained, including a man from a radio station run by the dominant religion in the area. He wanted him to preach about Jesus on this radio station. The pastor said he would on the condition that the church could have a one hour slot each week at a time of their choosing. This was allowed and they now get to preach for free on the radio every Sunday evening., just as the local population sit down for their supper (with the radio on).

Thank you for your prayers and support in providing God's Word to people groups around the world,.

May you know God's grace,
Geoff Knott, Executive Director



TRACKWORD

How many three or more letter words can you find by tracking from one square to the next. You can track up, down, diagonally or sideways and in order, you may not go through the same letter again or use proper nouns or foreign words. Can you find the nine letter word as we look towards Easter.

T	H	E
O	I	R
M	G	N

Can you beat the brain's score of 26 ?

Just for a laugh

- The preacher for next Sunday will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.
- Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things around the house not worth keeping. Don't forget to bring your husbands.

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Day of Prayer	1st Thursday in month (See Centre Pages)
Prayer & Praise	3rd Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

- with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.

- Family service monthly as announced

- Junior Church with Crèche

6.00pm Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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May Chronicle Closing Dates

**Sunday 11 April for typed and E-mailed articles
(Sunday 4 April for handwritten articles)**

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from the Manse . . . Rev Andrew Sellwood

Dear Friends

There are many images that come to mind when we think of Easter. Easter Bunnies, Easter Baskets, Easter Eggs, Easter Holidays, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc. Easter Symbols: The last supper, the cross, nails, a crown of thorns, the garden tomb, the stone, the grave clothes, the resurrection. But through all these familiar things there is a challenge we face, and one we sometimes miss. Each time we experience the Easter season, it can lose its Impact and become almost stale. We've heard the messages, we've seen the images, watched the plays, some even seen the film! We've been shocked by the horror of all that Jesus endured – torture and crucifixion. But in our world of violence and cruelty and the medias graphic portrayal of such things, we can become numb to it and miss the reality of sacrificial love. As a result over time (so sociologists say), it just doesn't seem to be as "Amazing" or "Exciting." We can become dull.

We annually re-visit the **passion of Christ**, but how does that motivate our **passion for Christ**?

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me... I'm telling you this solemn truth: Whenever you did one

of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-36,40 - The Message)

Jesus was Drawing a Line in the Sand...

For those who were NOT His Followers. "It's time to make a choice! Do you believe that I am the Son of God, the promised Messiah, the saviour or not? You cannot remain neutral!"

For those who WERE His Followers. "It's time to get serious!

You have to stop straddling the line! If you're going to be my follower, then start living like it!"

One side of the line is death, darkness and despair the other side is life, light and liberty.

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US?

Jesus is issuing the same challenge to us! He's drawn a line in the sand, we are urged not to become stale and rigid in our faith! But to pay attention to our attitudes, our actions, the way we treat others. Jesus would say "Don't fall into the dangerous traps of legalism, pride, or hypocrisy!" Now how are we going to respond? To be saddened and feel guilty by the passion of Christ, or to live with a passion for our risen Lord Jesus.

Yours in His service,

Andrew

The Local Church

For your prayers

We give thanks for the Christian witness of our friend Rhona Heydon who died on Sunday 7 March. Her funeral took place at the crematorium on Friday 19 March..

We especially remember her family and friends at this time and pray for the peace of Christ in their hearts.

Jesus said, “ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”



Our thanks

We would like to express our gratitude to Andrew and many kind friends who have offered us help and showed loving concern for us in so many ways. We greatly miss not being fit enough to worship with you on Sundays, due to the problems of age, but we do hope to be back with you before long. Meantime, God bless you all.

Eileen & Ron Jordan



2nd Worthing Scout Group

The 2nd Worthing Scout Group celebrated 80 years scouting with a Thanksgiving Service in our church on Sunday 7th March.

There were at least 200 current and former members, parents and friends present and the occasion was a great success. Our thanks to Caroline for the appropriate banners, Carol for arranging the flowers in our Group colours, Geoffrey for the music and Graham for the amplification.

Gladys sends her thanks for the flowers and kind wishes received following the Scout service.

Bill Marshall

The Local Church

The Ark



Another term has gone by and The Ark has been opening its doors to lots of grandmas mums, aunties and carers. Since Christmas we have seen quite a rise in the number attending, and every one seems to be enjoying themselves. We are looking forward to two happy events - two babies are due within a week of each other in May. We wish their mummies well and remember them in our prayers.

This term we have been building a rainbow on the hall wall board - a fitting follow on from the Noah's Ark collage. We have some really good artistic talent amongst our adults, and the children are loving the glue and big felt tip pens! There's usually something to take home to show off, but if it didn't quite work out who is to know!!

Thank you very much to those who have given us white cardboard, coloured paper, and some fresh carpet - we needed a bigger one. We are always glad of pretty off-cuts and craft knick knacks for our budding artists!

Next term will be all about 'numbers', and after half term we hope to be able to meet in the Field Place park as we did last year.

Don't forget The Ark is a 'drop-in', and you are most welcome to drop in and join in the fun. Coffee/tea etc. is served at about 10.00 am. See you there!

Thank you for your support in prayer and practicalities,

*Gaynor Anderson-Easey, Margaret Butcher,
Sue Gauntlett and Hilary Redman.*

Worthing Area

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
SHELLEY ROAD
(WORTHING AREA TEAM MINISTRY)

BARN DANCE

INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

6.45pm

Saturday 17th April 2004

At

The United Reformed Church Hall
Shelley Road

Tickets:- adult £4.00 Child £1.00

Available from Sheila Gooderham. Worthing 506452

Worship Explosion

What is "Worship Explosion"? I hear you asking. Well that's what I thought when I heard about it, however Andrew said that he was going, so it couldn't be all bad! The leader of this "explosion" was a guy called Matt Redman (no relation to our own family Redman) I had heard of him before, singing on a disc I have of Graham Kendrick, nice and gentle. Anna got a bit excited when I mentioned his name to her, she had jumped about to his songs at the youth club she goes to.....

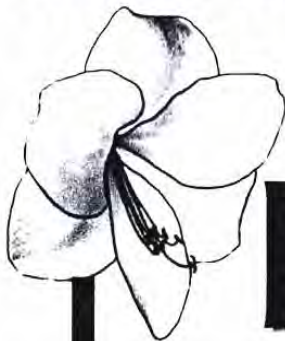
...well anyway I got some tickets and on the evening of Sunday 9th February a small group from GURC went to the Arun Community Church to the Worship Explosion in Littlehampton Community School. At first I thought we were in the wrong place! There were so many young people there! We had Anna and Jonathan with us so we had an excuse to go in! By chance, in the crush our family met up with the others from GURC and we all sat at the back of this very large sports hall, it was standing room only at the front. Since Alan and I last went to Spring Harvest many years ago, I have not seen so many people (800-1000) in one place worshipping our Lord, yet alone so many young people! People from all denominations had gathered together to worship and the atmosphere was quite something. The music was loud (it vibrated through your Sternum) but not by rock concert standards. There were two large screens so all that was happening on the stage and the words of the songs were projected onto these. Everyone was able to participate fully not only singing but dancing or jumping as space allowed. Matt Redman also spoke, reminding us how awesome our God is.

I found the whole evening very exciting, not everyone's cup of tea I agree, but to all be the same could make life tedious. Alan and I are looking forward to the next Worship Explosion in May, which will be lead by Graham Kendrick. It was really heartening to see so many young people, they may not be in our Church, but they are out there. Many thanks to Denise and Ken for looking after Ruth. If anyone would like to join us in the next Worship Explosion let me know and I'll try and get tickets (£5 or £2.50 for concessions).

Valerie Cooper

Worthing Area

Good Friday Concert



*Worthing
Philharmonic
Choir*

Requiem

John Rutter

Stabat Mater

Francis Poulenc

Vanessa Woodfine: soprano
Sussex Symphony Orchestra
conducted by

Mark Andrew James

7.30pm Good Friday 9 April 2004
at the Assembly Hall, Worthing

Tickets £12 (Balcony), £10 & £8 available from the Call Centre
tel. 01903-206206, Pavilion or Connaught Theatre Box Offices,
or at the door

The Choir is a registered Charity: 1064240.
More info: WWW.worthingphilharmonicchoir.org.uk

Outreach Report to Church Meeting 26th February 2004

As promised at the last church meeting more details for the weekend of 12th June have now been worked out.

The idea, to remind you, is that each organisation which uses the Church premises be invited to set up a stall or small exhibition detailing their activities. Each will, of course then, see the others and gain an idea of the "Community of the Church".

We agreed that the weekend should be Saturday/ Sunday 12th/13th June, and that we should extend the event into

Monday 14th June, giving the maximum opportunity for greatest coverage. The Kestro Club will be able to organise themselves around any setting up which will be done on the Friday afternoon. We confirmed that the event should be called "The Church on your doorstep"

Andrew and Jane agreed to write a letter of invitation to all the organisations and to send it out before the end of February. The letter has a return slip which must be returned by the end of March..

Ideas put forward included:-

Beforehand

- church members, perhaps in pairs could visit each organisation to encourage them to become involved and
- prayer walk through each room to 'pray in' those who are invited to come.

For the weekend there could be

- a prayer room with or without devotional music could be made available over the weekend
- refreshments be available throughout the week end
- ad hoc services ie. a hymn/prayer/blessing at intervals throughout, or on the hour, or when ever small groups gather.
- a large banner could be displayed outside to attract attention.
- a balloon race with balloons carrying prayer messages written by the children.
- a bouncy castle.
- a programme of events with a response form to provide feed-back.
- local companies could be invited to sponsor the event.

The Local Church

The church's stall:-

- could use computer visuals, ie 'Powerpoint', to explain the exhibit.
- Jesus videos to give away or made available for £1 donation for St Barnabas.
- Children's Bibles to give away.

The exhibition could be supported by craft/paintings/flowers etc.

The church family will be invited to join teams of helpers esp. for stewarding and refreshments, and to be available over the weekend to pray with visitors should they request it.



Andrew agreed to give a message from the pulpit; and there will be requests for prayer support - by individuals, through the prayer day, Welcome and The Chronicle.

Andrew will advise the other churches in the area of our plans. This report to church meeting is an invitation to members to offer their support and to confirm their commitment to the event. This is to be whole church event and without the help of everyone it will be impractical to continue. Please will you prayerfully consider your response.



The next meeting will be on Monday 5th April when the replies are to hand.

... dates for your Diary



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Mon 5 7.30pm Outreach Meeting

Thu 8 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Fri 9 10.30am Good Friday Service

Sat 10 11.00am Eastertide Morning Melodies at St Columba's. See page 15

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Easter Day

6.30am CTG. Sunrise Service on Sea Front at bottom of Sea Place
 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
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 6.00pm Evening Worship: Rev Simon Franklin

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Preliminary dates for your Diary



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2		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		6.00pm	Evening Worship

Thu	6	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
		9.00am-4.00pm	Day of Prayer
		7.30pm	Evening Prayers

Fri	7		Christian Aid Service
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Sun			Christian Aid Week 9-16 May
9		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship

Tue	11	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: AGM
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Thu	13	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
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Sat	15		Team outing with "Pilots" to Legoland
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Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
16		10.30am	Worthing Area Team Worship at <u>Shelley Road</u> .
		6.00pm	CTG Evening Worship at Bury Drive Methodist Church.

Thu	20	3-4.00pm	Prayer and Praise
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16th - Last day for June Chronicle material

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
23		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Tue	25	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: ADA. Mrs Joyce Taylor
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Thu	27	7.30pm	Church Meeting
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Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
30		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship



Looking ahead into June

Sat 12 — Outreach Weekend for all organisations meeting
 Mon 14 on these Church premises.



Worthing Area

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING COUNCIL & FORUM - 20 February

Environmental

Paul Willis, Environmental Co-ordinator, Worthing Borough Council, spoke on recycling services. A 3% increase in rubbish (by weight) every year, 82% of which goes to landfill sites. In 10 years we will run out of landfill space in Sussex. Only 35% of the town is taking part in the recycling scheme. 1400 Christmas trees collected.

Ecumenical Lent services being organised locally. Worthing Churches Homeless Projects Sponsored Sleep-out—total raised not yet known. '£800,000 needed to set up Re-Recovery project (from drugs and alcohol). Thanks to everyone who contributed food and presents at Christmas time.

200th Anniversary Service of Bible Society - Reverend Samuel Reading, speaker at Worthing Baptist Church, Christchurch Road, 7:30 pm, 8th March.

Christian Aid Carol Service at Lancing College - Chapel full, £6,500 was given. Annual Christian Aid Service at St Columba's URC, 7th May. Christian Aid Week 9th - 15th May.

Shelley Road URC Bicentennial 12th - 17th April - an exhibition 10 am - 4 pm.

Sea Front Fayre - Salvation Army Service, Sunday 25th July 10am, outside the Pier Pavilion. Church orientated, therefore, can some of us go?

Holocaust Day - Rwanda genocide and Holocaust remembered - good reason for Christians to be there.

Michael Donnelly

Report on a Christian Aid & Church Missionary Society event
Living Stones, exploring the faith, culture and stories of the
Palestinian people.

11 February 2004 at St. Matthew's Church, Tarring Road, Worthing

When I arrived, shortly before the meeting was to begin, I was amazed to find St. Matthew's full of people who had come from many churches of the Worthing area. The church benches had been re-arranged, tables with tablecloths put up, and pitta bread, olives, hummus and other Mediterranean dips had been prepared to give us a taste of the Holy Land. And a very informative evening it turned out to be! There were three speakers, in the order of speaking: the wife of the vicar of St. Matthew's, who is Jordanian herself and who gave us an overview of the history of the Holy Land and examples of how the political situation had influenced the lives of real people. The other two speakers, representing Christian Aid and CMS, were a woman and a man who described the experiences they more recently made in Palestine, what everyday life for the Palestinians is like and in which ways Christian Aid and the Church Mission Society work in this country. Lots and lots of interesting information was passed on - at times with the help of slides and also music! - and it was very impressive that all this was done in a totally apolitical way. The audience was presented with facts and they spoke for themselves.

First, a short history of Palestine - Israel was given. For hundreds of years, under the Ottoman rulers, people of the three faiths - Muslims, Christians and Jews - had co-existed in the land called "Palestine". When, towards the end of the 19th century Jewish immigrants began to come into their land, the Palestinians even welcomed them. The number of Jewish people wanting to live in Palestine increased steadily throughout the first half of the 20th century, and then dramatically after the end of the Second World War.

In 1947 the Palestinians made up 70% of the population, owning 92% of Palestine, and the UN suggested to partition Palestine between the Palestinians and the Jews, whereby 47% of the land was allocated to the Palestinians. However, on the 14 May 1948, the day when the state of Israel came into existence, Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, stated that all of Israel was the Holy Land. When US President Truman signed the recognition of the State of Israel, there was no mention of its borders. Still in 1948, in the War of Independence, Israel expanded beyond the UN-drawn partition lines, leaving the Palestinians with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, a land area which is 22% of what

was "historic Palestine". More wars were fought, more fighting took place....

After the 14 May 1948 about 750 000 Palestinians fled to the Lebanon and to Jordan, hoping that they would be able to return to their country soon. The UN gave them the right of return already in 1948, but their children and grandchildren still live in refugee camps.

Nowadays, 6.1 million Israelis live on 20, 770 sq km of land. The Palestinian Arabs live mainly in the West Bank - 2.2 million on 5,860 sq km - and in the Gaza Strip -1.3 million on 360 sq km, which makes Gaza one of the most densely populated areas of the world. Arab Israelis in theory are free to go anywhere. However, there are checkpoints on the roads manned by Israeli soldiers who can stop anyone from continuing his journey whenever they want to and without having to give a reason.

One of the speakers of the evening said that she went to the Holy Land as a tourist in 1998 and she experienced then how life was made hard for people, if they arrived at a checkpoint in a Palestinian car, and how frustrating she found it. No doubt, in 2004, the situation at checkpoints must be a lot more tense and difficult.

When checkpoints are closed, it means that many Palestinians from the West Bank and from Gaza cannot go to their working places in Israel.

Unemployment, in general, has increased a lot and with it financial hardship. According to the UN, unemployment in the Palestinian territories stands at more than 40% and almost two thirds of the population live below the \$2-a-day poverty line. Christian Aid is working in Gaza by training people, for example, as mechanics and seamstresses, and by helping people who need counselling and trauma treatment. CMS has been involved in the Holy Land for 150 years. CMS gives annual grants to two Palestinian hospitals and it supports various Christian organisations which work for a just peace between Jews and Palestinians and which give help to needy people. For example, one Christian organisation takes Palestinian children from Gaza who need specialist medical treatment to Tel Aviv hospital where they are treated by Jewish doctors.

The third speaker gave a lot of information about the "defence wall" which Israel began constructing against Palestinian suicide bombers in 2002. The Israeli government has implemented a programme of demolishing Palestinian houses, schools and health centres to build this wall. Farmland has been cut in half or destroyed and very important access to water supply has been cut off for many Palestinian people. Every now and then there are small gates in the wall, but they are locked, and if they are not opened by the

Israeli soldiers, this can have serious consequences, for example, the harvest cannot be brought in. Some people now cannot reach their shop or their working place on the other side of the wall, and some children cannot get to their schools. In some places, the wall goes deeply into Palestinian territory and it goes through the middle of Palestinian towns, separating families and communities. The Palestinians have called this wall an "apartheid wall". The International Red Cross, which avoids making statements that could be interpreted in a political way, has stated that it considers this wall to be against international humanitarian law and says that it is a violation of the Geneva Convention. This wall costs 1 million dollars per mile to build and it will be more than 200 miles long. The World Council of Churches has said that "with security walls, total closures and checkpoints, Palestinian towns have become large prisons."

Christian Aid and CMS urge us to "Take Action". If many of us could write to our MP asking him to make our politicians exert pressure in the right places, this could help to bring about a just solution of the Israeli - Palestinian conflict.

Monika Leal

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February 2004

Dear Friends,

I have pleasure in enclosing an annual report of Ruth Chatfield's work with Wycliffe and SIL during 2003. It is sent with our thanks for all the financial and prayer support you have given them during these twelve months.

The information included in this may have been shared with you already but I hope you will find it helpful to have it compiled into one report. There is also a section on Ruth's plans for the current year, which will give you points for prayer throughout the year.

Usually, we ask for a report from a member's supervisor for inclusion in this letter, and this year we have received the following:

"The Entity Director visited Brazzaville and spent time reviewing the work there and interacting with Ruth. It was amazing to see how the Lord has enabled Ruth to take the leadership in Congo over this past year. She has a big capacity for work but also diligently gives herself to the task and shoulders responsibility well. This was much appreciated by the whole SIL team in Congo and in

fact, has allowed us to continue to work in that country which was in question at the beginning of 2003. We are pleased that she has been able to hand on the leadership responsibilities to a colleague at this time. Ruth has also continued the language work among the Teke people and this year was not easy with the loss of a Teke leader from the team. Ruth has faithfully served the Lord in Congo now for 10 years and as she returns to UK for furlough soon, we highly commend her to you for your love, support and encouragement. In due time we will look forward to her return and trust she will be refreshed mentally, spiritually and emotionally after carrying a heavy load so excellently."

We are glad that Ruth is working with us, and thank you again for your partnership in this rewarding and exciting ministry. Your investment in the work of Bible translation gives impetus to our Vision 2025 initiative, the goal of which is to begin a translation project by 2025 in every group that is still without the Word of God.

Yours sincerely

Christine Waring
Director, Member Services

RUTH CHATFIELD'S ANNUAL REPORT 2003 FOR SUPPORTING CONSTITUENCY AND OTHER FRIENDS

The work that I have been doing this past year is: Country Leader, SIL-Congo

Location: Brazzaville, Congo

Highlights of the year include:

- We started off the year in crisis mode, with the death of the Teke project coordinator, and the sudden departure from the field of our country leader and his family, leaving us barely able to continue. A highlight of the year was seeing how God stepped in during February and March to enable us to continue with the work here in Congo! He provided 'out of the blue' and at short notice, 1) a Congolese administrator, 2) an experienced translation consultant to take over supervising the completion of the New Testament translation in the trade language, Munukutuba, and 3) an experienced SIL member from Central African Republic to help with training and language programmes.
- In November we held a translation workshop which enabled us to finalise the Luke portion booklets which will now be published by Scripture Gift Mission in five different Congolese languages this year. This project was started in 2001, so it was great to finally complete the work on the booklets and send them off for printing!
- In December we reprinted the Teke reading and writing manual, after a major revision. This was also a project which we had been trying to finish for a long time. We praise God that these manuals are now in use in reading and writing classes in the Teke speaking area.

