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CONTRIBUTION FROM A MEMBER.GOD'S VIEW OF YOU IN 1992.

As we move further into 1992 do you get concerned about your opinion of yourself and, possibly, of what others may think of you? Many people had a very poor view of Jesus, and Peter wrote 'As you come to Him - rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious to Him - YOU ALSO -' 1 Peter 2 v 4.5. Have we been chosen by God and are we really precious to Him? Read on!

God's View of your Worth in His sight. Man was created In God's image but, because of sin, we strayed away and became lost. But because we are so precious to Him God was prepared to pay the price required to redeem us - 'Not with perishable things such as silver or gold - but with the precious blood of Christ' 1Peter 1v18. We are of such worth in His sight that God longs for us to acknowledge our need of forgiveness and accept Jesus Christ fully into our lives. Let us thank Him for this.

God's View of what He can Change you to become. Having been restored into God's family He reminds us that He is like a potter and we are like clay. With the help of His Word and His Spirit we are told we are 'being changed into His likeness' 2Cor.3v18. We should not be satisfied with how we are but allow Him to bring about the changes He sees necessary. Let us pray to Him for this.

God's View of what you can Do for Him in His Kingdom. We are not only being changed into unique members of His family, but we have a unique work to do for Him. What a privilege to be counted worthy to be 'workers together with Him' - 'for we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.' Eph.2v10. By His Spirit we receive all the gifts we need to fulfill our role. Let us commit ourselves afresh to Him for this.

With this recognition of God's View of us the result will be a blessing for ourselves, our Church, and for others in 1992. Geoffrey Dearsley.

REFORM.

Apart from 'United Reformed Church' there is no indication from the cover of January Reform that this is a Christian publication. It shows a lady with a suitcase on a railway station and a poster advertising Sicily. It could be anything. Inside is better, although 6 pages are devoted to Christian holidays - hence the cover. Philip Woods, a URC Minister, writes on 1992 and its challenge to the Churches. The Editor, too, has thoughts on 1992.

Roger Tomes has more to say on the Dead Sea Scrolls; Daniel Wall with a thoughtful contribution on the 'Ministry of Angels'; A Missionary with a difference, a Punjabi Christian lady resident in this country returning to her native non-Christian village and during 3 months stay established a small Christian congregation. We are told that young people in the Sikh Community in the U.K. are less interested in religious faith than their parents - it sounds familiar.

Church Life tells of the inauguration Service of 'Christians Together In Croydon'; that the Moderator, Malcolm Hanson, went to the European Parliament; and that the URC in Luton join together in an away-day each year to learn from each other. Overseas we are told that the Palestine Christians have great difficulties and we are asked to offer prayers for the small African country of TOGO and for peace in Yugoslavia. Indeed, we are asked to pray for all the topics in Reform.

Music plays a part with reports on Church performances raising money for the FURY project and Rumania and also telling of the 'sing-ins' with Rejoice and Sing - the new hymnbook. The reviews also cover hymn books and prayer books and the Letters section goes from politics to needlework and God's creation.

Sheila Gooderham.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER FROM LIVERPOOL.

Bishop David Sheppard, former English cricketer, shares the following story about his wife Grace, who is a Governor of a comprehensive school. On one occasion when the governors were interviewing for the appointment of Deputy Head the chairman of the governors introduced her with the words

'THIS IS MRS. BISHOP, THE WIFE OF THE FAMOUS FOOTBALLER!!'

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

In the BB we have standards to live up to. Standards of appearance, cleanliness, discipline, obedience, etc. When in Uniform or on a BB activity, always remember that the good name of the BB is in your keeping. Be a good example for our great movement by your behaviour. In the same way, we should set ourselves standards for our own personal private lives. Be careful of your appearance. In particular remember that cleanliness is one of the chief rules of health. Cleanliness should be more than skin deep. Keep your thoughts clean, and avoid reading magazines or watching programmes which are harmful. Keep your speech clean. Remember that the worst form of bad language is using the name of God or Christ as a swear word. Avoid 'dirty' conversation. Set yourself a high standard of physical fitness. You are building a body which you will have to live in for the rest of your life - make it a strong one. Have a go at as many physical activities your Company organizes, even if you are not particularly good at them. You don't have to put your hand into the fire to see if you will get burnt. In the same way you don't have to experiment with certain things to find out if they are harmful to good health. They are - smoking, alcohol, and drugs. As a rule of life avoiding alcohol will make the head clearer, the heart lighter and the pocket heavier. Don't be persuaded by others to do things because 'they are manly' or 'everybody's doing it'. Friends are important. Try to see that those you keep company with, both Boys and Girls, will enjoy, with you, a clean and happy and healthy life.

Boys' Brigade Red Hand Book Extractions.
Your Captain's Name is Donald Stewart.



WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.
Mission Week-end 7th & 8th March 1992.

The World Mission Committee announce that on Saturday 7th March there will be a special Mission Event in our Church Hall from 10am to about 5 pm

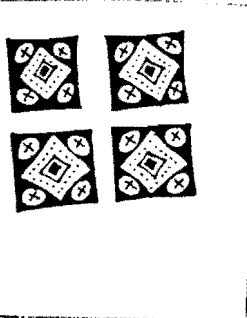
The following Organizations will have static Displays illustrating the scope and nature of their work :- Council for World Mission, Bible Society, Action Partners, Torch Trust for the Blind, Middle East Media, Bientôt, The Leprosy Mission.

Additionally the first five named bodies will be allocated time in our Cornwall Room during which to present, by slides or videos, further news of their activities. Printed programmes will be available nearer the date to enable visitors to choose when to come and go. There will be no charge for admission, programmes or light refreshments, but opportunities will arise to support any of the organizations by donations or purchases.