Setbacks or disappointments I have encountered:

- It has been a hard year in terms of heavy workload, technical problems with computers and with frequent power cuts, some tensions and misunderstandings with personnel.
- I sometimes felt overwhelmed by my responsibilities and ill-prepared to spend so much time dealing with financial spreadsheets, writing financial reports and funding requests! But I made it through the year, with God's help.

Health: Good. No major problems apart from tiredness.

Support level: Adequate financial support. Thanks to you all!

Plans for the coming year: I am currently handing over my responsibilities to the new Country Leader, and I leave on furlough at the end of March 2004. I am looking forward to a time of rest and refreshment, and to seeing many of my friends and faithful supporters.

Signed: Ruth Chatfield

Date: 17th February 2004

RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

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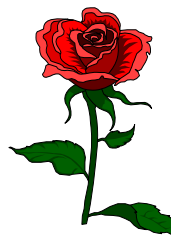
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March 2004



THANK-YOU for 10 years of faithful service!

As I prepare to return to England for some months, it's good to look back over the past 10 years in Congo. Yes, that's how long it's been since I started working in Congo to further Bible translation and literacy in African languages.



You've been a great support team to me along the way! I've not had to worry about finances, thanks to those of you who've given so faithfully over the years. What a privilege! Your prayers on my behalf have also made a difference. Special thanks to my friends in Streatham who've been meeting every month to pray for me and other missionaries!

I've certainly been changed by Africa. I've seen what a struggle life is for many: to find a source of income, pay their medical bills, stay honest in a corrupt society. I've learned to distinguish between essentials and all the non-essential things which so easily clutter our lives. I've seen also the spiritual battle. Satan does all he can to block effective communication of the Gospel, in whatever language - but he doesn't have the last word!

The verse-by-verse checking of the New Testament in Munukutuba did get finished in January! The glossary and book introductions are now being worked on. Progress in other languages is still slow, although we do have alphabets, initial literacy materials, and Scripture portions in several of them. I know that just being here and sharing in the lives of Congolese is as important as having a lot of "products" to show. I've been blessed by the warmth and stamina of my Congolese friends.

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As I finish handing over work responsibilities to others in the SIL-Congo team, I am reminded of the words of Jesus:

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10v10)

May this be increasingly true for many more Congolese, for the missionaries who work here, and for each one of you!

I'll see some of you soon!

Blessings, **Ruth**

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My programme: I expect to spend about six months in UK.

30th March: Arrive Heathrow early morning

APRIL: Rest & readjustment to life in UK, Holiday in Sweden (9th-19th April)

MAY/JUNE: Wycliffe members' conference: (4th-7th May), time in Streatham and Worthing, visiting family, friends and churches. (Please contact me if you want me to speak at your church)

MID-JULY to EARLY SEPTEMBER: At the Wycliffe Centre (Nr High Wycombe). I will be working as Registrar for those attending the different training courses.



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Miscellaneous

TRACKWORD

How many three or more letter words can you find by tracking from one square to the next. You can track up, down, diagonally or sideways and in order, you may not go through the same letter again or use proper nouns or foreign words. Can you find the nine letter word(s)?

A	Y	E
D	A	S
R	E	T

All words must appear in the Oxford English dictionary

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Send your results to reach the Editor (Contact details inside rear cover) by Sunday 11 April. The winner will be printed in next month's magazine with their winning list of words.

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Last month's list of words -

Ergot	Hog	Mire	Rig	Tin
Grim	Hit	Mother	Ring	Tie
Gin	Hire	Nit	The	Tog
Grit	Hot	Other	Their	Tire
Got	Homing	Reign	Thing	Ting
Grin	Ingot	Riot		
Heir	Moth			

- and the 9 letter word: Mothering

Just for a laugh

- Low self-esteem support group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves.

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Day of Prayer	1st Thursday in month (See Centre Pages)
Prayer & Praise	3rd Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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Sunday Services

8.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Morning Worship

- with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.

- Family service monthly as announced

- Junior Church with Crèche

6.00pm

Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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If we do believe that God loves and cares for us as individual men and women then we will also come to realize that our lives are not meant to be haphazard, depending on circumstances and other people's whims. We will come to understand that God really does have a plan for every one of us, a plan which he will guide us toward as we come closer to him. Even if we are not young and active God still has plans for us. A friend who has recently gone into a Care Home was amazed at the way in which other people in the home have begun to come to him as someone who they can talk with about life, about God and about the Christian faith. However immobile we might become simply the way we live speaks volumes about our faith and trust in God.

Let's take time, then, to ask God for guidance as to how he wants us to live our lives, what he wants us to do with our time. All of us do have enough time to do God's will. We do not have enough time to fritter it away on distractions and diversions.

May we all spend time quietly coming to understand God's will for us. May we give all our time to him so that we use it as he would have us do.

*With love and blessings to you all,
Margaret*

Easter
 **BLESSINGS**

Bill West - 100 - 1st May

Congratulations to Bill West as he celebrates his 100th birthday this month.

Read letters of congratulations and see some birthday photographs in next month's Chronicle.

Happy Special Birthday Bill

*News of the fellowship***Tom Lyons**

We remember in our prayers, Tom Lyons who died on 14 April in Worthing Hospital. We thank the Lord for Tom's Christian witness over so many years and for the work that he has done in this Church.

Tom was an elder in this Church from 1985.

We pray for Doris and for her family at this time, that they may receive the peace of God in their hearts.

Ken & Vera Irving

We wish to thank all our friends for their good wishes for Vera, when she spent four weeks in hospital following her fall which resulted in a fractured hip, then for the congratulations on our diamond wedding anniversary on 1st April. Our Doctor is planning to send us for convalescence for the benefit of us both. Vera is still very poorly, and Ken has a bad attack of shingles. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ken & Vera Irving

Elizabeth Taylor wishes to thank all friends for the beautiful flowers sent on the occasion of her 92nd birthday.



Harry Offer died late on Friday 2 April. We remember in our prayers his wife, Win and their 3 sons and a daughter.

Elders Election July 2004

Every year at the beginning of May we seek the names of Church members who may be willing to respond to the call to Eldership, to elect new Elders and to re-elect those who have had a break in service and are willing to stand for a further period of three years.

This year, three Elders stand down after 3 years and are eligible for re-election; they are Mrs Sheila Gooderham, Mrs Carol Webber and Mr Ken Woods.

Nominees must have been Church Members for at least two years on the 1st September in the year of their election, and can only be nominated by church members. Nomination forms are available from Sunday 2nd May and the last date for handing them in is Sunday 30th May 2004.

The permission of the nominee must be obtained, and the nomination form must be signed by the nominee. the

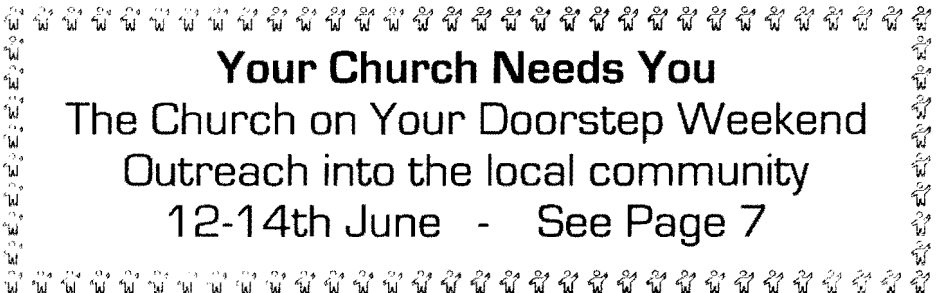
proposer and seconder. The forms are available in the vestibule.

If you have any questions about the Election of Elders, if you believe that you are being called, or if you are approached by someone who would like to nominate you and you would like to talk to someone, please speak to one of the Ministers or one of the Elders.

Annual Appointments

At our July Church Meeting we will confirm or make new appointments to our Administrative Groups and also to various responsibilities taken by many members in the church. (see pages 4, 5 and 8 in the Handbook) Please prayerfully consider your own role and confirm with me if you are able to continue. However if you feel called to a new task, wish to change, or stand down at this time, let me know now so that we can ensure continuity in our service in the life of the church.

Jane Bond



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Tuesday Fellowship

Recent Meetings

Today I feel privileged to have been asked to take on a new job; that of reporting to you all about the Fellowship's activities.

However, before doing so I would like, on behalf of Tuesday Fellowship, to give a very big and grateful THANK YOU to Joan Burrage for all the years she did what I (in fear and trepidation) am about to do. Dear Joan, you are a very hard act to follow and I hope and pray that I can fill your shoes as well as you did. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Les and may God bless you both.

During March we had two very interesting talks.

On Tuesday 2nd Mrs Brenda Matthews entertained us all with "Not to be sneezed at" – and what couldn't we sneeze at? Her most amazing collection of commemorative and souvenir handkerchiefs.

Now a Grandma, Brenda has collected them since she was a small girl and has hankies from all round the world and for every event that

ever needed to be commemorated, including the funeral of Queen Victoria! She has hundreds: all beautifully mounted and presented. I look forward to seeing her one day on the Antiques Roadshow.

On Tuesday 16th Mrs Mollie Priest showed us her "Cups of Blessings". She has a lovely collection of cups in all shapes and sizes and she spoke most movingly of what they meant to her as individual items and of the people and places from whom and from where they came. Even the dear old "Beryl" in the church was included, for as she said, what better blessing than a cup of tea with friends. How very true!

For our Easter Meeting we warmly welcomed our friends the Revd David Bedford-Groom and his wife Anne. The Easter story was told from a very different standpoint and was both inspiring and thought-provoking. David cast himself as Jesus' "spin-doctor", advising Our Lord as to what he should or should not do but, of course, Jesus had no need of such advice. He knew what had to be done – to die that we might live, and to rise again – Hallelujah!

Members' Afternoon. 13th April.

Some of us brought our crafts and hobbies to talk about. Bobby dropped some of us in at the deep-end by giving out a subject on which to speak for 3 minutes – not an easy task!

But without a doubt the highlight of the afternoon was our dear friend Bill West giving an amusing anecdote of treatment he received from a London Hospital many years ago. He can still do the exercises he was taught at that time including touching his toes! Most amazingly though he was able to recite (word perfectly) the passage from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" of Polonius speaking to the young Prince, something not many of us could do – even if we knew it in the first place!

All this from someone who was 100 years young on 1st May.

Truly a magnificent achievement. WELL DONE BILL!

Doreen Norris

The Church on your Doorstep Weekend 12-14 June

Plans are going well for our open day weekend on 12-14th June, as suggested by the Outreach Group and approved by Church Meeting (see April Chronicle). Everyone may be involved in what we pray will be a happy and fruitful time of showing our local community about the love of our Lord Jesus in the fellowship at Goring United Reformed Church.

There will be displays from each organisation around the Church and Hall. We hope there will be a programme of events, videos, times of song and praise, and a quiz on Saturday evening.

So please offer to help - as a steward, with publicity, or with refreshments or in whatever way you can contribute, but also particularly with your prayers that we may be led by the Holy Spirit.

Look out later for a list at the back of the church to sign your help.

Jane Bond



Sun 2	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship: Mr Michael Donnelly
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Thu 6	9.00am-11.00am 9.00am-4.00pm 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Day of Prayer Evening Prayers
Fri 7	7.30pm	Christian Aid Service. St Columba's URC. See page 12

Sun 9	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin Family Worship: Rev Vic Sumner Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood	9th - Last day for June Chronicle material
Tue 11	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: AGM	
Thu 13	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Christian Aid Week 9 - 15 May
Sat 15	2.30pm	Team outing with "Pilots" to Legoland Christian Aid Concert at St Columba's. See page 12	

Sun 16	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Marie Roe Worthing Area Team Worship at <u>Shelley Road</u> . CTG Evening Worship at Bury Drive Methodist
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Thu 20	3-4.00pm	Prayer and Praise
Sat 22	9.30am	Church Working Party

Sun 23	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby Morning Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Arthur Williams
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Tue 25	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: ADA. Mrs Joyce Taylor
Thu 27	7.30pm	Church Meeting

Sun 30	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Robin Bradley Morning Worship : Mr Wilfred Rhodes Evening Worship: Mr Ron Flashman
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Thu	3	9.00am-11.00am 9.00am-4.00pm 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Day of Prayer Evening Prayers
Fri	4	TBA	The Show. Refer to Mr Malcolm Nicholls for details.
Sat	5	TBA	The Show

	6	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship with Holy Communion Evening Worship
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Thu 10 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sat 12 10.00am **Open Week-end Sat 12 - Mon 14 June**

	13	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Family Worship Evening Worship
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**13th - Last day
for July
Chronicle material**

Sat 19 9.30am Church Working Party

	20	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship with Holy Communion
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	27	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship with Holy Communion
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Looking ahead into July

24th	Seafront Fair
29th	Elders Election



Goring by Sea Pilots Company

All aboard for Pilots! Following the success of our two taster sessions, the officers, (Bett, Sue, Janet, Doreen and Ricky) and myself have decided to launch Pilots properly. Our first full session will be 19th April, so by the time Chronicle goes to print we will be several sessions down the line.

Thank-you for your continued support and prayers, please keep it up!

Our grateful thanks go to Mr David Butcher for searching his loft and finding a wall mounted ship's bell for us.

Valerie Cooper (Captain)

Handbook 2003-04 Amendments

Page 19

Change Mr Ian Hennel's telephone number to read - 01903 210503

Delete the name: Mrs Rhona Heydon who passed away on 7 March.

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Delete the name: Mr Harry Offer who passed away on 2 April

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Mr Les & Mrs Beryl Richardson have moved home; their new address is -

17 The Rowans, Grand Avenue, Worthing. BN11 5AT

Telephone: 01903 XXXXXXX

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New entry: Ms Amina Whittey

128 Barrington Road, Goring by Sea, Worthing. BN12 4RS

Telephone: 01903 610671

Pastoral Elder: Mr Ken Woods

Church Banners

A little while ago Andrew told me about a lady in the midlands who has seen a photo of one of 'Our' banners and would like to know how we started. Some one had photographed the banner when they were visiting because they were so taken with it. Andrew passed on my telephone number and I spoke to the lady directly and sent her details of how we started. Also what an amazing feeling of fellowship in our church family it promoted.

The Church is Hinckley Methodist Church, and the lady's name is Auriol Summers and the photographer, whose name I do not know, but I do know he is Jill Sellwood's father! So the idea of a collective project is spreading.

Auriol has asked that we keep in touch if we have anything to share which may be quite soon. We have been considering making another conventional banner which we will start in September - so watch this space for more information if you sew and would like to be involved!

You may be interested to know that the "Love one another" banner will be at "The Church of the Good Shepherd" in Basingstoke ~ part of the celebration of the marriage of Paul Redman with Mary Lee. They will be married there at the end of July.

Another way of making links with our Christian friends.

Caroline Hibbs



The Church Working Party days this year are 22 May and 19 June.

If you can spare a few moments or an hour or two you will be most welcome to come along to the church on either of the above mornings from about 9.30am. There are various jobs to do inside and out - cleaning, painting, repairs etc.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9th-15th MAY

I have collected the envelopes and road allocation for Christian Aid week.

A road allocation list is displayed at the back of the church and I would encourage and welcome volunteers to please sign against the roads from which they are able to distribute and collect envelopes.

If you are able to help with the distribution and collection of envelopes, please sign your name against your selected road

Should you require further information please speak to me:-

Many Thanks. Bett Swierk Telephone 01903 243194

Annual Christian Aid Service

St Columba's United Reformed church

Friday 7th May 7.30 pm

Refreshments in the hall afterwards Fair Trade stall will be available

Annual Christian Aid Concert

Given by the Andante Strings

St Columba's United Reformed Church

Saturday 15th May 2.30 pm

Tea in the Hall afterwards

Entry Free, but donations to Christian Aid welcome

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Shelley Road
celebrates
200 years
of witness



The Barn Dance Supper marks the end of a week of celebrations: a visit by the Moderator on Sunday, an historical exhibition and daily lunchtime organ recitals.

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Your Church Needs You

The Church on Your Doorstep Weekend
Outreach into the local community
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Just for a laugh

- A former chorister was asked why she had given up singing in the church choir. "I was absent one Sunday" she replied, "and somebody asked if the organ had been mended!"
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

SOUTHERN SYNOD

Meeting held at Sanderstead URC, CROYDON. 13th March 2004

- The Lomas House residents have settled into their new homes.
- The process of appointing Synod Moderators is being reviewed.
- Few replies were received to the Synod Structures document. "Catch the Vision" reports in writing - 58% of churches responded - overall a guarded welcome - many churches have not grasped the size and challenge of the processes, which mean sacrifice and pruning - next stage is the detailed outworking by Synod Staff who prepare a full report for the District Presidents. October Synod to consider a final version.
- The DEME scheme extended till 31/12/05 - upon further research and consideration an informed decision can be reached.
- A presentation was given on the "Bullying of Ministers" (Rev. Lesley Charlton), to open up this issue.
- The retiring Honorary Treasurer introduced a resolution on "Resource Sharing" - great variation in Synod investment incomes. Synod resolution passed - more complete sharing of financial resources by 2013.
- Fair Trade Fortnight marks 10 years of Fair Trade - Synod has many "fair trade churches".
- A story was told of South Norwood (Croydon District) of a significant project regarding community needs.
- The M & M contribution has been increased by 3 over actual pledges for 2004. Synod passed East Sussex's resolution - all churches to set aside 30 October 2004, as a 'Day of Repentance' and recommitment to follow Christ and Him alone'.
- Ministers asked to ensure concept of repentance fully understood in preparation for this. Youth & Children's Work training days arranged. Still a need for advocates/listeners for Racial Justice. Every church needs to have Racial Justice.
- Every church needs 'Racial Justice' on its agenda to promote and practice it
- World Churches of Christ Convention at Brighton July 28 - August 1 - NB this is a URC event!

Michael Donnelly

TRACKWORD

How many three or more letter words can you find by tracking from one square to the next. You can track up, down, diagonally or sideways and in order, you may not go through the same letter again or use proper nouns or foreign words. Can you find the nine letter word?

D	E	R
L	E	S
P	I	H

All words must appear in the Oxford English dictionary. However, the 9 letter does not appear in the dictionary, but it is in the United Reformed Church vocabulary !

Send your results to reach the Editor (Contact details inside rear cover) by Sunday 16 May. The winner will be printed in next month's magazine with their list of winning words.

Doreen Norris managed to find 69 words in last month's Trackword -
 ARE. ATE. AYE. DAY. DYE. ERA. EAR. EAT. RAD. RAT. RAY.
 SAY. SAD. SAT. SEA. SET. TAD. TEA. YAT. YEA. YES. EASE.
 EAST. EASY. DARE. DATE. DEAR. DRAT. DRAY. DYES. EYAS.
 RATE. RASE. READ. REST. SARD. SATE. SEAR. SEAT. SEAR.
 STAR. STAY. TARE. TEAR. YARD. YEAR. ASTER. DARES. DATES.
 ERASE. ESTER. RATED. RESAT. RATES. STARE. SATED. SEATS.
 STAYS. STEAD. TARDY. TEARS. YEAST. TEASE. EASTER.
 SEARED. STEADY. STARED. YESTER.
 Plus the nine letter word EASTERDAY

Weekday Activities

Goring by Sea Pilots Company, 5-17yr olds	Monday Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Day of Prayer	1st Thursday in month (See Centre Pages)
Prayer & Praise	3rd Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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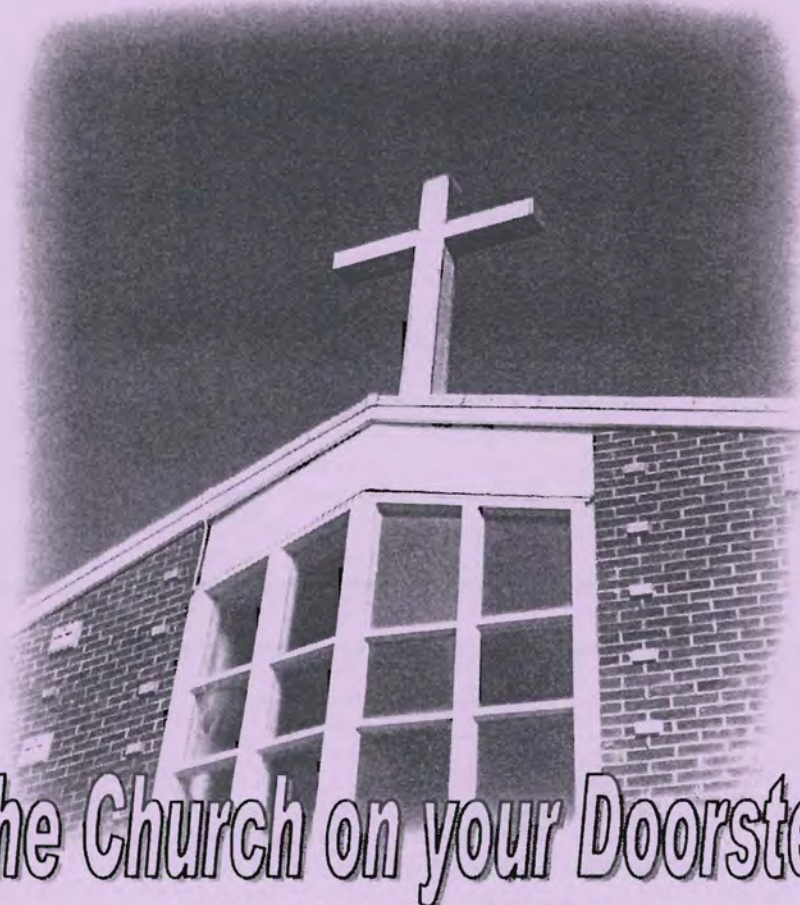
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The Church on your Doorstep

12th-14th June 2004

See centre pages for details

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Sunday Services

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Morning Worship
 - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.
 - Family service monthly as announced
 - Junior Church with Crèche
- 6.00pm Evening Worship
 - with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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July Chronicle Closing Dates

**Sunday 13 June for typed and E-mailed articles
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Please remember that there will be no August Chronicle

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Dear Friends

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Derek & Peggy Walker wish to thank all their friends for the kind thoughts and lovely cards sent to them on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 19th May.