The Revd. Ray Burnish, Area Organizer of The Leprosy Mission, will formally open the Event and on Sunday 8th March will take part in both morning and evening Services when the emphasis will be on the work of the Mission. Retiring collections will be taken at both Services and the proceeds will go to the T.L.M. Worthing Branch which has undertaken to raise £7,000 towards the cost of a rough-terrain vehicle for T.L.M. use in Indonesia.

Please make a note in your diaries or on calendars and watch for further news. Church organizations have been invited to give a mission emphasis to their routine meetings during the week preceding or following the Mission Weekend.

World Mission Committee.



YOUTH CLUB.

Feb 1 Club night 7 - 9pm
 Feb 8 Video. 5 Salvington Hill
 Feb 15 Half Term - No Club.
 Feb 22 Club night 7 - 9pm
 Feb 29 Club night 7 - 9pm

 TELEPHONE CARDS WANTED - Surprising though it
 may seem, used Telephone Cards have become
 collectors' items. They can be sold to raise
 funds for the work of the Bible Lands
 Society. Telephone Cards are widely used
 by students, and the Society suggests that
 Youth Groups, Sixth Form Colleges,
 Polytechnics and Hospitals might collect
 them. Please send them to :-
 The Bible Lands Society. P.O.Box 50. High
 Wycombe. Bucks. HP15 7QU. Phyllis Wheeler

 "CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM"

I have on loan from 'Eurovangelism' a video
 with the above title. On August 19th 1991
 tanks rumbled through the streets of Moscow
 threatening to put an end to Mikhail
 Gorbachev's bold experiment of restructuring
 the Soviet Union. Christians, emerging
 from decades of repression and persecution,
 exercised their new-found freedom to minister
 to the tank commanders and crews, as well as
 to fellow citizens demonstrating against the
 attempted coup. This is the launchpad for a
 compelling video presentation which begins by
 briefly tracing the effect of an atheistic
 ideology on the Church in Eastern Europe and
 quickly moves on to show what is happening as
 the restrictions of decades are lifted. As
 this video is on loan and must not be kept
 too long please let me know soon whether you
 would like to borrow it. Time - 23 minutes.
 Phyllis Wheeler.

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1 Corinthians Chapter 3 Verse 11. FOR
 GOD HAS ALREADY PLACED JESUS CHRIST AS THE
 ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION, AND NO OTHER
 FOUNDATION CAN BE LAID.



KESTRO STROKE CLUB.
WORTHING & DISTRICT CHEST HEART AND
STROKE CLUB

Every Friday from 1.30pm in Church Hall.
Feb 7 Q U I Z.
Feb 14 A. G. M. and Dough Modelling
Feb 21 Give Us A Clue.
Feb 28 Talk by Mrs. Sylvia Parkington.
"The History of Spoons."

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS.

New Member:
2 BOND Miss Elizabeth,
17 Fairview Ave. 244157
Change of Addresses:
9 CAMERON Mr. & Mrs. Alex. 57 Castle Road.
4 LONGHURST Miss Sue. Flat 4
131 Brighton Rd.
15aCRAGHILL Mr. Simon J.V.
23 Cedar Cl. 694498.

APPRECIATION.

May I, through the Chronicle, express my many thanks for the loving Christian fellowship shown to me over the Christmas Season. Although I cannot now be with you on Sundays my prayers and Christian love is with you. What a wonderful Fellowship we belong to! I see many answers to your prayers on my behalf and I thank God for such a loving Christian Fellowship shown to me in my old age. I especially remember the work amongst our young people. Again, many thanks for your prayers and loving Fellowship.
(Mrs) Ellen Munday.

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The residents of Hayward House wish to thank the 5th Worthing Company of Girls' Brigade and our Church for the gifts we received over the Christmas-time. They were highly prized and greatly appreciated.

..... Stan. Dulcie. Mary. Mary Jane and Les.
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TORCH FELLOWSHIP.

Feb 1st St. Columba's U.R.C. Meets 2.30pm.
Feb 15th Jubilee Hall, Greenland Road.
Durrington. Meets 2.30 pm

GREENBELT - WHATEVER THE WEATHER.

The Greenbelt Festival, which regularly draws over 20,000 Christians to the often muddy grounds of Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire - hard by Yardley Hastings - is a celebration of God's creation through the arts, writes Samantha Bowering. Music, drama, fashion and literature are all represented. Last year's Greenbelt ranged from a full orchestral Beethoven Special, through House music to Heavy Metal and dance music in the River marquee.

Speakers, last year, some purely entertaining, some socially aware, some theological, included Californian Mike Yakonelli, humorist Adrian Plass and courageous Jill Saward. The theatre hosted contemporary drama, Beckett as well as family shows, and the Action Stations marquee gave space to a host of organizations with a Christian affiliation, including FURY.

Greenbelt 1992 takes place at Castle Ashby from August 28th to 31st and application forms are available from Greenbelt Festivals, The Greenhouse, St. Luke's Church, Hillmartin Road, London. N7 9JE. Discounts are available for early bookings. Per Reform.

CHRISTIAN AID MATTERS.

Christian Aid supporters in Devon who have raised £1380 in five annual collections at a TESCO supermarket point out that TESCO allows charity collections at its stores for 2 days each month. Permission to collect at a particular supermarket should be obtained from the Appeals Secretary, Tesco, Warwick House, Market Place, Braintree. Essex. CM7 6HQ. Christian Aid News.

Thank you, says Sandy Clark, our Organizer, for the recent donation of £25 (£15 of which was a memorial donation), and for £82.15 given in the Christmas Day retiring offering.

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1992.

- 1 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC. 2.30pm
Youth Club 7 - 9 pm 40 pence
- 2 Sun 8am Holy Communion. 11 am Holy Communion.
Mr. Norman Prattent.
6.30 pm Julian Brewer/Paul Archer
- 4 Tue Women's Guild 2.45pm
Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 5 Wed Badminton 7.30 Church Hall 30 pence
Bible Study Deans' Home. 38 Trent Rd. 8pm
- 6 Thu Ark Mothers and Toddlers Club 10-11.30am
District Cncl Mtg. St. Columba's URC.
- 7 Fri Kestro Club 1.30pm Church Hall QUIZ
Choir practice 7.30 pm
- 8 Sat Girls Brigade Coffee Morning and Sponsored Sing
10 to 12 Noon All welcome. Sponsors wanted!!
Youth Club Video Show. 5 Salvington Hill.
- 9 Sun 8am Holy Communion. 11am Parade Service
Revd. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor
6.30pm Paul Archer/Ebby Jupp
- 10 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship 8pm Members' Evening
- 11 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Group 2 to 2.45pm
Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30 pm
- 12 Wed Badminton 7.30 pm 30 pence.
- 13 Thu Ark M & T Club. 10 / 11.30 am
Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30am
Thursday Prayer Group. Little Chapel. 2.30pm
Beano Club meet at Worthing 10-pin BOWL.
- 14 Fri Kestro Club 1.30 A.G.M. and dough modelling.
Choir practice 7.30 pm
- 15 Sat Torch Fellowship. 2.30pm. Jubilee Hall. D'ton.
No youth club meeting. ½ term
- 16 Sun 8am Holy Communion 11am Divine Worship
Mr. Brian Dyer.
6.30 Healing with Holy Communion Mr. Brian Dyer/
- 18 Tue Women's Guild 2.45pm Warwick Davis
Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 19 Wed Badminton 7.30pm 30 pence
Bible Study. 38 Trent Road 8pm
- 20 Thu Ark M & T Club. 10 / 11.30am Church Hall.
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm

- 21 Fri Kestro Stroke Club Give us a clue?
Choir Practice 7.30 pm
The Links Eastbourne 21/23rd
- 22 Sat Youth Club 7 - 9pm 40 pence
- 23 Sun 8am Holy Communion. 11am Rev. H.Graham Fisher.
(Baptist)
6.30pm Bobby Hitchin/Richard Tuley
- 25 Tue Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30pm
- 26 Wed Badminton 7.30pm 30 pence. Church Hall
- 27 Thu Ark Mothers and Toddlers Club. 10/11.30am
- 28 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 1.30pm Mrs.Parkington.
Choir practice 7.30 pm
- 29 Sat Youth Club 7-9 pm 40 pence

PREACHERS FOR FEBRUARY 1992.

- Feb 2 11am Mr. Norman Prattent
6.30pm Julian Brewer/Paul Archer
- Feb 9 11am Rev. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor
6.30pm Mr. Ebby Jupp. Paul Archer/
- Feb 16 11am & 6.30pm H.C. Mr. Brian Dyer Warwick Davis.
- Feb 23 11am Rev. H. Graham Fisher. Baptist.
6.30pm Bobby Hitchin/Richard Tuley

COMMUNION SERVICES.

'DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'

8am Communion. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher. Worthing 230330.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Our session started on 14th January, when we received into membership two new young girls. We were busy rehearsing songs and action choruses for our Sponsored Sing. During this session we will have fun with COOKERY, STONECRAFT, BIBLE STUDY, LOOKING GOOD and DANCE.

We do hope that you will be able to come and support our BRIGADE WEEK COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 8th February from 10am to 12 noon in aid of our Annual Fees of approximately £250.00 which are payable to Head-quarters. There will also be a BRING AND BUY STALL and CAKE STALL. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like to SPONSOR a GIRL please telephone me on Worthing 873806.

The Company will continue the 'LOVE AND CARE SCHEME' whereby a card is sent to express 'GET WELL' 'SYMPATHY' 'A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY' 'A HAPPY OCCASION' or just to say 'WE CARE!' During this time of our interregnum if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card would you please let either Mrs. Alison Baldwin (202645) or me (873806) know, so that we can continue to share our love in the fellowship.

In God's Love,

Margaret Craghill. Captain.
FEBRUARY 9th is our Parade Sunday.

Meet us there.

Ceefax Thurs 26th December 1991.
NEWS. Bishops call for Boycott of Sunday
Opening shops.

Two senior churchmen have called for a boycott of shops that open on Sundays.

The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev. Richard Harries says shoppers should switch to stores, such as Marks & Spencer, which are closed on Sundays. He pointed to the paradox of poor, elderly people being prosecuted for shoplifting while the shops themselves broke the law with impunity.

The Bishop of Reading, the Right Rev. John Bone, said a boycott was the only sensible response for people who felt strongly about the issue.

Julian and Christine Brewer.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have one rule - Be friendly.

We invite all members and friends to join us for our two meetings in February.

4th Mrs. M. Monnery will give an illustrated talk on INDIA.

18th Mr. R. Blann will talk about the history of Old Worthing.

Both meetings will be at 2.45pm.

Unfortunately Mr. R. Rowling was unable, through illness, to give us his talk and show slides of scenes around Sussex on Jan 7th but I took us on an imaginary holiday tour of New Zealand showing posters and slides of the various tourist attractions. (Excellent. L.Montford)

Mr. Dearsley's talk on Jan 21st will be reported in March Chronicle.

We wished our Senior Member, Mr. Ron HURT, many happy returns of his 93rd Birthday celebrated on 9th January.

We meet on alternate Tuesdays in the East Hall and finish with a cup of tea and a chat. If you require transport please phone my number 502821

Alex Blackford. Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

A warm welcome awaits you at any or all of our meetings

Feb 4th Mr. Holroyd. Connaught Theatre. 'Gilbert & Sullivan' with records.

2.45pm

Feb 18th Mr. D. Fry - 'The Point of Parliament'. 2.45pm

Joan Burrage is our President.



JUST A REMINDER

The District Council has authorised 5 Elders at URC Goring to take Holy Communion Services - Mrs. Robin Bradley, Mr. Wilfred Rhodes, Mr. Richard Tuley, Mr. Norman Prattent, Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley.