See page 7 for the Worthing Herald report.

Thank you for remembering Tom and me in your prayers during his long illness and also for the many sympathy cards, letters, and phone calls including the Tuesday Fellowship and Kestro Club, after Tom had passed away.

It is a great comfort to me to know so many of you are thinking of me at this time.

May God bless you all.
Doris Lyons

I feel very ashamed that this article has not been written earlier but I apologise.

My thanks go to all the Church family who have given me lifts over the last six months. To those who have telephoned, sent letters and cards and most importantly to those who have upheld Les and myself in their prayers, I give my thanks. We have been surrounded and uplifted by prayer, and at my lowest point quite often a word has been spoken or a few lines read, and my heart soars again in praise to the Lord.

Sadly after having Les at home for a few weeks he had to return to hospital and by the time this has been printed, my hopes and prayers are that he will be settled in a Nursing Home.

Joan Burrage

I was so pleased to receive the lovely flowers, it was a very pleasant surprise. It is such a long time to be with a husband over 70 years and were courting 5 years prior to that. I think of Harry night and morning and have a lot of lovely memories to think of now.

With love to you all. *Winifred Offer*

Church Meetings

For those of us fortunate to be able to attend, the monthly church meeting is a special time of fellowship, exchanging information and making decisions prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit, which affect the life and witness of our church. In April we dealt with a variety of matters such as our Mission weekend, "The Church on Your Doorstep", the forthcoming Elders election, the Manse kitchen, news of a legacy, Christian Aid week and many others - and it was all over by 9.30pm. By the time this is published we will have held the May meeting .

The church meeting is open for everyone to attend, although voting is restricted to full church members.

On average about 30-34 members either come or send apologies, which for a church of our size and age groups is commendable. But more people would be welcome to attend and become more involved in our active decisions, and as the lighter evenings are here, we would love to welcome you to this time of church fellowship.

Jane Bond

Handbook 2003-04 Amendments

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Miss Janet Dean. New e-mail address: choirjan@aol.com

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Mrs Val Gill. New e-mail address: val.gill@ntlworld.com

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Mr Les & Mrs Beryl Richardson. New telephone number is - 241936

The second of our Church Working Party Mornings: 19 June

If you can spare a few moments or an hour or two you will be most welcome to come along to the church on the above morning from about 9.30am.

There are various jobs to do inside and out - cleaning, painting, repairs etc.

Tuesday Fellowship

Recent Meetings

27th April. Leonard Cheshire Homes

We had a most interesting talk from Mrs Alison Higton about Leonard Cheshire V.C who was a Group Captain in the R.A.F.

A bomber pilot during World War II having been on over 100 bombing missions his exploits were famous. He was appointed official British Observer at the dropping of the Atom-bomb on Nagasaki.

After the war, having been rather a rebel he found it difficult to settle down. He owned a house in Hampshire and in the late 1940s gave a home to a friend who was ill with T.B. Through this small beginning and funded with his own money the house became filled with T.B. patients. Leonard had found a gap in society for those who needed help and support and for whom it was not provided at the time. Over the years that followed his organisation grew as more and more houses were purchased and filled with disabled people of all ages and all manner of disabilities, but by then there were no T.B. sufferers.

The first home outside the U.K. was

opened in India in 1956. There are now 200 homes in 50 countries.

Leonard Cheshire married Sue Ryder in Bombay (now called Mumbai) in 1959. They had two children. He died in 1992. his wife survived him but she died in 2000.

Two people who lived their lives in the service to their fellow men and women. What a wonderful epitaph!

11th May Annual General Meeting

Our President, Bobby Hitchin opened the meeting with prayer and a Bible reading. 1 Corinthians chapter 13. We then stood for a minutes silence as we remembered former members and friends who had died during this year.

Our officers, Secretary Carol Webber, and Treasurer Audrey Gerlach, have agreed to remain in place for a further year. Due to illness and other problems the committee is smaller than we would wish but with co-opted help we hope to maintain the success and smooth running of the group.

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After the business part of the meeting we were entertained by Bobby who read an amusing story in verse "Fred's Birthday" and then our friend Joyce Sutton played the piano for two very enjoyable musical quizzes.

A very welcome cup of tea came next.

We were also able to look at the lovely photographs of Bill West's 100th birthday party with all his friends around him.

Doreen Norris

NB.

You can read more about Bill West and his life adventures from page 14

The Passion of The Christ

It was with some trepidation that on Easter Saturday I went to see the film, *The Passion of The Christ*.

I was shocked to see that so much brutality could be administered on one person, and shown on a big screen, - completely in your face and close up, - blood spurting everywhere, - bits of flesh being ripped off, - so completely over the top I thought.

We all know that Jesus was badly treated before being crucified, but to see each nail being hammered in one by one and so close up was so harrowing. The Bible does not gloss over the crucifixion, and we know that we do not have to see blood

gushing everywhere to believe the truth. It seems to me that now in this modern age of special effects everything has to be so close up.

Of course all through the Bible there is brutality in some way and for years there have been films made on Biblical subjects - *The Ten Commandments*, *The Robe*, *Ben Hur*, *The Greatest Story Ever Told* and *Jesus of Nazareth* — all very well portrayed.

Some of these films depicted the crucifixion, and some with a certain amount of brutality, but none showing so much unnecessary blood and flesh as in Mel Gibson's film.

Daphne Eames



**Congratulations
to
Peggy & Derek
on their
Diamond Wedding
19 May 2004**

The following article was printed in The Worthing Herald week ending 21 May, and is reproduced here unedited and as written by the reporter, Emily Bridges.

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A COUPLE who met at junior school in Worthing celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary recently. Derek and Peggy Walker of Warnham Road, Goring, met at the age of seven and married just before D-Day.

The couple were both born in Worthing and Peggy had family who helped build the Pavilion on the pier. Derek's grandmother came from London to Worthing and was involved in the suffragette movement alongside Emmeline Pankhurst. The couple have two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren and they are holding a party at the Beach Hotel later this month to celebrate their anniversary. Derek, who is a former school master at St Andrew's School, said that the couple married at Broadwater Church and they have never thought about leaving the town. He said we wouldn't leave because it's a lovely town and we have got all our friends here. We like the sea and we like the Downs. "We have watched Worthing grow. It's a good town and although our families have left because of their jobs, there is still a lot here for us.

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Worthing Area Team Ministry



Setting off for Legoland

A number of people from the five Churches in the Worthing Area Team Ministry joined together for a National Pilots day out in Legoland on Saturday 15 May. Maybe more pictures and a report as to what sort of a day they had will be in next month's Chronicle.



Arriving at Legoland. Picture by Simon Nicholls

Other News from The Team Ministry

Following the day out in Legoland: Sompting, Shelley Road, St Columba's, Goring and St Andrews Churches united in Sunday morning worship at Shelley Road. Each of the Churches made a contribution to the service theme of "Building Together".

A Prayer Bridge for Worthing. Different people within the Church work together. It is important to remember that only together can we do things—not I, and together we can make a joyful noise unto the Lord in Choir singing.

It is planned to hold another Team Event on September 12, this time in the afternoon when we shall welcome a speaker from the charity, "Wheels for the World" followed with tea and a service both at Goring.

At our meeting in May we spent some time discussing the roles, time management and deployment of the Team Ministers, pastoral visitation by members, elders and ministers. We looked at the effects on the preaching plan when St Columba's and Shelley Road unite in January. It was agreed that we, that is all Churches in the Team Ministry should hold an Elders day in the autumn, and report back to the Church Meetings. *Graham Redman*



JUNE

Thu	3	9.00am-11.00am 9.00am-4.00pm 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Day of Prayer Evening Prayers
Fri	4	TBA	The Show. Refer to Mr Malcolm Nicholls for details.
Sat	5	TBA	The Show

Sun 6	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship. Rev Anthony Trevithick
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Thu	10	9.00am-11.00am 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Elders Meeting
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Sat	12	10.00am-4.00pm	
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Open Week-end Sat 12th - Mon 14th June

See centre pages for full details

Sun 13	8.00am 10.30am 4.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion. Mr Michael Donnelly Family Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship. No service at 6.00pm today
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Mon	14	10.00am-2.00pm	Church Open Day
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Thu	17	9.00am-11.00am 3-4.00pm	The Ark 'drop in' Prayer and Praise
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Sat	19	9.30am	Church Working Party Morning
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13th - Last day
for July
Chronicle material.

Please remember
that there will be no
August Chronicle.

Sun 20	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Linda Hulcoop Morning Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Rev John Gordon
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Thu	24	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
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Sun 27	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion. Mrs Hilary Redman Morning Worship. Rev Simon Franklin Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
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Keep your diary up to date on our website - www.gurc.org.uk/diary.htm

THE CHURCH ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Goring United Reformed Church's Open Weekend – 12th -14th June

- Displays from Junior Church, Tuesday Fellowship, The Rowland Singers, Civil Service, Little Fishes Play Group, The Ark Parent & Toddler Group, Pilots Company, The Choir, Action for Dysphasic Adults, Mission & Women's World Day of Prayer, and the Worship & Spiritual side of Church Life - all in the Sanctuary. Then in the Hall and other rooms; Kestro Club, Painting for Fun Exhibition, Church History Video, Jesus Video (on the hour), Y Video (on the ½ hour), Traidcraft, Flower Arrangement Demonstration (Sat morning only), and a Quiet Area.
- Refreshments will be available throughout the days.
- There will be a balloon race with a prize for the sender and receiver – we have about a 100 helium balloons to be set off from Saturday morning until the last one lifts into the air maybe on Saturday, Sunday or Monday morning.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SATURDAY	10.00AM—4.00PM & 7.30PM-9.30PM
Morning	Balloon Race Start 10.00am Flower Arranging 11.00am—approx 11.45am
Afternoon	Rowland Singers 3.00pm—3.30pm
Evening	General Knowledge Quiz 7.30pm—9.30pm includes a refreshment break.
SUNDAY	10.00AM—5.00PM
Morning	Family Worship 10.30am 11.30approx 20-30mins of extended organ voluntary.
Afternoon	Choir Practice for all at 3.00pm Songs of Praise worship 4.00pm
MONDAY	10.00AM—2.00PM Open Day.

- Do help to make this weekend a success by coming along during the days of 12-14th June.
- Setting up the displays will take place on Friday afternoon from about 4.00pm through to the evening
- Please offer to help in whatever way you can contribute or with refreshments, stewarding or by just being there.
- If you are able to offer help, there is a board at the back of the Church for you to leave your name.
- With all of our help we can look forward by praising the Lord at a great weekend.
- Programmes will be available at the door for visitors.



JULY

Thu 1 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
9.00am-4.00pm Day of Prayer
7.30pm Evening Prayers

Sun 4 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Dr Eric Rogers

Thu 8 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sun 11 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Simon Franklin
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Peter Newell
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood

Thu 15 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
3-4.00pm Prayer and Praise

Next Chronicle
September
Closing date for articles
8 August

Sun 18 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mr Wilfred Rhodes
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Christians Together in Goring Evening Worship. St Mary's

Sat 24 TBA Sea Front Fayre

Sun 25 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby
10.30am Morning Worship. Mrs Kay McIntosh
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Mr Wilfred Rhodes

Thu 29 7.30pm Election of Elders



Looking ahead into August



Services at 8.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm as usual during August with Holy Communion being celebrated at 10.30am on the 1st and at 6.00pm on the 15th.

Keep your diary up to date on our website - www.gurc.org.uk/diary.htm

The Mission Group

It is a year of anniversaries:

1. The Leprosy Mission celebrate 130 yrs. since founding in the Punjab, India.
2. The Bible Society 200th anniversary.

Other News

- One of African Churches sends greetings via Monica Leal.
- Geoffrey Dean reported that MAF continue to provide support in overcoming the barriers of distance and time that prevent folk from receiving medical support and ministry
- FEBA are involved in broadcasting the Gospel to the Arab world - Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia , and North Africa and have resumed broadcasting to Iraq - and have instituted a telephone ministry to enable listeners to respond. 250,000,000 people populate this part of the world.
- LIVING HOPE MINISTRIES, based in Lancing, have moved into India - in their first crusade hundreds committed themselves to the Lord Jesus.
- WYCLIFFE report a great deal of evangelistic activity in west Africa. New translations of the scriptures in West Asia and Karelia, (a province of Finland.)
- We reaffirm our support of Ruth Chatfield and her work.
- We are considering a Mission day in September, and will advise after our meeting in July.

Cook Urgently Wanted Bury Drive Friendship Luncheon Club

If you know of anybody who might be able to help in this way
please speak to Jane & Eric Bond. 01903 244157

Bill West 100yrs young on 1st May 2004

What a blessing to have memories!! I'm quite sure Bill West will have memories in abundance from his long and interesting life.

I got to know Bill and Clarice West when I was captain of 5th Worthing Girls Brigade Company, others will have earlier memories of Bill and his family.

Both Bill and Clarice were constant supporters of the Girls Brigade, Clarice being a helper for some years. Bill took on the job of treasurer of 5th Worthing, a company then full of fund raising ideas and growing apace. He took the job very seriously and financially kept us on the straight and narrow for a good many years. We had lots of good times together. 47 Coniston Road was always welcoming and I dread to think how many cups of tea were drunk and pounds of biscuits eaten over those years.

Bill presented our awards one year and took delight in being the one to present me with my 10 years service award. Girls Brigade paid tribute to Bill and Clarice by catering for their Golden Wedding Celebrations at Field Place. It was a huge undertaking and we never took on a mammoth task again for anyone else!



Bill holding his birthday card from the Queen, surrounded by some of his 51 other cards which he received. Apparently the card was delivered by the Palace staff and they were not allowed to leave until they were sure that Bill was there to receive it.

Sadly 5th Worthing Girls Brigade Company is no more, but I am certain I speak for all its past members and officers when I say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all those years of encouragement, loyalty and service, thus giving us so many happy memories.

Congratulations and happy birthday on this momentous occasion and May God continue to bless you and keep you in His Love.

Jean Webb

I haven't known Bill that long, I remember I was asked to sit with him some years ago as he had difficulty finding the hymns owing to the fact he is more or less blind. I really enjoyed his company on Sundays.

He has a marvellous memory and often talks about his wife Clarice especially of the time when his twin daughters were born, it was a complete surprise to them. He told me the midwife had said, "Congratulation Mr West you have two beautiful daughters".

There are many things I could say about Bill, he really is a lovely person and I am privileged to know him.

Daphne Eames



*Bill as he leaves Church on Sunday 2 May.
His daughter, Margaret can be seen above.*

Mr West was an engineer who had a Radio Licence since 1929 he also designed and built his own television set. His motto, " you can do most things well if only you will try," and friendship has been one of the best things of my life.

William Connelly

This is your life

Mr Bill West

Mr William (Bill) E. West was born on 1st May 1904 at Wandsworth Common, the younger son of Mr & Mrs Arthur West. He went to his first school in Honeywell Road, Wandsworth then to secondary school called Sir Walter St. John (Sinjuns) in Battersea until he left in 1919. He was a Boy Scout and later became a Freemason. He said that he was too young to be called up for the First World War. Bill told me that on leaving school he was made an apprentice engineer to the British Thompson Houston Company making electrical instruments.

He married Clarice at St Barnabas Church, Clapham Common on 20 July 1929, and took a honeymoon in Teignmouth buying their first home in Worcester Park for £795. They later moved to Enfield, Middlesex where they brought up their children. They had a son Brian and twin daughters Margaret and Pat.



*On his wedding day 20 July 1929
St Barnabas Church, Clapham Common*

Brian died at the age of 54. Margaret moved to California with her husband and Pat moved to South Africa with her husband. Sadly Pat died in 2002 following a riding accident. Bill has 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Their occupations

Celebration

ranging from a Commercial Artist, GP, Cheese selector for Woolworths, Consultant Heart Surgeon, Musician and many others.

Bill worked for the Columbia Gramophone Company making masters and secondary master records. It was here that he met, and worked for a Mr Mitchell, nephew of Reginald Mitchell who designed the Spitfire. Here he also met both Sir Henry Wood and Sir Malcolm Sergeant amongst many others. He enjoys good classical music one of his favourite pieces being George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue

As many young men did in those days, he made a crystal radio set, then because of the difficulties in hearing the broadcasts he added amplifiers - He was able to pick up both American and Australian signals.

During the second world war years he was appointed as works manager at Weston Electrical, responsible for making electrical instruments for aircraft. He was evacuated twice to Wakefield, but stayed with this company from 1936 until he retired in 1969. He built his own television set in 1945 with a 6" cathode ray tube.

Bill and his wife Clarice moved to Coniston Road, Worthing shortly after his retirement, coming to the Church here in Goring in 1969, helping for a time in the Girls' Brigade Company. He told me that his uncle, Ernest West was Treasurer at the Church. in 1949.

He loved and worked in his garden until no longer able to do so.

He has many adventures including going down a deep gold mine and a also a deep diamond mine. He made his first parachute jump at the age of 89. He has flown through the Grand Canyon and has enjoyed travelling the world visiting his family in America and South Africa.

He said that his mother used to say to him, "have a good breakfast in the morning - porridge, egg bacon etc and that will set you up for the day!", and that, he said, "I have had until not many years ago."

His recipe for a long life? "Everybody asks me that", he says, - "a good breakfast, liquorice powder and malt, I cycled to work every day ~ 12 miles there, 12 miles back, rain, sunshine, all weathers. I have been keen on athletics, tennis, swimming, cricket, football, though only a goal keeper. I guess", he says "a certain amount of luck - we all have these nasty diseases inside us, in some of us it flairs up but in some of us it doesn't". Ambitions yet to be fulfilled would include a trip to Spain and to the countries of the Arctic Circle.

"I have a sweet tooth" he says, "and I like chocolates and ice cream. I am also fond of all vegetables especially if they are peas !!"

His family gathered from across the world to celebrate his 100th birthday at Bailiffs Court in Climping.

Graham Redman

RUTH'S CHAT

No.35

*from London*May 2004

Dear Friends,

You may be surprised to hear from me again so soon - the reason is that I have some special news to tell you:

I got engaged on Saturday 24th April to Mamy Raharimanantsoa!

***Who?***

Mamy (pronounced similarly to 'mummy' - but not to be confused with my mother!) is from Madagascar, although he left there 20 years ago. He studied theology in France (Vaux-sur-Seine), and was living in the Paris area in the mid-eighties when I was also living there! But I didn't know him at the time.

Since 1989 he has been based in Sweden where he works as a pastor. He was married to a Swedish person, but sadly she left him and has married someone else. In the mid-nineties they spent a couple of years in Congo, teaching at the theological seminary in Brazzaville, where I met them once.

Ruth Chatfield

Mamy visited Congo again last summer, since he was thinking about returning to serve the Lord there. We were both on staff at the student missionary convention held across the river in Kinshasa. He helped me with my luggage in the crush to get on board the ferry and I noted that he was a 'gentleman'!