AN ADVANCE NOTICE.

Last year the ROWLAND SINGERS gave a performance of the Crucifixion and excerpts from Messiah in our Church. This year they have asked to come again and present 'ELIJAH' by Mendelssohn. It will be in April.

The date and other details will be published next month

Sheila Gooderham.

APPRECIATION OF CONTRIBUTORS.

The many contributors to the Chronicle are greatly appreciated by me, and, I hope, the readers. It is rather a pity that more does not come from our younger Members, such as Youth Club and Junior Church. Perhaps this item will remind them that this is their Chronicle, too. L. Montford. Editor.
1 Corinthians chapter 13 (LM)
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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

We invite any ladies to join us for our evenings together in the New Year. Our Programme is as follows: 10th Feb. Members' Evening 8 pm
9th Mar. Magazine Evening. 8 pm.

We will resume twice each month for meetings from April when, we hope, it will be lighter and warmer.

All Meetings are held in the Cornwall Room and all those who join us are assured of a warm welcome.

For further information please phone 249580 Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.
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FEBRUARY PRAYER REQUESTS.

For those who are ill, in hospital, in nursing homes, and for the lonely.

For our Missionary Committee as it continues in prayer and discussion for the World-wide Mission of our Church.

Our Missionary Committee have had a renewed approach from the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. It was an Evangelist of this Church that our Young People sent a Mountain Bicycle.

Pray for Evangelist Samuel. Pray that the renewed correspondence with our friends in Ghana, and God will bless their witness.

Pray for John Gordon and give thanks that he has been accepted to the U.R.C. Ordained Ministry.

Pray for the preparations being made for his visit to Bangladesh.

For Rev. John Flack, our interim moderator, that he may be enabled to guide us.

For those who throughout February conduct our Worship and Communion Services.

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PRAYER GROUP

March 3rd in Little Chapel.
7.30 to 8.30 pm

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DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP

Feb 11th in Little Chapel from 2 to 2.45pm
Mar 10th in Little Chapel from 2 to 2.45pm

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SPECIAL EVENT

LANCE LAMBERT will be speaking at Holy Trinity Church, Blatchington Road, Hove on Friday 13th March at 7.30.

His subject will be :
'ISRAEL AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'.

For further details please ring D.Acott (0273 739870) or J.Kemp (273 303804)

Rosemary Kitto.

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READ, MARK AND PRAY BOOK FEB 23 U.R.C.

The Healer is at home, they said.
 Hope soared and then sank.

We know the feeling, Lord. Life is
 overcrowded with casualties looking for
 relief and leaving little space for those who
 come last. Waiting lists are long and the
 healers overwhelmed.

Give us the hope that we can reach You, the
 faith that finds the way through and the
 space in which we can be with You.

They broke through the roof,
 lowered him down, paralysed.

We too are stiffened by fear and need You to
 release us;
 overloaded with guilt and need You to lift it
 from us;
 powerless to change and need You to take
 charge of us.

Help us to realise there are no limits to
 Your love and power, nothing which You cannot
 heal and forgive.

Speak again the words which set us on our
 feet.
 Restore the self within us and make us whole.
 Free us to offer hands and hope to others who
 need carrying to You.

B E A N O C L U B.

Feb 13th Ten Pin Bowling.

In January we were the guests of Ray,
 Valerie and Andrew Close. It was a 'games'
 evening, with a difference. Snooker, darts
 and table tennis were followed up with some
 lovely refreshments, and a thought and
 discussion promoting excerpts of a video
 'what every wife wishes her husband knew
 about women'.

Want to know more? Ask one of the chaps
 about it or, better still, ask us over a game
 of 10-pin bowling on Thursday 13th February.
 Julian Brewer.

BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS.

People around Chernobyl are living in fear and despair five years after the catastrophe which shocked the world. Even in areas 150 miles from the nuclear accident medical authorities claim that leukaemia among children has doubled and other diseases have markedly increased. Richard Worthing-Davies, Bible Society's Chief Executive Officer, was urged to visit the area so that he could assess Bible needs. Returning from Mogilev, a town of 400,000 people with another half a million in the outlying areas, he said that 200,000 Scripture Selections, 30,000 Bibles, 20,000 New Testaments and 20,000 children's Bibles will be provided for this area.

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Rovno, Russia. An announcement was made in a local newspaper that a Sunday School for children would begin. Immediately people started phoning and asking if their children could be accepted. They had another request as well. Would you be willing to accept parents and teach us the Bible at the same time as our children?

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Hungary: Religious education openings in Hungarian schools have been reported by Lutheran World Information. The country's Minister for Education agreed that up to two hours of religious instruction a week can be included in the school curriculum, to be undertaken by qualified staff or clergy.

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Home. Trefor Lewis is Bible Society's National Youth Representative. He was on tour last year telling many young people about the work of the Bible Society - so you may have met him. If you want Trefor to visit your Youth Group write to him at Bible Society, Stonehill Green, Westlea. Swindon. SN5 7DG.

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Revelation 22 v 17. 'The Spirit and the Bride say "Come - and take the free gift of the water of life".'

At least two young people of GURC have been reported recently as being filled with the Holy Spirit. Florence Yeboah, who leads GHACOE in Ghana reported (in TEAR TIMES - issue 54) that, 'Homes are changed when the women become renewed and filled with the Holy Spirit'. She is in no doubt that God is a God of power and change. 'In Africa spiritual life is real. So, when we bring people to Christ, we teach them that faith works, and so, by grace, in spite of the difficulties around, they see that it does. Christianity without the power of God is an insult to God because he is all-powerful.' 'We want them to put their confidence in Jesus Christ.' 'They see that He is real, and a friend who steps closer than a brother.'