Since then, we've been in daily email contact and have appreciated this excellent way of building a long-distance relationship. I was able to visit him in southern Sweden this Easter, and he just spent a week in England. That's when we made the decision to get married this autumn in UK (date to follow). We plan to return to Congo together in 2005.

One of the wonderful things about Mamy is that he understands and is part of both of 'my worlds': Europe and Africa. We have both been involved in student Christian work (GBU/Intervarsity), and we both want to help equip the Congolese church to make a difference in Congo. **We rejoice in God's goodness in bringing our lives together.**

I'll make a second visit to Sweden in June, and Mamy will come to UK for two months at the end of July (staying at the Wycliffe centre while I am registrar there), to give us a bit more time together before the wedding.

>> Please pray for us as we prepare for the life-long commitment of marriage, and as we talk with our missions and supporting churches about future plans. Mamy will be sent by his Swedish mission to teach again at the seminary in Congo next year (after he has finished his doctoral studies), and I expect to continue with Wycliffe in Congo.

>> In the meantime, I will be speaking about what the Lord is doing in Congo in various church services and mid-week meetings in UK during May and June.

In His peace and joy,

Ruth

P.S. Lessons on how to pronounce Mamy's surname to follow in due course...!

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Bible Society News

It was a real privilege to attend the Service at St Paul's Cathedral, which celebrated the bicentenary of The British & Foreign Bible Society on Monday, 8th March. There were 2000 people there and the singing was wonderful. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached the sermon (a summary appeared in a recent Baptist Times) but for me, and I have found subsequently, for many others, the highlights were the dramatic readings and dances. Particularly the "readings" from Genesis 11 vv 1 - 8 and later Acts 2 vv 1-21. They were not read but memorised and spoken with such fire and conviction, as I had not heard before. The Service was entitled "Tongues of Fire" and these

were truly alive and inspiring. Because of its Welsh origin in the story of Mary Jones, much of the service was either in Welsh or the Welsh translation was given. Afterwards, there was a Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, where a buffet lunch was enjoyed in fellowship with others from the various Bible Society groups from around the country. The Lord Mayor welcomed us to the Mansion House and indicated that the City supported the work we are doing and then Jonathan Edwards addressed the gathering. Speaking as a new Vice-President, he said how excited and privileged he felt to be part of such an organisation in this special year.

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About 150 Scouts from three groups in West Worthing arriving for their St Georges Day Service on Sunday afternoon 25 April



Weekday Activities

Goring by Sea Pilots Company. 5-17yr olds	Monday Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Day of Prayer	1st Thursday in month (See Centre Pages)
Prayer & Praise	3rd Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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TRACKWORD

How many three or more letter words can you find by tracking from one square to the next. You can track up, down, diagonally or sideways and in order, you may not go through the same letter again or use proper nouns or foreign words. Can you find the nine letter word?

N	D	I
A	T	D
E	C	A

All words must appear in the Oxford English dictionary.

Send your results to reach the Editor (Contact details inside rear cover) by Sunday 13 June. The winner will be printed in next month's magazine with their list of winning list of words.

Jane Bond managed to find 70 words in last month's Trackword –

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Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

- with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.

- Family service monthly as announced

- Junior Church with Crèche

6.00pm Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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STOP PRESS
 'Church on your Doorstep' Balloon gets
 to Baqueville-en-Caux in France.
 A town south-west of Dieppe.
 May be more replies to follow

September Chronicle Dates

Closing date for articles Sunday 8 August.

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- and should be available for collection on Sunday 29th August.

Dear Friends

My long time interest in objects powered by fire and water is probably, by now, well known.

What would I have done, as a small boy, to be riding one of those 12-wheeled monsters that drew trains bound for Wales and the West Country in and out of Paddington Station in my train spotting days.

But even the sight of trains rushing through the English countryside would not have happened without the fertile enquiring mind of many many people, Brunel, Stephenson, and Watt to name but three.

Many people would have seen steam lift the lid of a kettle but it took the fertile enquiring mind of James Watt to convert this power into useable energy. He applied what he saw to everyday life. People all over the country had seen the power of steam but it took understanding and application to harness the energy and use it.

Jesus in Mathew Ch 13 explained why he taught in parables. He explained that it was because people listened without understanding, They looked without seeing, and so he used the things of everyday life to help them see things in a fresh light. This he said helped them start to understand the things of faith that he

was trying to teach, and help them start to live their lives in a new more fulfilling meaningful way.

We still need, from time to time, take a fresh look at our lives and ourselves, and to do that we often need to take a fresh look at scripture, and what the Bible stories are saying to us today. To do this we all need help. We all need the help of others to see scripture in a new light, if you like to see it with new eyes. Then we need to apply what we learn in new, imaginative, and creative ways.

Jo and I have recently discovered a quarterly book of Daily Bible reflections called 'Living Light'. It is published by a Christian outreach charity called The National Christian Trust, and they are distributed free to all who will make use of them. I am going to make them available through the Traidcraft shop. However as they cost £1 each to produce I am going to send them £1 for every one taken and used. So if you feel that you can put a pound in the Traidcraft pot whenever you take one I will be more than grateful! If after seeing one you like it so much that you want to make sure that you have a copy each quarter please let me know, and I will make sure that one is saved for you!

Happy reading

Norman

Two new Lay Representatives were inducted on 16 May to serve in the Worthing Area Ministry for a term of 3 years.

Miss Maureen Clark replacing Mr Roger Weston from Sompting
Mrs Margaret Matthews replacing Mr Neil MacMahon from St Columba's

House move

Paul Redman is glad to say that he moved into his new home in Cradock Place, (off Salvington Hill) on Thursday 17 June.

His full address is :-

11 Cradock Place, Worthing, West Sussex. BN13 2QA

His telephone number remains unchanged as 692218

* * Please remember to update your handbook on page 27

An Appreciation - Mr. Tom Lyons

Tom passed away at Worthing Hospital after a series of strokes During his illness lasting five years Doris was his full time carer with devotion and love. Tom and Doris came to Goring in 1984 from Burgess Hill where Tom was an Elder, Lay-Preacher, Church Secretary. He was truly a man who followed his Lord -The Bible was his reference-book. Let us remember Doris in our Prayers that she will gain strength and confidence for the days ahead entrusting the future to His Will. We give thanks for the memory of Tom when he was on the Eldership here at Goring, for his work and dedication to the call of duty - a lasting memorial to Doris and his family.

During the second World War Tom was posted to India where he saw and took part in Medical work. A varied and an interesting life-style anyone would be pleased to experience.

Pheniah Taylor.

A thank you from Irene

Thank you to you all for the warm fellowship shared over the past months. The waiting time was a test but the Lord has been good to me. Thank you for your cards, encouragements and prayers for myself and Geoffrey too, who has cared for me so well. One of the verses I held on to was sent from Nigeria by a girl student. It is from Ps 125 v2 "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, both now and evermore." *Irene Dearsley*

The editor apologises for the delay in printing this "thank you" note.

Palm Sunday Afternoon Communion

Members and Friends met at a specially arranged service of Holy Communion for those not normally able to attend Church may come and be part of the fellowship of this service and meet friends not probably seen for some considerable time.

Seated around the table in the quiet of His presence we partook of the kind of food he alone provides. The service was led by Andrew. Thank you everyone who was involved in arranging the service giving rise to an opportunity of a renewal of friendships with those not seen for awhile. Thank you for this praiseworthy occasion.

Members and Friends have, over the years been privileged to attend a similar service and are grateful that it continues in the same Spirit of love and dedication. "Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for Eternal Life' John Cp. 6. v.27.

... and thanks for all loving and sincere thoughts conveyed to me while in hospital.

During my illness and since my home-coming I have been blessed by all 'Get-well Wishes' from Goring Church and neighbours from Ferring that I feel I have been fortified and helped in gaining confidence for my future healing when eventually I shall overcome, albeit somewhat slowly, the slow process of 'getting there' will be my aim for the future. I take each day as it comes with grateful thanks to everyone for their prayers and thoughts sent me since I first became ill.

As my people live in N.I. I have been inundated with 'Good Wishes and Prayers' and visits that I no longer feel lonely with friends and their constant attention giving support at a time when most needed. I believe 'Your Faith has made you well; - all ten lepers were healed, only one went back to Thank Him. I am so aware of all the resources of healing that are available to those in need of them; for the medical knowledge, the healing power of drugs, for occupational therapists, for hospital Chaplains and social workers all dedicated to the healing process that we may get well again.

Thank you Goring Church and Tuesday Fellowship for prayers for my recovery and healing. I am so thankful to everyone for their part that to come into the house of the Lord again to meet with friends and rejoice with those who greet.

What a Tonic !!

Pheniah Taylor.

Tuesday Fellowship

Recent Meeting reported by Doreen Norris

25 May

For the last meeting of the session we warmly welcomed Mrs Joyce Taylor chairman of A.D.A. Worthing Group to speak to us.

Dysphasia is something which unfortunately does not have a very high profile so Joyce explained that it is in fact the loss of speech and language due to a stroke or head injury. It is a particularly frustrating affliction not only for the victim but also for their carer.

Joyce knows first hand just what being a care to a dysphasic person means as she nursed her late husband for four years after he had suffered a number of strokes. He died in 1992. Later that year when the ADA Worthing group was set up under the auspices of the speech and language therapy department of Worthing Hospital she (Joyce) determined that the carers would be given as much help and support as the patients.

In the years since the group have met on these premises they have been very grateful of the rooms available enabling different sections of the group to have their own space, eg carers in the Harris

Room are able to share concerns and worries common to them all. The self help group in the Cornwall Room and the rest of the members playing word/board games in the Main Hall, all meeting up for a quiz or other joint activity and a cup of tea at the end of the afternoon.

Some of the ladies of the Fellowship were able to relate with Joyce and her experiences as their husbands had suffered strokes and they know what little help had been forthcoming at that time.

As I have been part of ADA Worthing Group since its inception I could quite happily write more another time maybe! If however, you have any questions on any aspect of Dysphasia please ask me!

Our Strawberry Tea is to be on 13th July. Tickets available from Tuesday Fellowship members.

We wish you all a lovely summer and we'll be back again in September.

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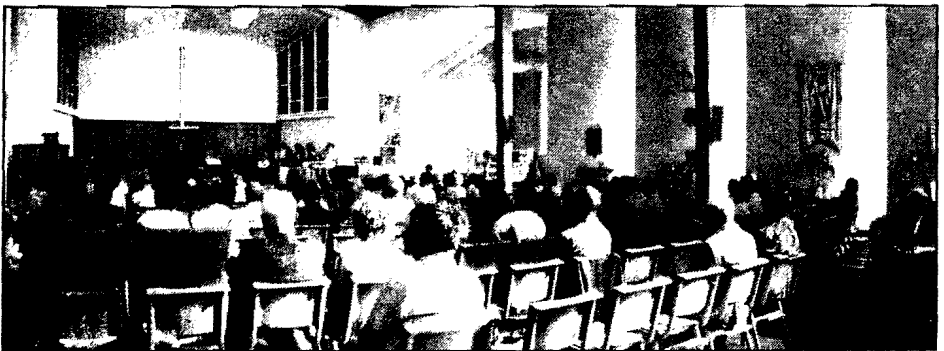
The Local Church

The Church on your Doorstep

Our Church was festively arranged and welcoming for our open weekend on 12-14 June and demonstrated to all our visitors, from both our neighbourhood and other churches, the warmth and welcome of our love of Christ. The Church organisations displayed their activities which we want to share, and our outside organisations too. The flower arrangers from the Worthing Flower Club and the Rowland Singers contributed generously with their time and talents to help make this outreach one of joy and praise, not to forget the balloon race and videos. Many many people contributed very generously in a wonderful co-operative effort. Our thanks to all. *Jane Bond*



We have lift off !



The Local Church



Painting For Fun



Worthing Flower Club



Traidcraft & Refreshments



Blowing up the balloons



The Rowland Singers

... dates for your Diary



Thu 1 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion
7.30pm Evening Prayers

Sun
4

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Dr Eric Rogers

Thu 8 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sun
11

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Simon Franklin
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Peter Newell
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood

Tue 13 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Strawberry Tea

Thu 15 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
3.00pm Prayer and Praise

Sun
18

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mr Wilfred Rhodes
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Christians Together in Goring Evening Worship. St Mary's

Sat 24 Sea Front Fayre

Sun
25

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby
10.30am Morning Worship. Mrs Kay McIntosh
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Mr Wilfred Rhodes

Thu 29 7.30pm Church Meeting with Election of Elders

Keep your diary up to date on our website - www.gurc.org.uk/diary

... dates for your Diary



AUGUST



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
 6.00pm Evening Worship. Mr Michael Donnelly

Thu 5 10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby
 10.30am Family Worship. Mrs Darryl Sinclair
 6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Linda Hulcoop

8 August closing date for
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8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mrs Hilary Redman
 10.30am Family Worship. Rev Vic Sumner
 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby

Thu 19 3.00pm Prayer and Praise



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Marie Roe
 10.30am Morning Worship. Rev Simon Franklin
 6.00pm Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mrs Robin Bradley
 10.30am Morning Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Mrs Kay McIntosh



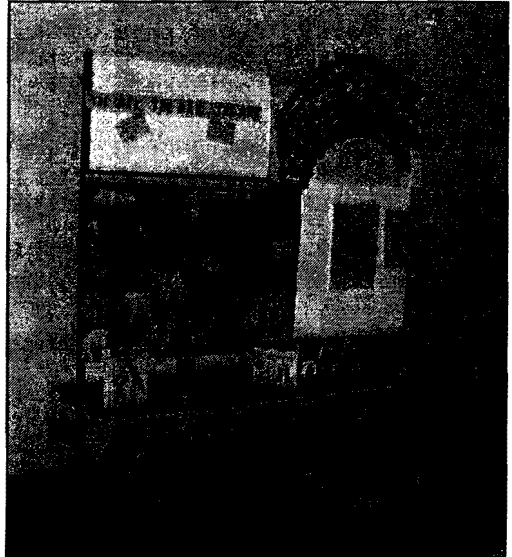
Looking ahead into September . . .



- 12th Worthing Area Team afternoon and 6.00pm Team Evening Service
- 19th CTG Evening Service at Goring URC
- 26th Harvest Festival Services

The Ark

Summer is coming and going a bit as we come to the close of another Ark year. We hope it will be sunny enough to meet in the park for the last two weeks of term. We have a wonderful group of parents, aunties, grans and carers who come to meet together as often as they can, and we are delighted that our two babies due in May have both arrived safely. Anna was born on 23rd May and Max was



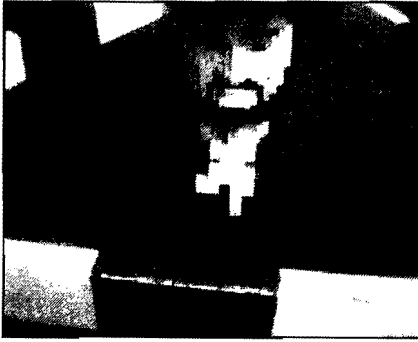
born on 1st June. Congratulations to the mums! We are waiting for three more babies, all due between now and the end of August.

You will see from the photo above that we were able to display two of our pictures in the church for the open weekend, featuring Noah's Ark and the rainbow which followed the flood - a sign of God's covenant with His people

The Ark is really all about chat and coffee, sharing joys and worries, comparing notes on this and that and encouraging one another. But there is always plenty to do with playdo, bricks and toys, felt tips and cardboard. And to top it all there's the percussion band with that old favourite 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. If you would like to 'drop in' one day and see what we do, join in the fun and have a cuppa, you would be very welcome

Thank you again for your support in both prayer and in practicalities,

Gaynor Anderson-Easey, Margaret Butcher, Sue Gauntlett, and Hilary Redman



Team Outing to Legoland Saturday 15 May

by Janet Dean

Picture above by Simon Nicholls

I was sitting on the coach wondering what I was going to do with myself all day as I didn't think it was going to be much fun on my own.

When we arrived I discovered that Doreen was also on her own and it seemed only natural that we should walk round together — so I had some delightful company after all.

First of all we got our priorities right and found an ice cream for Doreen and a lemonade for me. We then sat and looked at the brochure to decide what to do. We decided that we should go on a train made like Lego called a 'Hill Train'. From there we walked a little way and looked at the hot air balloons and a lake.

We then looked for the Pilots zone: the Pilots zone was an area that Legoland allocate for various functions. Doreen went and found us a seat in the area which was full of banners from the great number of Pilots companies across the country, and amongst all the banners we managed to find Rustington's.

After finding something to eat, we looked in the 'worship zone' tent where we found things to smell and touch and to write prayer requests.

We walked for a while and found the mini towns. I was very impressed with the way in which they captured the atmosphere of the cities they represented. We had a drink and an enjoyable ride on the Sky Rider — a sort of chairlift.

It was then time to walk slowly back to the waiting coach to take us back to Worthing.

The day was of particular interest to me as I help with our own Pilots Company. The place was full of people from various Pilots companies all carrying the blue carriers that I had. I enjoyed the day and the company. I hope that Doreen enjoyed herself too. Thank you Doreen for your company, and God bless you.

More pictures overleaf

GORING - BY - SEA PILOTS COMPANY



Invite you to their

INAUGURATION SERVICE

Monday 12th. July
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

You are invited to join us afterwards for refreshments.

More photos taken during the Legoland day out on 15 May: Below - Easter Island statues, all made from standard size Lego bricks !

And right - 'The Rat Trap' a large complicated climbing frame with its own burglar alarm Bell.



Photos by
Alan Cooper

The following points come from the CTG meeting in May :-

No-one from the fraternal was at the meeting.

The Rev Nigel O' Dwyer had sent his apology as he was away. He had written a letter "Reflections on the Lent Course" and sent a copy to Andrew Sellwood as requested. The letter contained useful comments for next year's Lent Course



At the next meeting there will be discussion about the 24/7 prayer initiative - "Your Kingdom Come".

At a previous Church meeting it was agreed that our East Hall is to be used for the venue for the 24 hours prayer vigil in October. More details will follow nearer the date.

The Christians Together in Goring Prayer meeting - was held at English Martyrs. The theme of the prayers was based on "Your Kingdom come - lighting the Flame of Hope for Sussex". The emphasis was to pray for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit and fire upon the Lord's people as a fresh infilling for such a time - Acts 2 vs 1 - 4. There was prayer for the host church, for its ministry and life, in and through the people of English Martyrs.

The contents and presentation of the proposed CTG newsletter was further discussed and it is hoped that the first issue will be published soon.

We thank Graham for all his help and cooperation.

Glen Dean

NSPCC Garden Party

Tues. 27 July at 3.00pm 10 Roedean Road, Worthing

Tickets £1.50 available from Gill Gough [Worthing 716104]

Includes a 'Bring and Buy' stall and a raffle.

All proceeds will go to the Worthing & Goring Branch of the NSPCC

Churches Together in Worthing

The following points were noted from the CTW meeting held on 30th April.

A presentation was given before the formal business meeting by Gerald Thomson of Worthing Baptist Church. The subject was "The challenge of taking Bibles into schools". He has been involved in publishing and this has enabled Bibles to be distributed in Eastern Europe.

More recently he has produced books to encourage Bible study based on posters (one for each book in the Bible) - this book has the title "The Challenge" and can be obtained from him as also can a book of Bible stories for younger children.

1. St Paul's project

The work is in three places -

- a. Repair to roof (now complete).
- b. The Housing Project (flats) - for adults with special needs (well in hand).
- c. Reordering the inside of the church to create a community centre (this cannot go ahead until a substantial portion of the funds needed of between £400,000 and £500,000 has been raised).

2. Sea Front Fair.

The service organised by Salvation Army will take place on the front at 10.30 am on 25th July.

"Great News on the Green" will take place in Steyne Gardens on 24th July from 11 o'clock. Stands will cover different aspects of ministry rather than be for individual churches, and help is sought from churches and others.

3. Young People's strategy Group.

Hand bills for a children's event held on 16th May had been distributed. The event was called "Kidz Utd".

4. Christian Aid Week

Was held on 9th - 15th May with the annual service on 7th May at St. Columba's.

5. Worthing Churches Homeless Project

There had been various fund raising events, and an American Tennis Tournament was planned for 12th June followed by a BBQ and flag day for 21st August.

Geoffrey Dean

Extracts from a letter received from a small village in Bangladesh

“

N.G.O. Pratibashi [Neighbour] is the registered department of the Bangladesh Government Social welfare and Juthika [wife] is the secretary and chief executive and helps the church very much. Through the N.G.O. we ran 17 free schools, each having 25-30 students, also 2 primary schools - each has more than 100 children.

Climate is slowly changing in Bangladesh. Winter and Summer are becoming more and more severe every year. Our N.G.O. with the help of the churches distributed 200 blankets on the 20th. January to Hindu Muslim and Christian poor families.

Government officers were present and helped with distribution.

N.G.O. also help, families with the credit program.

I do not receive a salary from the church, so in my spare time I work in my small plot of land and grow different kinds of vegetables, I also planted some mango and coconut plants.

Some of the trees - mango - coconuts have already given some fruit and vegetables which gives me some income to support my children (3) with their education and other family expenses.

Credit system helped me to buy 2 calves, grown now - both have calves, milk is plentiful, help for my family.

I have made a small pond and I use some of the cow dung to feed my fish. Twice a year I get a small income from sale of fish.

In November I sold one cow and calf to pay school and examination fees for children, and to clear debts. I am grateful to God for His many blessings.

With government help in November I made a biogas plant [cow dung is used for that] We now cook by biogas and light our house and church. Biogas has saved us from firewood expenses. Many of the villagers are also making biogas plants.

Our evangelical work is much blessed, progressing slowly, more new believers among whom we work and prepare for baptism.

Please pray for us.

”

Rev. Benjamin Biswas

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Can you find the nine letter word?

All words must, however, appear in the Oxford English dictionary.

Send your results to reach the Editor [Contact details inside rear cover] by Sunday 8 August, and remember that you can still take part even if you are not a member of the Church here at Goring. The winner will be printed in next month's magazine with their list of winning list of words.

Sheila Gooderham found 24 words in last month's Trackword –
 ANT, ANTE, ANTI, ADD, AND, ATE, ACE, ADIT, ACT, CANDID, CAN, CAT,
 CAD, CANT, DATE, DATA, DID, DACE, DAN, EAT, TAN, TAD, TEA
 Plus the nine letter word - CANDIDATE

Just for a laugh

These sentences actually appeared in church magazines or were announced in church services:

- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Weekday Activities

Goring by Sea Pilots Company. 5-17yr olds	Monday Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Monthly Mid-week Holy Communion	1st Thursday in month 10.30am
Monthly Prayer & Praise	3rd Thursday Afternoon. 3.00pm
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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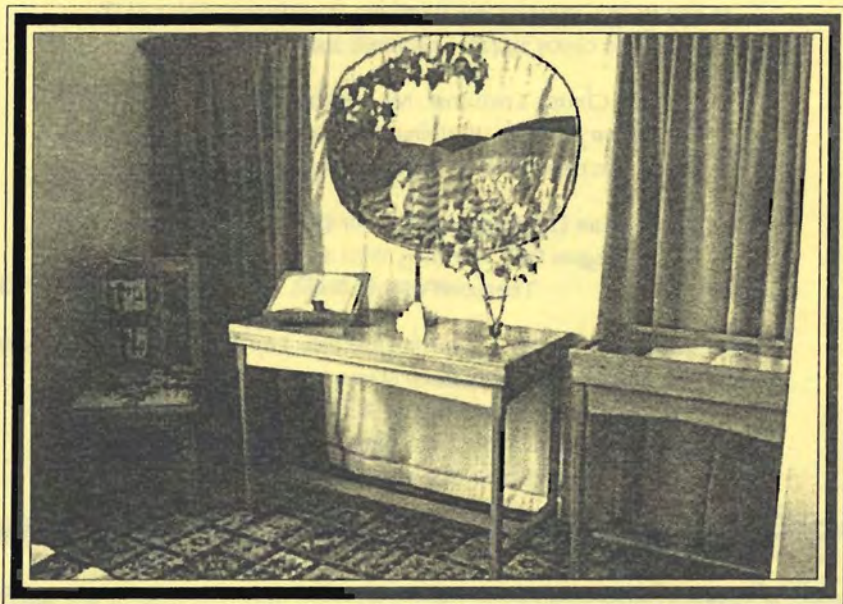
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- *Mid-week Holy Communion - First Thursday of month 10.30am*
- *Prayer and Praise - Third Thursday of month at 3.00pm*
- *Saturday Church Meeting this month - 18th September
9.30am for 10.00am start*

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Sunday Services

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month. - Family service monthly as announced - Junior Church with Crèche
6.00pm	Evening Worship - with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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October Chronicle Dates

Closing date for articles Sunday 12 September.

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- and should be available for collection on Sunday 26th September.

I am not very good at reading novels, that is to say I'm not very good at choosing them to read on holiday. I usually pick up some kind of text or reference book (last year it was Ovid). This summer I had a book token given to me and I was determined to use it to purchase a novel to take on holiday. Some thing to distract me, a diversion into a make believe world. Well, I like history, particularly English medieval history also detective stories and I spotted a book that would suit the bill. *The awful secret by Bernard Knight*.

In the last two pages the secret was revealed (do not read on if you want to read the book). A renegade knight of the Knights Templar was desperate to tell the world about some documents that were being withheld by the church in Rome. They would change the world as we know it, but oh dear, he was killed by an assassin before he could tell of his secret.

Fortunately the author fills us in. In short these documents declared that Jesus did not die on the cross but married Mary Magdalene, settled down and had a family. If true that news would most definitely destroy the Christian faith. Well what do you know there is another book out this summer; it's a best seller for holiday readers; it is Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code*. It basically tells the same story but in more than two pages, it seems he has not been silenced or prevented from telling his story.

Two things stood out from life 1000 years ago as in the book I read.

Firstly religion was little to do with the faith. It was a period known for the spread of Christendom not Christianity. It was a way of controlling the 'ordinary people' giving a kind of fragile stability to a volatile power hungry Europe. People were frightened by the penalties of challenging the iron grip authority and dictatorship of the church and state.

Second conspiracy theories and secrets. There was bound to be a lurking 'secret' that would potentially blow apart the fear sustained status quo of the church. But was that 'secret' something like; Jesus did not die on the cross or was it the equally controversial, Jesus died to set all men and women free?

How have things changed today? Well the church has lost its authority but there are still secrets or so it seems. Dan Brown's book tries to slam the Christian faith with a revived 1500-year-old legend used to discredit its beliefs (interestingly the main anti-resurrection legend as described at the end of Matthew was that the *dead body* of Jesus was taken by the disciples and hidden). There is another difference from 1000 years ago; it is that Mr. Brown is free to tell of his secret.

You have to ask yourself this; where do you find your source of truth? Is it in a good novel or a well-contrived expose or the Bible? These kinds of books are at best interesting but

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MRS ROBIN BRADLEY

Robin has been so much part of our fellowship that we will miss her sadly when she moves to Wales with John to be near her family. She has quietly and devotedly done many things over the years, not least of which has been preparing and leading the 8am Holy Communion and all the correspondence for pulpit supply each week. She has been a serving Elder for a number of years, not to mention leading Kestro club.

At the July Church Meeting, Robin was presented with a garden token and a very charming watercolour painting of our church by Graham Redman, as a memento and token of our love and appreciation. We wish her and John every blessing in their new home.



A NOTE FROM PHYLLIS WHEELER

Phyllis Wheeler thanks everyone in the Church for the beautiful flowers she received—she said that they brightened her room and that the loving thought was and is greatly appreciated.

She hasn't felt well enough to attend services but still hopes that day will come. Phyllis says that anyone who can call in to see her in Highgrove House will be very welcome or if that is not possible, then a letter or card. She sends her love to all her friends at the Church.



NEWS OF THE HECKLES FAMILY

It has been an interesting and busy summer for Peter and Eileen Heckles. Many of you will know that Ruth is getting married to James in August, also Peter and Eileen themselves celebrate their silver wedding early in the month: Phil who now lives in Findon has got engaged to Ashley, hoping to get married next August. Michael, another son, has also got engaged, and to finish off, they have a new grandson named Niall. What a catalogue of happy family events.

Tuesday Fellowship

Meeting on 13 July

as the highlight of the summer approximately 35 of us enjoyed a delicious Strawberry Tea. The strawberries had been picked that morning by Bobby and Peggy and as you can imagine were a real treat - served with cream and sugar.

Entertainment was also provided by way of songs, poems and a couple of amusing sketches.

All in all a happy end to our year.

The autumn session starts on 7 September when Rev Andrew Sellwood will be speaking to us.

We would love to welcome new members: ladies and gentlemen so please do come along. The new programmes are available now.

Doreen Norris

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can pose little threat to the faith we hold. In these times we must expect all kinds of challenges and false teaching. In a period where we mourn the decline of the church in the west (Christendom), I believe there are proportionately more Christians in our world that have been allowed to develop a real relationship with their living Lord than perhaps at any other time. So do not worry about the debate or the controversies for our God has a plan and He is in control.

Andrew

BANNER GROUP

We are coming together again to make another banner and welcome anyone who would like to join us. I hope we will have it finished by Christmas. Please do not feel you have to be able to sew, because there are all sorts of things to do when we put a banner together. It is still to be confirmed but hopefully we will start meeting at my house on a Monday afternoon from the first week of October. If you would like to know more please speak to me. Eileen Rhodes or Doreen Norris can point you in my direction.

Please join us - you may be surprised at your own skills!

Caroline Hibbs



Congratulations to Paul & Mary Redman who were married in Winklebury Parish Church, Basingstoke on 31 July.

About 160 people attended the service which was led by the vicar, Rev David Perrett. The 'Love one another' Banner was on display in the Church during the weekend bringing 'a part of Goring URC' to Basingstoke for the wedding.

After a reception in a local hotel, Paul & Mary left for a week's honeymoon in Barbados.

They now live in Cradock Place, Worthing.

Goring by Sea Pilots News



Since the June half term the Pilots have been preparing for our Inauguration Service, learning the Pilot's Prayer, Promise and some songs with the help of Ken Woods at the piano.

It was a pleasure to welcome about 22 people to our Inauguration Service in the early evening of Monday 12 July. Owing to a variety of circumstances only four Pilots were able to be at the service and Andrew invested Donna as a Navigator, Jonathan and David as Voyagers and Ruth as an Adventurer.



I was invested as Captain, with Bett, Janet and Doreen as Officers and Ricky and Sue as Auxiliary Officers.

Andrew then presented the Company with its flag, a gift from the Rev. W. Connelly. Thank-you Bill. Doreen presented the Company with a beautiful banner made by her own fair hand, inspired by the day at Legoland. Thank-you Doreen. Thanks also goes to Ken for playing the piano, keeping us in time and tune!

After the service tea and cakes were served in the hall.

Sue had assembled a lovely ship shaped chocolate cake which Doreen bravely cut and the Pilots handed around for every one to enjoy.

The following Monday was the last for this session and we held The Goring-by-Sea Olympic Games in the Westpark Recreation Ground.

Part of the fence was adorned with Olympic torches (ice-cream cones and tissue paper) and our banner and flag. Those well known Olympic sports of wellie throwing, limbo, egg and spoon relay around the tree, along with many others, were enjoyed by all. Party ring biscuits on woollen ribbons made wonderful edible medals, - we all won at least one!

We finished our games thanking the Lord for holidays and all sorts of fun and looking forward to the new term starting Monday 6th September.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue our voyage in God's wonderful world.



Valerie Cooper, Captain.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

The Elders and Church Meeting have Prayerfully reviewed the monthly Day of Prayer which has been held for several years. Lately it has become increasingly difficult for the whole day, or even half a day to be covered by volunteers. It has been decided that from July we will celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am monthly on the first Thursday of the month, and this may be followed by a time of prayer. The prayer and praise meeting which is held twice a month will continue in the afternoon.

We pray that all those who have been involved in the past, and perhaps more people too, will come together and join in corporate prayer for our church, its mission, and topical concerns in this new arrangement at 10.30 am as a monthly midweek service.

Jane Bond

... dates for your Diary



SEPTEMBER

Thu 2 10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion

Fri 3 7.30pm Choir Practice resumes after August break

Sun

5

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Anthony Trevithick
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Dr Eric Rogers

Tue 7 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship start of autumn session

Thu 9 7.30pm Elders Meeting

12 September closing date for
October Chronicle articles

Sun

12

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Simon Franklin
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood & Mr Richard Polley
3.00pm Wheels for the World Presentation by Mr Polley
followed by Afternoon Tea
6.00pm Evening Team Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood

Thu 16 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in' start of autumn session
3.00pm Prayer and Praise

Sat 18 10.00am-11.30am Church Meeting with coffee at 9.30am

Sun

19

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mrs Hilary Redman
10.30am Family Worship. Mr Wilfred Rhodes
6.00pm CTG evening worship here.

Tue 21 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship

Thu 23 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'

Sun

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Harvest Festival

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby
10.30am Morning Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Mr Michael Donnelly

Keep your diary up to date on our website - www.gurc.org.uk/diary



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Sun
3

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Vic Sumner
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Vic Sumner

Tue 5 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship

Thu 7 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion

Fri 8 6.00pm Prayer Room Vigil - See page 14
Until Sat 9 9.00pm

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Sun
10

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby
10.30am Family Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Simon Franklin

Thu 14 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'

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8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mr Michael Donnelly
10.30am Family Worship. Dr Eric Rogers
6.00pm Evening Worship. Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Ashby

Tue 19 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship

Thu 21 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
3.00pm Prayer and Praise

Sun
24

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship. Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship. Rev Anthony Trevithick

Thu 28 The Ark 'drop in' - no meeting today. Half Term

Sat 30 10.00am-11.30am Church Meeting with coffee at 9.30am

Sun
31

8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion. Mrs Hilary Redman
10.30am Morning Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion. Rev John Jennings



Looking ahead into November . . .



Saturday 6 Jumble Sale. Details October Chronicle.

Saturday 27 Church Meeting

From the Church Meeting

Fairtrade

At the Church Meeting in June, the members unanimously agreed that we should become a "Fairtrade Church". This means that on all occasions when refreshments are being served we will be using only fairly traded goods such as tea and coffee, which have been produced in countries where the farmers and workers obtain a fair price for their products. Many churches in the country are now doing this and the Southern Synod hopes to become a Fairtrade Synod. We are encouraged to use these goods at home also. They are available at many supermarkets and locally at all Co-op stores.

Church Meetings

As many members feel unable to attend meetings in the evening, especially during winter months, our June Church Meeting has proposed holding our monthly Church meetings on the last Saturday morning of the month for a trial period of 3 months. Coffee will be served at 9.30 and the meeting will be from 10 - 11.30 on Sat 18th September (25th is Harvest weekend), then on 30th October and 27th November. We hope this will prove to be a good time of fellowship and spiritual guidance in the life of the Church, and all members are encouraged to come.

Charitable Collections

We are indebted to Robin, who over the years has passed on our used stamps, coins and spectacles. However it is now felt that there are sufficient convenient places for members to dispose of these items in the following way - stamps to Oxfam, coins to Lloyds TSB, and spectacles to most opticians, and so we will cease to collect them at church. FOIL may still be brought as usual and Pheniah and / Grace Ralph has undertaken to pass this on for animal welfare.

Junior Church

After many years of devoted commitment to the children Sue Mitchell and Val Gill have retired from Junior Church. We appreciate all they have done, and thank them for their years of service, praying for God's blessing in their lives. We are seeking God's guidance in the way forward for Junior Church and for new people to share in this very important work.

Jane Bond

Banner for Christians Together in Goring



The banner, commissioned by CTG at the joint service at St Mary's on 18 July was made by members of St Mary's ZAP youth group.

Some sources of inspiration :-

The Cross - also forming the letter T, that which holds all Christians together and is central to our faith and to our salvation.

The Dove - the Holy Spirit which gives power and guidance for the work which we do for the sake of the Gospel.

The Sea - so much part of our life here in Goring. The CDs [highlights on the sea] designed to create reflections of light - the bright and sparkling light of Christ among us.

The banner will remain here at the United Reformed Church until after the joint service also here on the 19 September, when it will be moved to the Church hosting the next joint service - St Laurence's. It reminds us that we are all under the banner of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer for Christian Unity

Heavenly Father, you have called your people from all nations, from all walks of life; help us to work together in the love of Jesus Christ, in understanding and with patience, that the unity for which your dear Son prayed may be a reality here in our midst. Amen

24/7 Prayer Room: See over page



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**24/7 Prayer Room Vigil
East Hall**

6.00pm Friday 8th October - 9.00pm Saturday 9th October

There is a red rota board at the back of the church for you to sign if you feel able to come and can fill any of the time-slots during the period.

There will be more details about this important event in the October Chronicle.

Worthing Area Team Event

Sunday 12th September 3.00pm

Mr Richard Polley from "Wheels for the World" is coming to talk to the United Reformed Churches in the Worthing area about this charity on Sunday afternoon in the Church Hall (Refer to Welcome for time). The talk and presentation will be followed by tea and then a Worthing Area Team Service at 6.00pm led by Rev Andrew Sellwood.

"Through the roof" [part of Through the Roof Christian Charity] renovates and reconditions wheelchairs which are no longer needed in this country and used in places such as Sierra Leone. Richard, a long time friend of Roy & Sheila Gooderham is a Lay Reader in the Church of England.

Beware of Thieves in Church in your neighbourhood

Recently a young couple who were first time visitors at a church service stole the purse of a lady member who befriended them and sat with them.

During the service, the young lady developed a cough and asked for a drink of water. The man followed the lady member to get the drink. The lady member left her handbag on the floor beside her chair, but within reach of the lady visitor. Soon after that the couple made a plausible excuse to leave.

When the offering was to be taken, the lady member found her purse was missing. She immediately cancelled her cards, but in the interval of 15–20 minutes one card had been used.

Ladies, be warned. Do you really need to bring cards, driving licences etc to church, or take them everywhere you go?

St. Columba's C.A.M.E.O/ Group

*(Come And Meet Each Other)

The CAMEO Group invite you to a special meeting on Monday 6th September at 7.30 pm. in St. Columba's Church Hall.

We are having an illustrated talk by Andy Thomas on the intriguing subject of "Crop Circles". Mr. Thomas is a professional speaker who has been very highly recommended.

Admission is £1, including light refreshments.

A letter from Bangladesh addressed to Mrs Lily Collison :

Dhaka 4 August 2004

“ Love and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You might have heard in Radio and T.V news and seen in the T.V channels many devastating scenes caused by the recent deluge in Bangladesh.

I went to Nittynandanpur on 19 July and then to visit other churches until returning to Dhaka on 29 July.

Nittyanandapur, Juginda, Bilovepur, Ratanpur, Karpasdanga, in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts are not yet flooded. But rivers are full up to the edge.

People are fearing that any moment within a time all the paddy fields may be flooded, when, water will start coming from the 17 Northern flooded district areas.

Barisal and Southern Districts are under deep water. Our church members could not even take shelter on roads. In these areas people in rainy season live on land like Islands. Those islands are now under water. In many places roads are also under



Children share a plate of khichuri, got from a relief food shelter in Kamalapur Stadium. Monsoon flooding has swamped low-lying areas in Dhaka and most parts of Bangladesh during the past weeks.

Photo: curtesy of "The Daily Star" Bangladesh

water. People have made their shelter high with bamboos and planks. Boat is the only means of Communication. Saving children and animals is the main problem. Many people made floating places with collecting and putting water-hyacinth one after another and making a huge heap, then put planks on it, then human and cattle live on it. People mainly live on dry food as they cannot cook. So far people had some rice and some cash money. But price of every commodity is going very high. Day by day people will face more starvation, and hardship. When the water goes down farmers will not have seeds. They will have to borrow money, and the loan will not be able to be repaid without selling Land or some other things. Many houses will collapse when flood water declines. We fear that some of our

 World Mission

church cum schools may collapse, in the extremely low lying areas there is 6 to 12 cubit high water above the land.

As Barisal district is very close to the sea, our church people face floods, cyclone, typhoon, and high water almost every year. They lost their houses and all belongings in the deluges that took place in 1988, 1998, and in July 2004. In those areas people are mostly poor farmers and fishermen. There is no high place or high building where they can go to take shelter.

I would like to request that you think about the life and resources of those areas where poor uneducated simple people live and who fight with nature most of the time throughout their lives. Please help those needy people with seeds, little bit of capital for their business, and house repairing help. I would also like to request you to help us to make one or two flood shelters within 2 to five years. We will be able to use those buildings for school, church service and social programs. And at the time of flood, cyclone typhoon or any other natural disaster all people of that locality without cast or creed will be able to take shelter there. Until and unless Bangladesh government takes permanent steps with the helps of world bodies to save life and property and to build up their economy, these area people by themselves won't be able to do much for their life security and better solvent economy. As children of God we feel and should feel the urge to stand by the side of those people who are in need. As a fellow brother in

Christ I share my thought and agony to you. Let us all be channel and instrument in His hand to establish God's peace in the world.