The Holy Bible records and states (1Cor12) that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are useful and vital (life), to build the Church up as a spiritual body of Jesus Christ. Without fullness or baptism in the Spirit the Church will remain worldly and continue to rely on the influence of what man thinks. Its leaders will not be spiritual or be able to make spiritual decisions, or to lead spiritually. People will not be able to pray as the Holy Spirit leads, or to use the Armour of God (Eph.6.), nor will God's love flow through Christians in a ministry to their brothers and sisters, or experience the fellowship of the Holy Spirit together (2 Cor 13/14). Do not disdain, forget, or have unbelief because Jesus' love for His disciples and for us offers God's indwelling presence and power. He asks us to repent and to ask for and receive in surrender to His love the Holy Spirit; and then to walk in the Spirit and obey our God for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Please, do not listen to false teachers, who leave out the Holy Spirit - we must receive Him. How can we do the works of Jesus, as He intends us to do, without the Spirit? Look at God's Word, the Holy Bible, and see. Some references to the enabling of the Spirit - Luke 11 v13. Acts 2 v18. Romans 5 v5. Romans 8. Romans 15 v13. 1Cor.2. v14/15. Gal 5 v16/26. Eph 5 v18. (N. I. V). Michael Donnelly.

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In St. John's Gospel we read 'Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."'

This was our theme at Christmastime. candles were lit. lights shone on the Christmas tree. there was love. laughter and fellowship around. Christmas is such a happy, joyous time.

But now the Christmas festivities are over and the days are often dark and dreary - is that light still shining?

Jesus said "I AM the light of the world", but how is that light revealed to the world? Only through those who are striving to follow, to serve, and to love the Lord Jesus Christ himself. One small flickering candle can show the light of Jesus to someone who is lonely, sick and weary.

What joy the first snowdrop, or daffodil, gives to our hearts on a dreary day - what joy a small candle of love can give! But soon there will be Wordsworth's 'host of golden daffodils' - what a sight they will be, signs of Spring, hope and love!

So a host of small flickering candles can show a blaze of light!

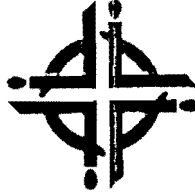
Let us go forward, each with our small candle, standing united, helping, strengthening and loving each other, that our witness to the love and light of Jesus may shine and blaze throughout Goring that others may see the glory of not us, but our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Shine, Jesus, shine - shine, radiate Thy love, through Thy Church.

Lily Collison.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

6th MARCH 1992.



Christian women of Austria, Switzerland and Germany feel that the theme 'Living Wisely with Creation' calls us to look seriously at what is happening around us, and invite us to join them in prayer.

All are welcome to share in this year's Services in our district. These are as follows:-

3 pm: St. Mary's Parish Church, Goring.

Speaker. Miss Sheila Davis.

8 pm: Durrington Community Centre.

Speaker. Mrs. Helen Hawthorn

O God how wonderful are Your works.
In wisdom have You made them.
We lift up our hearts to You.

Eileen Rhodes. Irene Dearslev.

A NEW FILM.

Open Doors present a new film 'Bamboo in Winter'.
"We Christians are like the Bamboo - when you cut us down we grow back taller and stronger."

This new film about the Christian Church in China is to be shown at the New Life Church, Church Hall, Salvington Road, on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm. You need to go early to make sure of a seat!

Julian and Christine Brewer.

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MARCH REQUESTS.
OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

For our Missionary Committee as it continues in prayer and discussion for the World-wide Mission of our Church.

The Church in Bangladesh that they may be able to help cope with the refugees coming into their country from Burma.

The Church in Ghana and for our Missionary Committee's renewed contact. Also for Revd. Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor, the Ghanaian Chaplain in this country.

For the new contacts being formed by Torch Fellowship in Albania and Bulgaria, and that the hope that it may be possible to provide Albania with Braille Scriptures.

For the headquarters of Torch Fellowship and their needs for staffing.

For the continuing witness of LOGOS 2nd in Operation Mobilisation. On a visit to Uruguay the staff of the ship shared their faith with the Ambassadors from RUSSIA, CHINA, AUSTRIA, the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and PANAMA, when the Ambassadors toured the ship.

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ACTION PARTNERS

SOMALILAND: Otto Koch is helping in an agriculture programme to provide farm tools and seeds in the area devastated by civil war.

SOUTHERN SUDAN: Barry Hughes has just gone out as a pharmacist to work with refugees returning from Ethiopia.

E G Y P T: Paul Harrison has just started teaching with the Evangelical Coptic Church in Ishmalia.

MIDDLE EAST MEDIA.

CHILDREN'S VIDEO PROGRAMMES are being prepared in Arabic to be shown on national television in M.E. countries.

MAGALLA YOUTH MAGAZINE is produced and sold in commercial bookshops and on street bookstalls throughout the Middle East.

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C P A S.CALLING ALL LADIES!

There is to be another Ladies' Workshops Day, held by CPAS (Ministry among women) at St. George's Church, East Worthing on Friday 20th March.

9.15am to 2.30pm.

THEME: Christian concerns in the 1990s.

There will be FOUR Workshops, and ladies are asked to choose TWO workshops.

These are as follows :-

1. Sexual morality - a Christian perspective.

Led by Directors of 'CARE' -

Nigel and Heather Williams.

2. Coping with children in Church -

Led by Penny Frank, trainer for under 10s

with C.P.A.S.

3. How to use God's word in today's world -

Led by Muriel Pargeter.

4. The Holy Spirit in us - Power for Witness -

Led by Caroline Urquhart.

A charge of £2 includes drinks. Please bring a packed lunch. There will be a creche & bookstall

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM

IRENE TULEY.

DO COME AND JOIN US!!

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR ALL LADIES.

It is hoped that many ladies from this Church will attend the U.R.C. District Ladies' Day to be held in this Church on Monday April 27th from 10am to 2.30pm.

Mrs. Mavis Richmond will lead the day.

The Theme will be 'OUR FAITH TODAY'.