About one third of Bangladesh is submerged and over 30 million people are effected. The official death count is over 700 and is rising. Road and Rail communications have broken down. Water borne diseases are spreading all over the flood affected areas. And thousand are in need of drinking water, dry food and medicine.

Through our church (U.C.B) administered and Bangladesh Government Registered N.G.O. PRATIBASHI (Neighbour) we have already donated some dry food and a little bit of essential commodities like sari, Lungi, Oral Saline, Water purifying tablets etc. among our church members, co-operative members and some outside people in extreme need in Barisal and Gopalganj districts!

Much more is needed. Please stand by the flood affected people of Bangladesh. If you like to send any contribution you can in the first instance speak to Lily Collison who has Bank details All we are well by His grace.

Please convey our love and greetings to all of your Church members, and keep us in your prayers. Be sure that we will keep you in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Benjamin Biswas. ”

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VISITING CARD

A minister was making pastoral visits, and arrived at a house on a hot, summer day. He knocked at the door several times, and although he was sure there was someone in, he got no answer. He decided to leave his visiting card, and scribbled on the back: Revelation 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in ...

On the following Sunday after the Service, he was looking through the collection plate contents, and found his card returned. On the back was written another text: Genesis 3.10. He looked up the text, which read: 'I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid and hid from you, for I was naked.'

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8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

- with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.

- Family service monthly as announced

- Junior Church with Crèche

6.00pm Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion on Third Sunday in month

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Dear Friends

I am writing this letter a week after the ending of the Beslan siege when Jakarta has been the victim of another terrorist attack and expects more bombs in the near future. It is also the third anniversary of the destruction of the World Trade Centre. Many of us may wonder, where is God in all this?

It was the question of where God was at the time of Auschwitz that has made modern theologians think that former pictures of God as a Ruler, omnipotent and commanding are not right. We read in the Bible that God is a God of love, if he is omnipotent then how could he allow six million Jews to be put to death in gas chambers? How could a God of love just watch as the Beslan siege occurred and ended in such a horrific way?

I believe that God is ultimately omnipotent, that he could bring the world to an end at any time if he wanted to do so. However, because he has given humanity free-will he does not enter events in the world unless he is asked to do so - by human beings. Even then he does not 'wave a magic wand' and make everything right. God expects us to ask him into our lives so that he can work through us, imperfect and sinful though we undoubtedly are.

Suffering can push people in one of two completely opposite directions. Either they stop believing in a God who could let such things happen and start to become bitter and twisted, or they begin to understand that in fact God is there in the suffering with them, right alongside the tortured, dying man, or the frightened, ill-treated child.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury said the day after the ending of the Beslan

siege, "Where was God? God is where God always is, that is, with those who are trying to comfort and bring light in any such situation." Paul Valley, a journalist writing for the 'Church Times' puts it this way, "Where was God in Beslan? In the teacher who remonstrated with the attackers as they arrived, insisting that they release the youngest children, and who was shot for her protest. In the 17 year old boy who escaped in the early confusion, but who ran back into the school to comfort his ten year-old-sister." "God was even in one of the hostage-takers who, after the first explosion, moved children over to a window where they could breathe."

God has given us all free-will: in all our actions, even the smallest, we are able to choose between good and evil, between selfishness and caring for other people. God was in Beslan in the lives of those individuals who chose not to look after themselves but to care for the people and children around them. God was in the actions of ordinary people who did extraordinary things, risking death, which was the result in most cases, to bring what relief they could to their fellow hostages.

God is a God of love, he is also a God of justice. As followers of Jesus Christ we stand at the foot of his Cross and realize that God suffers with us, with all of humanity. We do not understand much about suffering but we do know that out of great suffering God is able to bring great good. The shining love which we see in the brightness of our Risen Lord Jesus assures us of that fact.

With love and blessings to you all,
Margaret

Eddie Beckerton

Not many of the present members and friends of this church would remember Mrs Edie Beckerton, who with her husband John , were members here for many years. They moved to Hassocks and after John's death, Edie went to live with Marion, her daughter.

I have kept in contact with Edie over the years and Marion wrote to tell me that Edie passed away on 6th September after suffering a heart attack.

John and Edie were faithful members of the church and also of the various organisations which we had in those days.

John, with Bill Searle and another John, whose name escapes me, (his wife was Vi and they lived in the Causeway) could be found many a morning doing maintenance work in the Church..

Now John and Edie are reunited and at the age of ninety-five years, Edie, as Marion wrote in her letter to me, had "lived a wonderful life".

Joan Burrage

Change of Address

Mrs Robin Bradley has moved to -
9 Beechgrove
Brecon, Powys.
LD3 9ET
Telephone: 01874 622093

Please remember to update page
11 in your Handbook.

Congratulations

to
Bill & Gladys Marshall
on the occasion of their
Golden Wedding Anniversary
on 10 September 2004

House Group 51 Rose Walk

We are proposing to re-start the house Group held at 51 Rose Walk in October starting on the 12th at 2 pm. It will be held fortnightly so as not to coincide with Tuesday Fellowship.

We propose using a book called "Loving Justice" by Bob and Carol Hunter.

We feel that there must be at least 6 of us to make the discussion viable. So if you would like to be part of this group please let us know.

Roy and Sheila Gooderham W. 506452

Tuesday Fellowship

Recent Meeting 7th September 2004

Our new session got off to a very good start with a visit from our Minister, Rev Andrew Sellwood. We were regaled with "Andrew's Tale" which proved to be most interesting and informative, but more than that, it was very amusing! We were made aware just how versatile Andrew is by the various jobs he tackled in his younger days, but most of all we learned the depth of his abiding spirituality from the fact that he gave up the best job he had ever had in order to enter the Ministry, much to the amazement of his colleagues.

We praise and thank the Lord that he did so, God bless you Andrew.

Doreen Norris

Church Working Morning

Saturday 6 November 9.30-12.30

Come to work with others - Come for a cup of tea or coffee

Some of the areas needing attention :-

- The Garden
- Outside Painting
- Replacement of brackets to outside gas pipe.
- Repairing Piano Stool
- Cleaning roof glass in Cornwall Room Passage

House & Fabric Group

The Balloon Race/the Church on Your Doorstep

Over the weekend in June we dispatched 90 balloons. Of these we received just one reply and this was from M. Guy Gaffe of Baqueville-en-Caux near Dieppe in France. This balloon was released by Doreen Norris.

Both of them receive a prize, and a Christian greeting will go to Guy from our church. *Jane Bond*

Come along and join others at the Church
for a time of

Prayer and Praise

on the first and third Thursdays
of every month at 3.00pm

- all dates are printed in the diary pages of Chronicle -

Christians Together in Goring Prayer Room Vigil

6.00pm Friday 8 October
to
9.00pm Saturday 9 October

Goring United Reformed Church - East Hall



Robin about to cut the cake at her last meeting of the club towards to end of July.

Miss
Eileen
Rhodes

How sorry we all are to have said “goodbye” to our friend and leader Robin Bradley.

Robin has been our leader for so many years, she has served us so faithfully and well, helping us to overcome our various difficulties, and been our most reliable friend.

We shall all miss you Robin, but are happy to know that now you will be living near your family, who have been away from you for so long.

God bless you, and thank you Robin.

We are pleased that Robin was able to introduce Eileen to our club, and that she has agreed to take over from Robin and we look forward to a happy future with her leadership.

Joan Stay and Lily Collison

Publications for 2005

PUBLICATIONS for 2005: As it is now October, the time for ordering the following Literature will soon be upon us.

Please let me know by the end of October the Publications you wish to order, but please note that the prices indicated are those of last year. Unfortunately, today's prices were not to hand at the time of CHRONICLE going to print, but I should be able to let you have these when you speak to me with your order.

Beryl Richardson . Tel: 241936

IBRA - International Bible Reading Association:

WORDS FOR TODAY 2004 £6.75

LIGHT FOR OUR PATH 2004 £6.75 (Large print version also available)

FINDING OUR WAY TOGETHER -

Books 1, 2, 3 and 4 £8.00 ea or £25.00 for the series of 4 books.

ON LINE TO GOD £6.25

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Prescription for Prayer' £3.25

THE URC POCKET DIARY

Colours: Red, Brown, Green and Blue £4.95 per diary, or Insert

Organiser Cover, Leather-bound £5.50 each - Insert extra

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Advent and Christmas £8.00

Ascension & Pentecost £8.00

Lent and Easter £8.00

LIVING PRAYERS FOR TO-DAY £15.50

MORE LIVING PRAYERS FOR TO-DAY £15.50



OCTOBER

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
3		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Vic Sumner
		6.00pm	Evening Worship: Rev Vic Sumner
Tue	5	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	7	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
		10.30am	Mid-week Holy Communion
		3.00pm	Prayer and Praise
Fri	8	6.00pm	Prayer Room Vigil
		until	
Sat	9	9.00pm	

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby
10		10.30am	Family Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
		6.00pm	Evening Worship: Rev Simon Franklin
Thu	14	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting

10th - Last day
for November
Chronicle material

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mr Michael Donnelly
17		10.30am	Morning Worship : Rev Dr Eric Rogers
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby
Tue	19	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	21	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
		3.00pm	Prayer and Praise
Sat	23		World Church & Mission Coffee Morning

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
24		10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
		6.00pm	Evening Worship: Rev Anthony Trevithick
Tue	28		The Ark 'drop in' - No meeting today. Half Term.
Sat	30	10.00am-11.30am	Church Meeting with coffee at 9.30am

Sun		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Hilary Redman
31		10.30am	Morning Worship : Rev Margaret Ashby
		6.00pm	Evening Worship: Rev John Jennings



NOVEMBER

Tue	2	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	4	9.00am-11.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	The Ark 'drop in' Mid-week Holy Communion Prayer & Praise
Sat	6	9.30am-12.30pm	Church Working Morning

Sun	7	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship: Rev Peter Elliott
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Thu	11	9.00am-11.00am 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Elders' Meeting
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Sun	14	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin Morning Worship: Rev Vic Sumner Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
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Tue	16	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	18	9.00am-11.00am 3.00pm	The Ark 'drop in' Prayer & Praise

14th - Last day
for December
Chronicle material

Sat	20	1.30pm	Jumble Sale
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Sun	21	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mr Wilfred Rhodes Family Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood CTG Evening Worship: St Laurence C of E
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Sat	27	10.00am-11.30am	Church Meeting with coffee at 9.30am
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Sun	28	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby Morning Worship : Rev Simon Franklin Evening Worship with Holy Communion: - Rev David Bedford-Groom
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Tue	30	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
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Don't forget that if you have internet access you can keep your diary
of Church events up to date by visiting -

www.gurc.org.uk/diary

Bible Society - Worthing Action Group "Good News for the World"

Celebrating the bi-centenary of the Bible Society. Please join us at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13 October at Holy Trinity Church, Worthing.

There will be a short AGM followed by a time of praise and thanksgiving. We will then have time to browse the stalls and enjoy a buffet tea (cost £2.00). We will be so pleased to welcome you to this very special event.

Margaret Butcher

Children's Activity Day Workshop at Sompting

Come and see what you might do
Bring your friends.

Ages 7 +

10 October 10.30am

Bring a packed Lunch - Drinks Provided



*Tea and cakes in the garden of Eileen & Wilfred Rhodes - well after a two mile walk !
An opportunity for a chat or two and to enjoy the good company too.*

“There was a young curate of Kew
Who kept a tom cat in a pew
He taught it to speak
Alphabetical Greek,
But it never got further than μ.”

Anonymous

N.S.P.C.C.

Jill Gough of St Columba's URC writes to inform us that the Worthing and Goring District of the NSPCC will hold a CEILIDGH at St Columba's on Saturday 9th October 2004 from 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm. Music will be by "Two in Accord" - Shirley Harvey and Bill Perkins, accordionists.

Programmes price £5.00, children £1.00, are available from:

Brenda Churchman 01903 232149

Daphne Keating 01903 244226

Jill Gough 01903 692117

Refreshments included.

Everyone is most welcome either to take part in the dancing or just watch and have an enjoyable social evening. Please come along and bring your friends.

Worthing Area Team Ministry

Elders' Day

The Worthing Area Team are making arrangements to hold an Elders' Day on the 19 February 2005 from 10.00am -1.00pm at St Andrew's United Reformed Church. All Elders will be invited to attend, and the session will be led by somebody not currently involved with the Team.

Team Service Spring 2005

Another joint service for Churches within the Worthing Area Team is planned to be held on 17 April 2005 at 10.30am probably at the St Michael's Road site. (At present known as St Columba's),

Peacelight Service

This year's Peacelight Service has been arranged for 6.00pm on 19 December at St Columba's.

Wheels for the World

A joint evening service was held at Goring on Sunday 12 September. Friends from the other churches in the Worthing Area Team attended. Prior to the service we had a very interesting talk by Mr Richard Polley from the "Wheels for the World" charity. See **ECUMENICAL WHEELS** top of next page.

Children's Activity Day — will be held at Sompting on 10 October. See page 10.

Joint Pastorate

Discussions between St Andrew's and Goring United Reformed Churches have been taking place to explore the possibility of forming a joint pastorate between the two Churches instead of them being Churches within the Worthing Area Team Ministry. That is, the two churches sharing one (or more) minister(s) instead of five churches sharing all the Ministers in the Team.

The Moderator [Rev Nigel Uden], Minister [Rev Andrew Sellwood], and Elders of Goring & St Andrew's feel this is indeed the right time for such a development and there would be benefits for the local Churches and Team Ministers alike.

However, before we can move forward, resolutions will need to be passed at both the St Andrew's and Goring Church meetings in October.

Graham Redman

ECUMENICAL WHEELS

"Wheels for the World" raises money to refurbish redundant wheelchairs, which are donated from private sources or are given by the National Health Service. The chairs are then refurbished, at a cost of around £30 a chair, by prisoners in various prisons, the leading one being Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight.

Following refurbishment the chairs are taken to various countries with a team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists and wheelchair technicians. There they are given to those who are in urgent need and could not afford to purchase one, and where such things as the N.H.S. is beyond the scope of

their wildest dreams. The question can be asked in the U.K. "Do we realise when we are well off?"

The recipient of each chair is given a Bible or a New Testament. If you have any surplus copies of either, or if you have a wheelchair which is no longer needed, please contact Richard Polley of St Martin's Church via Roy and Sheila Gooderham.

You may feel moved to provide the wherewithal to refurbish a wheelchair. You will never know who receives it, but someone's life as well as the lives of their families will be completely changed through your gift.

Come to think of it, isn't that what Christian giving is all about?

Christian Aid

Shoe Boxes

Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

Please bring full boxes to church and I will take them to the drop off point, as yet to be confirmed. We sent over fifty boxes last year for this very worthwhile appeal. I have a short video if anyone would like to borrow it.

Bangladesh : Beyond the Floods Friday 15th October 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm at St Columba's URC.

Caroline Mead will be speaking about her time in Bangladesh and the inspirational and amazing people she met there.

Carols at Lancing College. Thursday 9th December

Please let me know as soon as possible if you require tickets as they do go quickly.

Any further information please telephone me on 243194

Bett Swierk

Ruth's Chat

September 2004



Dear Friends,

In case you haven't heard, Mamy and I will get married on **2nd October**, at my home church in South London! (New Park Road Baptist Church, Streatham Hill SW2). The service will start at 1pm.

I have to limit numbers at the meal in the evening, but **you are ALL VERY WARMLY INVITED** to the church service, which will be followed by light refreshments in the church hall and an opportunity to greet the bride and groom.

The past weeks have been full of wedding preparations, as well as a trip to Sweden to check out where we'll spend the coming winter and to meet Mamy's two sons, Samuel (10) and David (8), who live with their mother. That was a positive experience!

I am currently enjoying being at the Wycliffe Centre, where people are constantly coming and going from different parts of the world. The registrar

job is keeping me busy during the day, and Mamy is now here to fill up most of my free time! His English pronunciation is improving (he needs to practice for his groom's speech!), and he is enjoying phonetics; learning to produce and recognize all the possible sounds in the world's languages.

12 days after the wedding Mamy and I will move to Sweden! Mamy will be making it top priority to work on his doctoral thesis, so that he can finish before too many months of 2005 go by, and we will then return to Congo.

I appreciate your support through this period of transition in my life. My brother Chris is now also engaged (to Annie McLelland) and will be getting married in December. May the Lord be honoured in both of our marriages!

On a different note, I was encouraged to receive the following report from Congo recently:



David, Mamy, Samuel & Ruth

Teke Writers' Workshop held in Ngo, 2th-6th August

25 Teke people from 7 different towns and villages came together to develop skills as writers in the Teke language. The workshop was run by Andrea Ebengue (SIL-Congo literacy coordinator), Roch Beapami (Mboshi literacy coordinator) and Basile Okana (Teke literacy supervisor).

Teaching was given on the complexities of the Teke alphabet, and on how to write texts such as traditional stories, proverbs, historical and educational texts. The participants learnt to correct and improve each others' texts. They plan to start village writers' clubs, and to publish some of their materials. At the end of the workshop, three of the participants wrote as follows:

"I would like to thank all those who worked hard to provide this training for Teke writers. We Tekes, like many African peoples, are losing a lot of our cultural heritage because of contact with the outside world. This workshop gave us the necessary tools, as pioneers in writing our language, to explore and promote our rich culture by making it available to others in written form."

The workshop was an extraordinary experience for me... I was very happy with the way you taught us so clearly and allowed us to ask questions. I was able to discover much about how to write stories, poetry, etc."

"We writers-in-training wish to

Here's what you've been waiting for: the lesson on how to pronounce my surname-to-be!

RAHARIMANANTSOA

The final syllable is unpredictable, but the rest is quite straight-forward:

Ra-ha-ri-ma-na-

All the 'a's are pronounced like 'a' in "Chat".

ntsoa

Just one syllable, because the final 'a' is silent, and 'o' is pronounced like 'u' in 'Ruth'. So it sounds like "ntsu".

OK? I shall expect **perfect** pronunciation when I next meet you...

The members and friends of Goring United Reformed Church wish Ruth and Mamy every blessing for their wedding day and for their new life together.

Continued over

express heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to make possible this training... Even before the workshop was over, people in the village were calling me "author", which made me very proud, and I want to continue with this vocation."

Training Teke writers to produce simple Teke literature is an important way to help the community become literate and to prepare them for Teke Scriptures. The Teke project has known many difficulties and setbacks in the past, so we are grateful to God for each little step forward.

Other news from Congo: The Munukutuba New Testament has now gone to the States for type-setting in preparation for publishing, and Andrea and Sylvain are expecting a baby next February!

I hope to see some of you on 2nd October! Blessings,

Ruth

** Please pray for the Teke project, especially for the writers in training, and for Basile Okana as he gives leadership at the village level.*

** Please pray for the SIL-Congo team, both expatriate and Congolese, and especially for a healthy pregnancy for Andrea.*

** Please pray for the two up-coming weddings in the Chatfield family! For God's peace during the preparations, that we can enjoy this special time, and for God to equip us for married life.*

** Please pray for Mamy, for concentration and discipline for his studies.*

** Please pray for me during the dark, cold winter months in Sweden! I will be learning Swedish, learning how to live in harmony with my husband(!), and possibly giving some help via email to the Francophone department of Wycliffe.*

This God – how perfect are his deeds! How dependable his words! He is like a shield for all who seek his protection.

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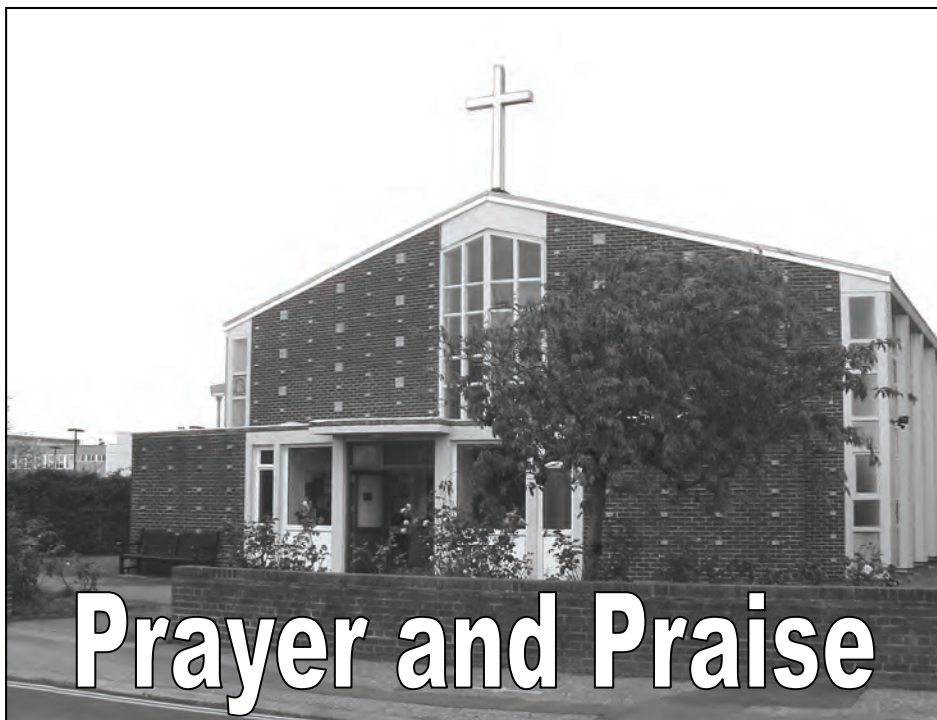


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Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship - with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.