Mrs. Elsie Flack will lead the Worship.

A charge of £1 will include drinks but please bring your own packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen.

There will be a creche and a bookstall.

Further details from Joan Burrage and Irene Tuley.

AN APPRECIATION.Mrs. Mabel Hite.

It was in 1948 that my late parents met Mabel and Will Hite. Mabel was one of the first to welcome them when they arrived for a Service at Elm Grove School, and they formed a friendship which was to last for the rest of their lives.

Mabel organized a small group of Church friends knitting for the Red Cross. Later this became the Ladies Working Party - now the Women's Guild - and garments etc., were made for a sale of work for Church Funds. Many sales and bazaars followed. Mabel was appointed secretary of the Working Party and she also helped at garden parties over a period of many years raising hundreds of pounds towards the building of the halls and our beautiful Church.

Mrs. Hite was the last remaining Founder Member of the Church, having been received into membership at the Service held in Elm Grove School in 1947. She will be very much missed by the Church and her many friends. I last saw Mabel in January when she was at Elmer Sands Nursing Home. Although confined to her room she took an active interest in news of the Church, and its fellowship. Our sympathy goes to her son Edward, and his wife Marv, and their sons. We will remember them in our prayers.

The pulpit was given to the Church by the Hite family.

Colin Nodes.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

In Memoriam. Mrs. Mabel Hite.

Died on 10th February.

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WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

Mission Week-end 7th & 8th March 1992.

The World Mission Committee announce that on Saturday 7th March there will be a special Mission Event in our Church Hall from 10am to about 5 pm. The following Organizations will have static Displays illustrating the scope and nature of their work :- Council for World Mission, Bible Society, Action Partners, Torch Fellowship for the Blind, Middle East Media, Bientot, The Leprosy Mission.

Additionally the first five named bodies will be allocated time in our Cornwall Room during which to present, by slides or videos, further news of their activities. Printed programmes are now available enabling visitors to choose when to come and go. There will be no charge for admission, programmes or light refreshments, but opportunities will arise to support any of the organizations by donations or purchases. The Inland Revenue have kindly made their car-park available for our use on the day.

The Revd. Ray Burnish, Area Organizer of The Leprosy Mission, will formally open the Event and on Sunday 8th March will take part in both morning and evening Services when the emphasis will be on the work of the Mission. Retiring collections will be taken at both Services and the proceeds will go to the T.L.M. Worthing Branch which has undertaken to raise £7,000 towards the cost of a rough-terrain vehicle for T.L.M. use in Indonesia. Please make a note in your diaries or on calendars and watch for further news. Church organizations have been invited to give a mission emphasis to their routine meetings during the week preceding or following the Mission Weekend.

World Mission Committee.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have one rule - Be friendly.

We invite all members and friends to join us for our meetings in March.

Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley gave us a very interesting and inspired talk, with slides, of the work of the Bible Society in the countries of the River Nile. It revived memories of those of us who served in the Middle East during World World Two. He emphasized how each one of us can obey Jesus' command to spread the 'Good News' to the ends of the earth by supporting the Bible Society.

Mrs. Mary Monnery entertained us with her video, photographs, scrap books and models of her recent visit to North India with her husband, Roy, where they found the people friendly and helpful.

We were pleased to welcome a new member, MR. RONALD WOODS. A few of our members are 'under the weather' just now and we wish them better and look forward to seeing them in the near future.

On March 3rd we join with the Women's Guild for a talk by Mrs. R. Sharp on Africa. A collection will be taken at this meeting.

On March 17th Dr. D. MacLaren will give us a talk on the treatment of blindness in Africa.

March 31st Mr. M. Drew will tell us about the work undertaken by the Citizens' Advice Bureau. (CAB).

We extend a warm welcome to members and friends to join us at our fortnightly meetings in the East Hall at 2.45pm

If you require transport please phone my number 502821

Alex Blackford. Hon. Secretary.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

We are glad to report an increase in the number of Boys coming along to the Junior and Company Sections.

We are somewhat concerned regarding the Sunday attendance of some of the Boys. There seems to be so many attractions elsewhere.

We are making plans for a Junior Section week-end away somewhere in Surrey during the May Bank holiday (22/25 May).

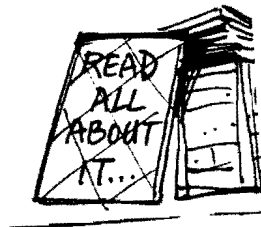
For the Company Section we are hoping to hold our Summer Camp at Fairford in Gloucestershire some time in August. This year we will endeavour to raise funds so that we may purchase a small marquee. If you know of one available at a reasonable price do please let us know.

Our first fund-raising effort will be at 10am on Saturday 21st March with a Coffee Morning and Sale. Any gifts of items such as produce, cakes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, etc., will be most welcome.

Thank you to the faithful few who regularly put aside their coppers to go into our Mission Jar.

On a somewhat different note we challenge the so called 'boys' of the Beano Club to an evening of games that they may be good at with, of course, great respect for their age!

Donald Stewart. Captain.



GENOCIDE IN EAST TIMOR BY INDONESIAN FORCES.

Occupied by 60,000 troops from Moslem Indonesia since 1975 this country has suffered the deaths of 200,000 of its people by oppressive policies involving shootings, starvation and disease. East Timor's present population is only 650,000 - 83.4% of whom are Catholic and Protestant.

The Timorese have no political voice, and the Church has been sucked into the role of unofficial spokesman for the population, under the leadership of Bishop Belo of Dili, the capital. He has said "Half the population is paid to spy on the other half".

There is much fear in this police state. One of the many massacres happened last November, when 600 people were killed in a procession and prayer service, when troops opened fire on several thousand un-armed and peaceful people, chasing and beating people up. 80 witnesses of this massacre are reported as being rounded up and executed later.

The British government has expressed muted concern, not publicly condemning it. The arms embargo proposed by the European Community was dismissed by government ministers as "inappropriate and ineffective". Britain is a major arms supplier to Indonesia.

The Church in East Timor and Christian Solidarity International (from which this report is gleaned) asks for prayer in Church and at home and cards to the Indonesian Ambassador in London and a Petition to Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd are also encouraged.

Michael Donnelly.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

A warm welcome awaits you at any or
all of our meetings

March 3rd Mrs. R. Sharp from 'Torch
Fellowship' will talk on Africa at 2.45pm.

A collection will be taken at this meeting.

March 17th Mr. Chris Hare will talk and
show slides on 'Smuggling in Sussex'.

March 31st Mrs. P. W. Murphy -
'Strawberries for Tea.'

Inspite of the cold weather outdoors,
and sometimes indoors, our first three
meetings this year have numbered 50 each
time, the spirit of fellowship generating
warmth.

'Treasures' in January revealed happy
memories of the past and, as usual on these
occasions, Ena Hanson's sense of fun
brought many a laugh.

On Jan 21st Mr. Knapman opened our eyes
to the work of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer
Fund for Children. Artists who had worked
with Sir Malcolm, and regular promenaders
who had attended the Proms., saw this work
started and see it is continued today. All
over the country this work of caring for
sick children with cancer grows, as does
the caring of their families throughout the
treatment. This was a wonderful afternoon
when the speaker held our attention to the
last minute. Our appreciation was shown in
a collection for the Fund which amounted to
£76.

Feb. 4th saw us listening to Mr.
Holroyd from The Connaught Theatre. He
brilliantly introduced us to anecdotes
about the coming together of Gilbert and
Sullivan and their early works. He then
outlined stories of the operas to be
played. What happy memories these records
brought, so much so that one table, during
the tea-break, was being entertained in
song, very quietly, by a member who, in the
future, must repeat the performance.

Yes, a very good afternoon and one that is likely to be continued.

For this afternoon to be the success it was we are indebted to Mrs. Irene Tulev who lent us her gramophone, and to Gary Merritt who supplied the amplification and worked the instruments for Mr. Holroyd. Mr. Holroyd accepted a gift of £10 from Guild funds for his special Charity - The Deaf. I think Gary really enjoyed his afternoon with us.

Ethel Dearslev.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The total donated to the above MISSION for 1991 was £468.56.

Thank you to all who give so generously every year.

The amount is slightly higher than 1990 but we still need more people to donate, or to have a PHIAL or BOX to collect 'small change' throughout the year!

Mrs. FREEMAN will be pleased to help if you see her on Sunday mornings. Mary Luckin.

HOME THOUGHTS

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

MARCH 8th is our Parade Sunday.

Meet us there.

Early Notification - Jumble Sale to be held
MAY 9th at 2pm in the Church Hall.

The last month has been a very busy one for us preparing for our Sponsored Sing, and I am pleased to say the Girls sang 63 choruses and songs during the two hours. The Girls enjoyed it, they told me, even if they were rather hoarse at the end of it. Thank you Jean, Mrs. Carpenter, Niki and Kirsty for accompanying us. We are still praying for a regular pianist!!

I was very grateful for the donations to the stalls, and for the sponsor money. I am pleased to announce £165 was raised during the morning and I will let you know the full amount when the Girl's sponsor money is in.

It was so lovely to see so many of our Church Family at our Coffee Morning and if you would like to come and see us on any Tuesday from 6pm to 9.30pm you will be sure of a warm welcome.

I would like to congratulate my two fellow Officers Lt. Alison Baldwin and Lt. Denise Elliott on passing their Officers' Camp Training Paper - now we can all go to camp! (when I am feeling brave enough - but not just yet!!)

Also, well done W.O. Tracey Matthewson and Hayley Archer on passing their Driving Tests.

In God's love.

Margaret Craghill. Captain.



. COULD THIS BE A NEW MISSIONARY OUTREACH?

The 'Old Boys' organization of the Boys Brigade is now given a new name. 'STEDFAST ASSOCIATION'. Locally we have The Brighton Stedfast Association to which all BB Officers and Old Boys in the area can belong. They have just held a National Convention in Bolton which was organized by the Manchester Asscn. This was a first-off venture and eight districts from England and Scotland sent representatives.

One Member attended from Singapore. For those who do not know, Singapore had, before the war, a very strong BB presence which was highly rated. So, when their representative passed on the information that all SCHOOLS must have a Youth Movement in Singapore attached to them and it was compulsory for boys to belong to them, it was an interesting idea. Here, it seems, the BB has been selected as a favoured organization and the Government would like a BB Company in every School in their area. Hence the BB strength is expected to double in the next two years. As each Company has its own Stedfast Asscn., that, too, should increase considerably.

The Old Boys of our congregation are usually represented at the Brighton Asscn. Meeting and Service in Dorset Gardens Methodist Church each year by Messrs. Don Stewart, Rev. Ron Christopher, Norman Prattent, and myself. I know there are other 'Old Boys' in the congregation. Should you wish to become Members of the Association any of the above will be pleased to obtain the requisite information.

Frazer Finlay.



PSALM 150. Good News Bible. Page 628.

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his Temple!
 Praise his strength in heaven!
 Praise him for the mighty things he has done.
 Praise his supreme greatness.
 Praise him with trumpets.
 Praise him with harps and lyres.
 Praise him with drums and dancing.
 Praise him with stringed instruments
 and flutes.
 Praise him with cymbals and trombones.
 Praise him with loud cymbals.
 Praise the Lord, all living creatures!
 Praise the Lord!

WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

The gaining of Wisdom and Knowledge is not the prerogative of the young people at School, nor the teenager at College, nor the young adult at University. Knowledge and Wisdom are sought by every age. Even old age pensioners are obtaining Knowledge and Wisdom. I include myself in the latter. They have enabled me to research and write six novels so far, and prepare the synopsis for my seventh.