- Family service monthly as announced

- Junior Church with Crèche

6.00pm Evening Worship - with Holy Communion on third Sunday in month

Mid-week

10.30am Holy Communion: on first Thursday in month

3.00pm Prayer and Praise on first and third Thursday in month

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**Sunday 14 November for typed and E-mailed articles
(Sunday 7 November for handwritten articles)**

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Dear Goring Friends

Firstly may I say thank you for all the cards messages and gifts you gave me when I left. I am sorry I couldn't say a personal goodbye to everyone, but farewell's are so very sad.

I am spending the garden token on spring bulbs and winter flowering pansies, as I have several window boxes and tubs around the bungalow. Graham's painting of the church hangs on my bedroom wall, and is a daily reminder of you all.

Brecon itself is a lovely old town, full of quaint buildings, and surrounded by breathtaking views. There is even a woodland walk just three minutes from the house, so Sox is well pleased.

John is attending an Elim church which seems very lively, I hope to attend a U.R church this Sunday and will let you know how it goes.

I often think of you all during the week when events are taking place, but know this move was God's plan, as everything fell into place with remarkable ease, and I feel very much at home here.

Being near Helen and the family is a great bonus, and it is a joy seeing the grandchildren everyday. A bottle of squash and the cake tin is handy at all times is all they ask.

Blessings to you all, Robin

We remember Joan Burrage in our prayers after the loss of her husband Les who died on 24 September in Worthing Hospital. Joan's family are also in our prayers at this time.

Jesus said, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Very many thanks for the flowers and good wishes we received to mark our Golden Wedding. We have fifty years of great memories and for about forty five of them we have worshipped here at Goring.

We are truly thankful. *Gladys & Bill Marshall*

Ivy Madge also gives thanks to the Church for the flowers she recently received.

Tuesday Fellowship

Recent Meeting 21 September & 5 October 2004

In last month's Chronicle I told you about 'Andrew's Tale'.

On Tuesday 21st of September, we had another 'Andrew's Tale'. This time we welcomed Andrew Sellwood is the Community Fundraiser for St. Barnabas Hospice. His 'Tale' was told from a personal standpoint - from the time he first knew of the existence of St. B's (as he called it) which was when his mother became ill and decided that she wished to be cared for at St. Barnabas.

Andrew left his home and his wonderful job in Paris, coming to England to visit his dear mum. He admitted that he was very reluctant even to enter the doors of the Hospice and had to be persuaded by a receptionist who noticed him loitering outside.

Once in, he discovered that the fears people had about St. Barnabas were quite unfounded. The happy atmosphere which was generated by the kindness of the nursing, and indeed all of the staff, amazed him. He stayed as a guest for the next six weeks and spoke very movingly of that time. It was that experience which decided Andrew to do all he could to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance and support of this heart-warming place.

We were all very touched by 'Andrew's Tale' especially when we

learned that the wonderful job he gave up to come to Worthing was with none other than Yves St. Laurent in Paris! St. Barnabas was the chosen charity of the Tuesday Fellowship this year and we were very happy to present a cheque to Andrew for £300.

Tuesday 5 October At this meeting we had a very happy time with our much-travelled guests Betty and Maurice Ludlum who talked to us about - and showed us slides of- the glorious flowers and trees they have seen and photographed in places they visited over the years.

We saw pictures from the parks, gardens and wilderness areas in such places as Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Madeira and Holland to name but a few. Nearer to home but just as beautiful, from the Cornish gardens, Exbury Gardens, which no doubt many of you have visited and their own very lovely garden.

Betty and Maurice both worked at a Garden Centre so are very knowledgeable about plants etc. and are certainly very talented photographers.

Quite by coincidence and as a nice little 'tailpiece' Betty told us that they donate their fees for the talks they give to - yes! you've guessed it - St. Barnabas Hospice!

Doreen Norris

Church Working Morning

Saturday 6 November 9.30-12.30

Some of the more urgent areas needing attention are: -

- Tidy "Boiler Room"
- Trimming Garden hedges
- Outside Painting
- Replacement of brackets to outside gas pipe.
- Repairing Piano Stool
- Cleaning roof glass in Cornwall Room Passage

There should be a mid-morning cup of tea or coffee for you.

***IMPORTANT** If you have anything stored in the "Old Boiler Room", please could you make yourself available on the day, or speak to one of the members of the Fabric Group as soon as possible.*

House & Fabric Group

Christmas Coffee Morning

A CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 13th November from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. There will be a cake and grocery stall, a Christmas stall with cards, paper, decorations and new presents and a Good as New stall. (NO CLOTHES).

Admission will be free but there will be a charge for coffee and mince pies. Please make a note in your diaries and on your calendars. This is a Church social event!

Sheila Gooderham

The Rowland Singers

The Rowland Singers will be giving a Carol Concert in the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the interval. Entry is by programme which will cost £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. Following our very successful concert of Messiah earlier in the year, we are hoping for a large audience. Please come and bring your friends.

Sheila Gooderham.

Holy Communion

Thursday 4th November at 10.30am
also at 3.00pm a time of

Prayer and Praise

Come along and join others in the Church
on the first Thursday of every month for
Holy Communion and Prayer and Praise.

Prayer and Praise is also held on the third
Thursday of every month at 3.00pm



NOVEMBER

Tue	2	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	4	9.00am-11.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	The Ark 'drop in' Mid-week Holy Communion Prayer & Praise
Sat	6	9.30am-12.30pm 7.30pm	Church Working Morning Evening of Music: Sompting United Reformed Church - Page 12

Sun	7	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood Evening Worship: Rev Peter Elliott
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Thu	9	9.00am-11.00am 7.30pm	The Ark 'drop in' Elders' Meeting
Sat	13	10.00am-12.00noon	Church Coffee Morning. See page 5

Remembrance Sunday

Sun	14	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin Morning Worship: Rev Vic Sumner Evening Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
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Tue	16	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thu	18	9.00am-11.00am 3.00pm	The Ark 'drop in' Prayer & Praise
Sat	20	1.30pm	Jumble Sale

14th - Last day
for December
Chronicle material

Sun	21	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mr Wilfred Rhodes Family Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood CTG Evening Worship: St Laurence C of E
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Sat	27	10.00am-11.30am	Church Meeting with coffee at 9.30am
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Sun	28	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby Morning Worship : Rev Simon Franklin Evening Worship with Holy Communion: - Rev David Bedford-Groom
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Tue	30	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
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If you have internet access you can keep your diary of Church events up to date by visiting -

www.gurc.org.uk/diary



DECEMBER

Thu 2 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion
3.00pm Prayer & Praise

Sun Bible Sunday

5 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
6.00pm Evening Worship: Rev Dr Eric Rogers

Wed 8 7.30pm Rowland Singers Carol Concert - Page 5

Thu 9 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'
7.30pm Elders' Meeting

Sun 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby
12 10.30am Family Worship: Rev Anthony Trevithick
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin

Thu 16 3.00pm Prayer & Praise

For later dates in December and Christmas Services see December Chronicle

Handbook 2004 - 05

Your Handbook for this coming year is now available for collection, and a small envelope is provided for your contribution towards its cost.

Just a reminder: - Please remember to keep your Handbook up to date by referring to amendments as they occur in *The CHRONICLE*.

The Handbook is also regularly updated throughout the year and a latest copy can usually be found on the table at the back of the Church.

Είναι ελληνικά ψια μενα !

It's all Greek to me !

It took me a while to work out the humour in the limerick about the curate's cat in last month's Chronicle, I had learned Standard Modern Greek, in which the letter μ is called, mi (mee) so that it sounded more like a mouse than a

Cat ! I asked William to recite the Greek Alphabet as he knew it and when he reached 'm' he said 'mu' (mew), so then it all made sense and I laughed.

Some years ago, we were in Crete for Helena's wedding and I took William around to meet people in the local villages. We called at a kafenion which was run by a local priest and family. He didn't speak English, so I made the introductions in my basic Greek and we all took a Greek coffee (what we would call Turkish, but not the Greeks) and William decided to try out the Greek he had learned at Theological College. Pappa Paraskava looked puzzled and eventually said to me "I'll have to get my son to translate, I don't speak English." So

I had to tell him that William was talking in Classical/New Testament Greek as taught many years before in college with seriously doubtful pronunciations !

Modern Greek in two forms, as well as two different sets of grammatical

rules had existed for many years - one covering the language in which all official documents were written - katharevousa; the other, demotic Greek, the less formal, less stilted language of literature and spoken Greek.

In 1976, demotic Greek became officially recognised and became the 'over all' language of both officialdom and literature. Then, in 1982, the 'twiddly bits' over the letters - the

system of accentuation - two breathings and three accents - were simplified to monotonic. A single accent is used over a vowel e.g. á and sometimes a dieresis

over a second vowel when two vowels together need to be pronounced separately — e.g. faî - faee (food).

However, some things are slow to change and many terms, words and word endings, spellings and pronunciation still survive from katharevousa and remain

in common use, particularly in country districts.

When I first went to Crete, I used to stay in the (very basic) house of

an elderly man who had left school at 10 or 11 years old to look after the sheep and tend the vines. He could read only a little and write only to sign his name. He spoke in a broad local dialect.

My Greek was at a very early stage learned from language books and tapes and some lessons from a lady from Athens.

My understanding of what he was saying was severely limited.

My Greek dictionary was in constant use and even then, I couldn't always find the word! I said to someone, "I find it difficult to understand. Pantelis". He smiled, and said, "Oh, you're doing very well, don't worry. ".We often don't know what he's saying and we live here!"

It makes you think, doesn't it? Thoughts, words, phrases, habits and customs which we ourselves find familiar and easy, may be strange, difficult and incomprehensible to others. Can we afford to be comfortable and complacent and

set in our ways, living in the past, thinking the same thoughts and saying the same things over and over? Yes, of course we need to keep our values and beliefs, but must make them available and understandable to those without our years of usage and experience. Religion or Christian belief does not have to be expressed in archaic (old-fashioned) language, neither does it have to be too facile (easy).

We need words and examples that will stretch the mind and thought to enlighten

and inspire, opening up the way to a well-founded Christian life. Remember those times when words, thoughts or experiences suddenly made sense.....

Suddenly you knew the meaning, suddenly you fully understood?
"Eureka."

"Eureka!" as Archimedes (Arkim-ee dees), Greek mathematician and inventor (c.287-212 B.C) cried exultantly when he discovered the principle of buoyancy and displacement while having a bath. In his excitement at his discovery (please don't do this in Goring) he ran naked through the streets shouting, ""Eureka !!"('I have found it !").

Did you know that our Pilots have been studying Greece as a project, inspired by the Olympic Games?

There were some young people in Goring,

Who found life to be a bit boring.

But Pilots at Church

Soon ended their search

For something not boring in Goring.

Small Quiz:

1. Where did Archimedes live?
2. Where did Archimedes die?
3. What were his discoveries and inventions? (You already have part of the answer)
4. What is Archimedes' principle? (I've already given you a, big, fat clue)

Mary Connelly.

World church & Mission Group

At our August meeting we received reports from the organisations we support prayerfully and financially. All mentioned the growing need world wide to ensure the continuing spread of the Gospel and alongside to meet needs such as Scriptures in local native languages; supporting projects aimed at reducing drug abuse in Afghanistan, Yemen, Kenya and India - stressing the message that there is power in the Gospel of Jesus to change lives.

We heard of the work of MAF in Madagascar where the flight teams are able to cover distances comparative to London to Brighton or London to Nottingham that take 3 to 4 days on foot can be flown in 65 minutes. There is need for additional air strips to access remote settlements.

Monica will be taking over correspondence with Tear Fund, following Gaynor's resignation.

Our giving this year will be allocated to The Bible Society, Tear Fund, and Ghana. The amounts will be confirmed at our next meeting. We continue to support Ruth Chatfield at Wycliffe and have sent our greetings to her and her fiancé on the occasion of their marriage in October at Streatham.

Alec Ralph

“What lovely things thy hand hath made;
The smooth-plumed bird in its emerald shade,
The seed of the grass and speck of stone,
Which the wayfaring ant stirs, and hasten on.
If I should sit by some tarn in thy hills,
Using its ink as the spirit wills,
To write of earth's wonders, its live-willed things,
Flit would the ages on soundless wings,
E're unto "Z" my pen drew nigh,
Leviathan told, and the honey fly,
All words forgotten, Thou, Lord, and I”.

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Saturday 20 November 1.30pm

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Do you have any jumble for the sale ?

Can you put leaflets through local doors ?

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Are you able to help on the day ?

- - Morning sorting
- - Afternoon selling
- - Tidying up

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Your help in any of these areas would be greatly appreciated.

Please speak to Wilfred Rhodes 248263
or Graham Redman 260568

Thank you

Weekday Activities

Goring by Sea Pilots Company. 5-17yr olds	Monday Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Monthly Mid-week Holy Communion	1st Thursday in month 10.30am
Monthly Prayer & Praise	1st & 3rd Thursday Afternoons 3.00pm
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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19 December : Festival of Lessons and Carols at 10.30am

Christmas Eve : Holy Communion at 11.30pm

Christmas Day : Service for all the family at 10.30am

Boxing Day : Family Worship at 10.30am

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Mid-week

10.30am Holy Communion: on first Thursday in month

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from the Manse . . . Rev! Norman Croft



Dear Friends,

Apparently strange things are beginning to happen. I am told that on farms across the country Turkeys are taking 'Prozac' and requesting counselling as they suddenly realise their future is very uncertain. Also in towns and cities across the country tanker loads of Gin and Guinness are involved in mercy dashes to desperate communities! And to cap it all, the futures market in Paxo stuffing is hardening!!

Yes. It is Christmas again !

I came across this poem recently and I would like to share it with you all.

Nigh two thousand years age
 In the little town of Bethlehem,
 The Son of God - a baby boy
 Came to dwell on earth with men.
 The angels sang of this event
 Their presence lit the sky,
 Goodwill and peace towards all men
 Glory to God on high.

In an old stable far away
 On that first Christmas morn,
 The saviour of the world came down
 A little boy was born.
 Emmanuel - God with us,
 We celebrate His birth.
 The world will never be the same
 Since Jesus came to earth.



So as Christmas arrives again our priority must be to use our Christmas services to deepen our understanding of those wonderful events that took place in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. So please support all those you can and bring your friends too.

At one time mince pies were made in an oval or cradle shape often with the outline of a baby on the pastry, with a filling of minced game poultry or beef mixed with egg and spices and when you ate them you were supposed to think of the manger and of the baby Jesus in it. Maybe when you eat your mince pie on Christmas day you might pause and think of Jesus, born in a stable, whose first cot was a manger and who changed the world forever.

Norman

February Chronicle Closing Date

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Congratulations to Matthew and Wilma Smith on becoming Grandparents. Their son David, and Jo announced the birth of Treana Evelyn.



We would like to thank you all for your cards, and for the lovely flowers from the Church, and for sharing our joy on the birth of our first grandchild. Treana Evelyn was born on 9 November and weighed in at 8lb 11oz. She and her glowing parents are a great blessing to us. Every good and perfect gift is from above, James 1v17. Matthew and Wilma



Elizabeth Taylor would like to thank all friends for the lovely flowers which she received when she was unable to attend church. She says 'they were much appreciated.'



Glen Dean thanks all Church Friends for the lovely flowers which she received. She says, "They are really beautiful and they remind us of the goodness of our God and the love and kindness of our Church family."



Barbara Popplestone thanks everybody so much for the kind and loving messages on cards and letters. She says that our prayers are a constant support for her and are much appreciated.



I would like to express my grateful thanks to Church members and friends who during the past year have sent cards, letters, flowers and have upheld Leslie and myself in their prayers. It has been a great comfort to us. Now Leslie is at peace and in the everlasting arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ. After sixty four years of a wonderful partnership you can imagine how I miss him, but I have a peace in my heart which I cannot explain. The future I leave in His safe hands. I still need prayers as I have to undergo two hip operations at sometime. Again my thanks for the love that has surrounded us. Blessings and love to you all. Joan Burrage



Handbook Ammendments

We were pleased to welcome the following into full Church Membership on Sunday 7 November -

Joan Eley, Les & Beryl Richardson and Colin & Maggie Wilde.

Win Offer died on 22nd October 2004. Whilst she and her husband, Harry, were not members here at Goring, but they asked to be associated with this Church when they moved into the area some years ago. Harry died in April this year.

Please remember to update 2004-05 Handbooks issued in October '04 [The date can be found on the front cover].

There were some October Handbooks with incorrect information printed on page 5. Please check that Mr G Dean & Mrs Bett Swierk are entered against 'Churches Together in Worthing'.

New Year Prayer Vigil 2005

Thursday 6th January

New Year Social

Saturday 8th January 2005

5.00pm—8.00pm in the Church Hall



HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

The House and Fabric Group are currently working their way through the URC guidance on Health and Safety in Churches. We were surprised to find that it is about four years since we focused on Health & Safety as a group.

In law, "those in charge of our premises have a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that users are not exposed to risks to their safety and health". In our discussion we felt that it was right that we bring this issue to everyone's attention who uses the Church premises.

Although the Group address issues of concern we do rely on you to bring to our attention anything you think requires attention. The duty of care belongs to us all. The members of the House and Fabric Group are -

Eric Bond

Graham Redman

Paul Redman

Peter Mitchell

Malcolm Nicholls

Wilma Smith

Should you notice anything, no matter how small, that you think requires attention, can we ask you to please mention it to one of us.

Over the next few months we as a group will be addressing issues that have come up in our discussions, updating processes where necessary and possibly reminding everyone of specific procedures.

We want our Church to be a safe place of worship where people can come and go in safety.

Wilma Smith. House & Fabric Group

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- The Group wishes to thank all who helped in so many ways during the Working Party morning early in November.
 - Work is due to start early next year in the ladies' toilet area of the Church Vestibule. This is to make the necessary alterations for the provision of toilet facilities for disabled people and to satisfy the disability discrimination act.



Budget Proposal 2005

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	£50,513	£48,275	Ministry	£38,588	£39,990
Rents	£5,000	£6,000	Pulpit Supply	£1,000	£1,000
Interest	£400	£4,000	Minister/Manse	£5,500	£5,500
Tax refund	£6,500	£6,000	Cleaning	£2,000	£2,000
Donations	£1,000	£1,000	Utilities	£2,000	£2,500
			Insurance	£1,600	£1,600
			Maintenance	£4,000	£4,000
			Church Music	£600	£600
			Junior Church	£500	£500
			Printing	£800	£800
			Sundries	£1,000	£1,000
			Mission	£2,200	£2,310
			10% Fund	£3,000	£3,000
			Loan Repayments	£625	£475
Totals	£63,413	£65,275		£63,413	£65,275

The 2005 budget was approved by November's Church Meeting as above. Perhaps the most significant item is the reduction in the Offertory target from £50,513 to £48,275. However this does not signal a relaxation in financial vigilance for the Church - quite the opposite in fact. Present indications are that Offertory this year will total only £42,275, some £6,000 less than next year's target. While unbudgeted receipts, from the Team and District, are making good the shortfall this year this will not continue to happen in the future.

The financial impact of the proposed joint pastorate will have to be worked through and we are nearing the end of our grant award from District for the quinquennial survey expenditure, but it is clear that we will be left with a large gap in our budget as these factors unwind. So we need to start now to bridge the gap. Can I therefore urge you to review your giving for 2005 - I intend to remind you to do so every year from now on. If we start now we will bridge the gap gradually and effectively, but if we postpone

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increasing our giving it may prove much more difficult a year or two down the line.

It is as much our responsibility to provide for the financial well-being of the Church as the spiritual well being. So please come before the Lord in prayer and let Him steer your decision on how much to give in 2005. He does so much more for us than we can ever fully appreciate, let us respond appropriately.

*Matthew Smith.
Church Treasurer*

Jumble Sale raises £144

The Jumble Sale on 20 November raised £144.33 for Church funds after accounting £22.56 for advertising in the local paper.

Thank you to all those who helped with the distribution of leaflets, providing refreshments during the day, sorting and selling and last of all, clearing up at the end of the day.

Most of the unsold items were given to the "Mind" shop in Goring Road, leaving very little to take to the Council tip.

It was marvellous that the Hall was returned to normal by 4.15pm.

Thank you again, Wilfred Rhodes & Graham Redman



Where do the weeks go?

Another term is at its end and Christmas is knocking on the door. If you have been able to keep your eye on **The Ark** picture board

in the hall you will have seen the animals gathering on the farm. Each week has featured a different kind of animal so you will see cows, pigs, sheep goats etc. alongside a scare crow and of course the farmer. At the top is the 'thank you' prayer for farmers and the animals that they care for.

The Ark



This term we were sad to learn that Gaynor, who has helped run **The Ark** for many years, has had to step down but we are glad to know that as often as she can she will still be bringing Daisy on Thursday mornings. Thank you Gaynor for all your help over the years and for your continued support.

We are very pleased to welcome Beryl Richardson to **The Ark** as a regular helper, and she is settling in nicely. Often her husband Les comes too which is great - we are always glad to welcome any one who would like to 'drop in'. We are always pleased to welcome Andrew when he can spare the time, and it is good that he is becoming known in the group. He is a good 'dropper in'!

Someone else has been coming to **The Ark** fairly regularly too. This is 'Ellie' who comes in from Little Fishes with either Sue Mitchell or Val Gill. Ellie is a puppet, and she usually brings a simple Bible story and prayer to offer with the toddlers. They love it! Thank you Sue and Val.

Besides putting the farm together, members of **The Ark** have prepared a shoe box for the Samaritan's Purse

Appeal, and made a contribution towards the church Jumble Sale. Well done, and many thanks!

All in all we have welcomed about 15 regular families since the summer. Some toddlers come with mums, some with dads, some with grandparents, and some with carers. If the object of the morning is to get together for a good chat then **The Ark** has succeeded, but more than that we pray that **The Ark** provides a safe and caring Christian environment where seeds of the Gospel message may be sown. Thank you for your prayers, and continued support.

And next term? We will be "Under the Sea....."

*Hilary Redman, Margaret Butcher,
Susanna Gauntlett, Beryl Richardson.*



Tuesday Fellowship - Meeting 16 November

We had an excellent speaker in Mr. John Brown, who gave us a talk on Woodturning. He brought with him a very extensive display of his work, which we all admired. He had many types of wood, which he passed around so that we could feel the different textures. At the end of the afternoon items of woodwork could be bought. We finished the afternoon with our blessing and a very precious cup of tea!

Peggy Mott

Church Flowers

Each Sunday a floral arrangement is provided to decorate the sanctuary of the Church, and following the services the flowers are distributed to those who are sick, in need or perhaps rejoicing! If you would like to provide the flowers in 2005 to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, remember a loved one or just to give them please sign up. The list with the dates for 2005 can be found on the notice board in the vestibule.

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the flowers please sign the left-hand column and if you would like to buy and arrange the flowers yourself also complete the right-hand column. Flower arrangers please sign up! Donation to me around your date on the list.

Carol Webber

The Rowland Singers

The Rowland Singers will be giving a Carol Concert in the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the interval. Entry is by programme which will cost £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. Following our very successful concert of Messiah earlier in the year, we are hoping for a large audience. Please come and bring your friends.

Programmes can be obtained from Margaret Butcher,

Roy & Sheila Gooderham.



... dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

Sun			Bible Sunday - [200yr Anniversary of Bible Society 1804 - 2004]
5		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
		6.00pm	Evening Worship: Rev Dr Eric Rogers
Tues	7	12.15pm	Inland Revenue Carol Service
Wed	8	7.30pm	Rowland Singers Carol Concert - Page 9
Thu	9	9.00am-11.00am	The Ark 'drop in'
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
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Sun			
12		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Ashby
		10.30am	Family Worship: Rev Anthony Trevithick
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin
	14	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship Christmas celebration
Thu	16	2.30pm	Prayer & Praise
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Sun			
19		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Hilary Redman
		10.30am	Family Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
		—	No evening service at Goring
		6.30pm	Peacelight Service at St Columba's - see below
Fri	24	11.30pm	Midnight Service with Holy Communion: Mr Wilfred Rhodes
		10.30am	Christmas Day Christmas Morning Family Service
.....			
Sun			
26		10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev Simon Franklin
			No service at 8.00am or 6.00pm

PEACELIGHT SERVICE

We have been invited by the Mayor to once again bring the Peace Light from Bethlehem to Worthing! The Mayor and Mayoress will be joining us at St. Columba's at 6.30pm on Sunday 19th December to bring the Light to the people in our community during a service of Lessons and Carols, followed by a short social 'hour' for tea, coffee and mince pies in the Church Hall. We hope that our own congregation will take this opportunity to bring their friends and neighbours to a somewhat unique service which offers hope to our community. Ian Chalmers (St Columba's)

Preliminary dates for your Diary



JANUARY



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood
 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Dr Eric Rogers
 6.00pm Evening Worship: Mr Michael Donnelly

Thu 6 NEW YEAR PRAYER DAY VIGIL with Mid-week Holy Communion at 10.30am
 9.00am-11.00am The Ark 'drop in'

Sat 8 5.00pm-8.00pm New Year Social



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Simon Franklin
 10.30am Family Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Andrew Sellwood

Tue 11 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship

Thu 13 7.30pm Elders' Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Mrs Hilary Redman
 10.30am Morning Worship: Rev David Helyar
 6.00pm CTG English Martyrs



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Rev Marie Roe
 10.30am Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood
 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion: Rev Anthony Trevithick

Thu 27 7.30pm Church Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion: Mr Wilfred Rhodes
 10.30am Morning Worship: Rev Anthony Trevithick
 6.00pm Evening Worship: Rev Linda Hulcoop



Looking ahead into 2005

6 February Rededication Sunday



If you have internet access you can keep your diary of Church events up to date -
www.gurc.org.uk/diary



Christians Together in Goring

24/7 Prayer Room in United Reformed Church (East Hall) from Friday 8th October 2004 6 pm - 9 pm the following day - 27 hours.



The Prayer Room showing 'Tent of Meeting' and 'Our Nation' areas

Each Church took care of one aspect of the Prayer Room., which was divided into the following areas:-

- 1 Confession [the Cross] and Worship [the Throne]
- 2 Children and families
- 3 Our community
- 4 Our nation
- 5 Our world
- 6 A water feature
- 7 Tent of Meeting



Comments on these are as follows:-

1. Confession and Worship - written prayers to pin to the Cross

The Throne to worship and praise our Saviour and Lord. Also a table for prayers of thanksgiving to be written on cut out leaves and hung on a bare branch - many children had written: thank you for my family or friends. The children had a table to draw and model suitable Thank You's and Prayers.

2. Children and families - Sheets of Scriptures, names of schools, also illustrations of Jesus' love for children as guidelines and reminders of God as our Father and our unity as one in Jesus, His Son. Prayers to be written and rolled up to be inserted in a sand tray.

3 Our Community in Goring - maps - history - news sheets.

4. Our Nation - remembering - 'If My People pray - 2 Chronicles 7 v 14 - I will hear from heaven - Pictures: the Queen - Parliament. Also a 'wailing wall' to insert prayers for the nation.

5. Our world - a globe - map - mission information.

6. A water feature - a place to wash our hands - "Clean hands and a pure heart"

7. Tent of Meeting - a beautifully prepared place (a gazebo) draped and beautified to engender peace, to worship and to listen to the Lord and enter His Peace and Presence - a place to give our lives into His Hand - an open Bible and a Cross.

General observations on the time follow:-

Quiet music was played and there was a real sense of quietness.

It was reported that many people felt a real sense of the Lord's Presence as they came into the room, and were aware of His Fragrance.

The written prayers were gathered and given to the Priest at the closing service, as being offered to the Lord.

A tray with soil was prepared for each church to plant seeds. The URC tray was given to Sue Mitchell to share with the children as appropriate. Our seeds are growing well and we thank our Saviour for He causes our growth in His Church and in knowledge of Himself.

Prayer Meeting:-

At the CTG Prayer Meeting all the written prayers were placed on a "prayer shawl" and will be given to each of our churches to lift them before the Lord.

It was reported that the time was a unique experience and there were requests for a further time.

Glen Dean



St Andrew's and Goring

Joint Pastorate

As you will know by now the church meeting held on 30th October accepted a resolution put by the Eldership to withdraw from the team ministry and form a joint Pastorate with St Andrew's.

The Elders of both Churches have spent many months assessing the implications of such a change and believe it to be the best option. The Team has naturally been forming into two distinctive pairs of churches and it seems logical to acknowledge this development and work with it.

The acceptance of this resolution was the beginning of the process to form the Joint Pastorate. There is still a great deal of work ahead for the Elders ensuring the joint pastorate process achieves the best outcome for all the churches involved. Discussions now need to take place at district and Synod level, Nigel Uden our Moderator is being kept informed of every development and reminds us of his continued support.

One thing to remember is that the good relationships that have formed between the five team churches will continue, we are not cutting ourselves off. One church member said the team churches are like members of a family, simply growing up and moving on, but still keeping in touch.

The leadership of both Goring and St. Andrew's believe this action to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and throughout it has been addressed in prayer. It is so important that a prayerful attitude is maintained and that now becomes the work of the whole church. "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance."

2 Thessalonians 3:5.

Rev. Andrew Sellwood.



Notes from District Council

by Alec Ralph *Sussex West District Representative*

Finance

Discussion revolved around the Ministry and Mission Fund contributions. Smaller churches report financial difficulties and reflect views of church members who feel they are not receiving Ministry. The only source of Ministers salaries is the M&M Fund, as all churches are expected to contribute, not only to meet targets set by Synod but to enable the books to balance. Discussion as to shortfall continues.

Funding Mission

Should M&M Fund include a wider range of projects and workers - focussing on evangelism and witness for all church members. Decline in membership; funding; and what can we afford?

Church & Society

We were encouraged to take action towards the Synod becoming a Fair Trade Synod.

Assembly Remits

3 questions from Catch the Vision and Equipping the Saints were discussed at some length.

Serving Elders

A sharper focus on spiritual leadership - the need to shepherd the flock.

Deploying Ministers

Reduction in numbers gives opportunity to develop and encourage lay leadership locally

• **7 Days without PRAY**
• **make one weak**

These two notices were found on a Church door in Malta.

Give Yourself A Faith Lift
Come To Church



Dear friends

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS -

from the Synod Officers, everyone in the Synod Office and from the staff who work in the field

This has been a year of great change in the Synod Office. Having bid farewell to Christine Meekison and Brian West we have been grateful to welcome Graham Campling as Synod clerk, Guy Morfett as Trust Secretary and John Waller as Treasurer. It has been good to see how they have stepped into shoes that were so ably worn by others and made them their own.

The end of 2004 sees the final anticipated change when Norman Fabb retires after almost 11 years as Trust Administrator. Although much of his work has been unseen, those in the know - and that is now many people both in the churches and in the professional agencies we use - have come to value Norman's diligent, unflappable and friendly endeavours in the complex areas of both money and buildings. We thank Norman for an outstanding contribution to the life of the Synod and its churches and wish him and Joan long years of happiness. If you are ever gently pootling along the A21 and a smart sporty job flashes past you, do give the driver a wave - it could well be Norman!

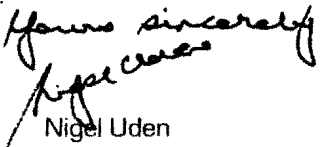
Change is not always so predictable or normal as are office comings and goings. We live in a world where technological progress, increasing

cultural diversity and the terrorist's ghastly deeds can leave us reeling with a sense of anything from surprise to crippling fear. On one level these are the inevitable consequences of being alive, on another, the awful prospect of having life snatched away. And then there's the Church,

reviewing everything that moves and shredding everything that doesn't? Catch the Vision of God's Tomorrow is the United Reformed Church's exciting enterprise in looking forward with commitment, faith and hope. But it will inevitably bring change, which means at least some measure of stepping out into the unknown and so many pages of our story are of timorous clinging-on rather than of faith-filled letting-go; we, and I include myself, feel so complicated about change.

So it is that the routine celebration of another Christmas is good. At the end of December, whatever our situation, whether we feel upbeat or anxious, whether we feel like it or not, we celebrate "the gift of God's very self to the -world". In Jesus Christ God comes piercing through the shroud of our uncertainty with the dazzling light of divine love, which is undefeatable, "every faithful, ever sure". And it's a love that is not just about making us feel better, but actually transforming us and our world. So be it this Christmas, as we accept the gift and become pliable to its power.

May the peace, hope and joy of this season be the hallmarks of your New Year too.

Yours sincerely

 Nigel Uden



Southern Province Synod St John's Orpington 9 October

Report given to November Church Meeting by Michael Donnelly

Synod Day of Prayer, 6 February 2005 (Sunday). Based on locally decided amount of repentance and Catch the Vision Prayer. Moderator's letter commends this matter to churches

Catch the Vision/Equipping the Saints. John Ellis introduced the item, updating Synod on Catch the Vision and giving progress on Equipping the Saints. Three questions - Serving Elders, Deploying Ministers and Funding Mission stimulated the discussion.

Children and Spirituality. Mrs. Kathryn Copey from Children in Urban Situations gave an insight into her work on children's spirituality. "Openness", "immediacy" and "freedom of spirit" characterised a child's spirituality. Largely disappeared - trust gone, quality of choices lost. Hard to repair. Damaged by TV, Home. Relationship is the key to working with children [Genesis 1:26].

The Children's Charter. Synod agreed the resolution wholeheartedly. Requirement now that it be taken forward in local churches. Rev. Stephen Thornton [author] spoke about the relaunched material. Children were equal partners in the Church and required the full diet of Christian Worship. The Turn the Tide scheme had encouraged churches to think about their youth and children's work. [Howard Nurden]

Changes in Synod Structures. Provincial Council to be transformed into the Mission and Strategy Group. A timetable proposed and carried. Convener of the Mission and Strategy Group - suggestions required by the 1st January 05. Further developments to Synod in March 2005.

Safeguarding in the Church. The Revd. Roger Jones is Synod's Link Person. All churches need a written policy for safeguarding children and young people - the Good Practice Guide a template. Monitoring to be achieved in the Church Annual Returns etc. [Policy received]

Fairtrade Southern Synod confirmed its commitment to working for justice and peace. The resolution to become a Fairtrade synod was carried.

Synod Web Site. Churches wishing to submit information or provide links to their own web site should email directly to design@hitc.org.uk.



Είναι ελληνικά για μενα !

It's all Greek to me!

Andrew's sermon on Nov. 7th about Saints reminded me of the Saints' days we have celebrated in Crete from time to time.

The Greeks don't so often bother about birthdays as such, but celebrate their NAME days. As most people are named after saints, they celebrate on the day devoted to that saint in the religious calendar.

They receive their names at their (usually infant) baptism.

Some names are more popular than others, so that on some days, the whole of Greece will be partying - e.g. St. George's Day (23.4) or Maria (Mary) (15.8 and 21.11). Helen, my daughter's name day (21.5) is the day sacred to Eleni and Konstantinos (Kostas).

On their name days you wish your friends, Χρόνια πολλά [Kronya pole-a] which means "Many years". If your friends are elderly, you might wish to strengthen Χρόνια πολλά by saying, να τα Κατοπιηθετε [may you live to be a hundred].

The churches dedicated to the saint have a feast day. There are special services and prayers from quite early in the morning, but you turn up when you can as it goes on for a long time. You try to get into the little church to light a candle and kiss the icon. Sometimes the icon is placed outside to make it easier.

Now, please note that I am only talking about the little mountain village churches that we know in Crete and the now familiar inhabitants of those villages! Having lit their candles and kissed the icons, many of the men leave the church, which is too small to take the unusually large congregation, and stand outside for a 'fag' and a chat, leaving the more devout to the devotions !

The devotions are followed by the distribution of Holy bread. It is the custom to take some home for family members who could not be at the service. A variety of food and drink is laid out on trestle tables for all to eat. They all then go home and have their own celebrations for the rest of the day and most of the night !

At Exopoli the village near to Helen's home, 15th August—the Assumption of Mother of God' (Mary's day), is usually a festival with music and feasting for two days and nights.

Of course, the 25th December is the name-day of Χριστός. Though Easter is the main time for family get-togethers, Christmas is celebrated increasingly as Greece becomes more westernised.

So greet each other with Καλά Χριστούγεννα [Kala Cristooyenna] -

"Happy Christ's Birth."

Happy Christmas, every body !

Mary Connelly



Answers to last month's quiz on Archimedes :

1. Archimedes lived in Syracuse, a seaport on the East coast of Sicily, Italy. It was founded by Greek colonists from Corinth in the 8th century B.C. and became a well-known centre of Greek culture. The city sided with Carthage against Rome in the second Punic war and fell to the Romans in 212BC.

2. Archimedes was directing the city's defence and was killed by the Romans while drawing geometrical plans in the sand.

3. Archimedes discovered and analysed the principles of the lever, and invented the 'Archimedean Screw' for raising water, consisting of either a spiral tube around an inclined axis or an inclined tube containing a tight fitting broad threaded screw. As this was turned on a pivot, the water was raised from bottom to top.

4. Archimedes became famous for his principle that a body when placed in a fluid loses as much weight as is equal to the weight of the displaced fluid.

King Hieron II of Syracuse had a new crown and suspected that it was not pure gold, but partly silver. He asked Archimedes to show that the jeweller was being dishonest without damaging the crown, Archimedes realised that if the crown was partly silver, it would take up more space than a pure gold crown of the same weight, because silver is not as dense as gold.

By comparing the crown's volume (measured by the amount of water it displaced) with the volume of equal weights of gold and then silver, he was able to tell the king that his crown was not pure gold.

Don't quite understand? Don't know the meaning of some of the words? A good dictionary is a fascinating book to read!

December's Quiz.

1. Archimedes went on to do further experiments from which he formulated the buoyancy principle - that an object such as a s ___ will f ___ when the weight of water it displaces equals its own weight. *[Fill in the spaces]*

2. Buoyancy - the reason why st ___ s ___ s weighing thousands of tons can f ___ on water. *[Fill in the spaces.]*

3. What is a Plimsoll line? Why is it called that?

4. What is the meaning of the word 'draught' in relation to the above?

Have you ever done fl ___ g and s ___ g experiments?

Can you make a s ___ r into a f ___ r?

Have fun! Happy Christmas !

Mary Connelly.



Good News for the World

1804 - 2004

Celebrating 200 years of the Bible Society's work

A number of friends from various churches in the Worthing area joined together at Holy Trinity Church on the 13th of October, to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and Thanksgiving.

We began with a short AGM- Mr Clifford Barnard, now retiring, has kept our finances in good order over the past seven years, and two years ago, he also took over as Secretary. In the last financial year £22,710 was sent from West Sussex for the work of Bible Society. Clifford stressed that the needs were continually expanding and, therefore, we must not become complacent. He urged us to keep up the good work! Canon Muriel Pargeter thanked Clifford for all the work he had done for the Society, and for his support and friendship. Muriel is also retiring after nine years in the Chair of Worthing Action Group. Mrs Mary Stewart will now take on the task. On our behalf she expressed grateful thanks for all Muriel's hard work and enthusiasm. Mary welcomed everyone and thanked us for the help and support she had received.

Clifford then led us in prayer, Mary conducted a short service wherein the needs of the Bible Society were remembered. Thankfulness was expressed for so many blessings and prayers full of hope were offered for the future. Olive McCarten, our area representative, then showed slides, taking us through a short history of the 200 years of the Society.

A beautiful cake was a centrepiece of the celebrations, and was cut by Olive. We then said the grace together and went into the Hall to continue enjoyment of fellowship around the various stalls and over a delicious tea.

Margaret Butcher

Weekday Activities

Goring by Sea Pilots Company. 5-17yr olds	Monday Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Parents, Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Monthly Mid-week Holy Communion	1st Thursday in month 10.30am
Monthly Prayer & Praise	1st & 3rd Thursday Afternoons 3.00pm
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday. School Term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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Saturday 11th December

20p Entry

10am til 1pm



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TEA & COFFEE



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FUN & GAMES

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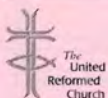


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