I like to read again and again the Proverbs of Solomon i.e., chapter 2 vv 1/8: Learn what I teach you and never forget what I tell you to do. Listen to what is wise and try to understand it. Yes, beg for knowledge; plead for insight. Look for it as hard as you would for silver or some hidden treasure. If you do you will know what it means to fear the Lord and you will succeed in learning about God. It is the Lord who gives wisdom: from him come knowledge and understanding. He provides help and protection for the righteous, honest people. He protects those who treat others fairly, and guards those who are devoted to him.
 GNB. Leslie Montford.

YOUTH CLUB.

March 7 Club Night 7-9 pm 40 pence.
 March 14 Swimming. Meet Aquarena 4.30pm
 March 21 Club Night 7-9 pm 40 pence.
 March 28 Sports Centre or Cinema.
 April 18 to 25. 14/17s ANCHORS AWEIGH -

A week on the Norfolk Broads £126.00

AN APPRECIATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Our Young People were sponsored to provide a Social Evening for about 20 elderly Church Members in aid of Save The Children Fund.

The event, on December 20th 1991, was a great success and we enjoyed an excellent meal prepared and served by them, followed by a couple of games and carols to 'live' music. Transport was provided to and from the Church hall and on our departure we were all given a bag of home-made goodies which made us feel very 'special'.

A very big 'THANK YOU' to you all for the thought and effort you gave to provide us with a memorable evening. Margaret Briggs.

1 Corinthians Chapter 3 Verse 11.

FOR GOD HAS ALREADY PLACED JESUS CHRIST AS THE ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION, AND NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN BE LAID.

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 LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.
 Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House. 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing,
 Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS.

On behalf of Christian Aid thank you for the Christmas collection of £112.15. The total for the year, including the Christmas collection, was £2,476.77, of which £1,954 was collected during Christian Aid Week!!

Collectors are urgently needed for MAY, please. Please contact me, says Sandy Clark.

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CHURCHES WORSHIP TOGETHER.

During the Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity Father Emmanuel Sullivan R.C. Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton addressed a large congregation in St. Paul's Church. The Service was organized by the 'Churches Together in Worthing'!

"This Service is much more than a mere focus point or cosmetic exercise," said Father Sullivan. "Something new is happening among the Churches everywhere and is already bearing fruit among the 'Churches Together in Worthing'. All denominations are here worshipping together. The aim of the Ecumenical Movement is 'Unity with Christ', in the beliefs we hold in common, while still retaining the richness of our diversities in Worship."

Major John Methven of the Worthing Salvation Army Citadel was inducted as President of the 'Churches Together in Worthing' for 1992. We look forward to a happy and fruitful year under his Chairmanship. Ella Robertson.

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BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS.

The Missionary Committee appreciate the response to the Bible Society Appeal on January 5th. The envelopes contained £135.70. My personal thanks to all who contributed. Ron Christopher.



AN ADVANCE NOTICE.

The Rowland Singers with their conductor Jacky Emery will be giving a performance of Mendelssohn's Oratorio ELIJAH in our Church on Wed. 8th April at 7.30pm. This work follows closely the Biblical text in 1 & 2 Kings, so please read all about it before you come. Because of the length of the Oratorio some sections have been omitted. The soloists will be:
 Soprano Jacky Emery. Contralto Susan Lyon
 Tenor Stephen Long Base Christopher Long
 Organist Philip Bailey

Our Church will bear the cost of putting on the Concert -£60-£70, so there will be a retiring collection. Admission will be by programme, available from Roy & Sheila Gooderham. 506452 nearer to end of March. Please book this date for a very pleasant evening of music.

THE CHRONICLE AND WELCOME

The Elders have arranged for a group of people to look into the production of both Welcome and The Chronicle. We need to make sure they are doing what is expected of them, and that is to inform our congregation about what is happening (or has happened) in the Church, and to be a source of interest and encouragement to those outside - outreach. We would like some feed-back from you, the reader, about both publications. So, if you have not already done so, will you let either Charlie Ward, or myself have your comments, in writing please, as soon as possible.

Sheila Gooderham.

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MY FAVOURITE HYMN.

Be bold, be strong,
 For the Lord your God is with you.
 Be bold, be strong,
 For the Lord your God is with you.
 I am not afraid.
 I am not dismayed.
 Because I'm walking in faith and victory.
 Come on and walk in faith and victory.
 For the Lord your God is with you.

Songs of Fellowship No.4. Hymn 9.

This is the favourite hymn of Graham Ward aged 6 who is the Third Child of Julie & Charlie Ward. Are you a third child? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please.

Les Montford.

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FROM THE WEEKEND NEWS SHEET AT FORD PRISON CHAPEL.

A little boy on his way home from school arrived late at a busy pedestrian crossing and found it unattended. Several cars pulled up for him but he hesitated to cross such a wide road all by himself. The fourth car in line was a police car with a loud-hailer attached. The policeman saw the little boy hesitating on the kerb so he flicked a switch and said 'The boy at the kerb can cross now.' Slightly bewildered, the boy looked around, then hurried across the road. When he got home his mother asked him how he had got on. "All right," he said. "When I got to the crossing there was no one there, but God told me to go across."

Phyllis Wheeler

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT.

The repairs specified for YEAR 2 of the Quinquennial Survey can be divided into two parts :-

1. Repairs to flat roofs of the East Hall have just been completed by Stoner Asphalte of Southwick at a cost of £574 inc. VAT. Mr. Ken Arkinstall has kindly offered to repaint the flat roofs of choir vestry and cloakrooms sometime during 1992.

2. The possibility of slight wall-tie failure in the cavity wall on south west corner of Church Hall has been investigated. Mr. Keith Horner of Littlehampton made an opening in the wall, and the cavity wall-ties were found to be in a satisfactory condition. Pointing repairs will cost £686.55 inc. VAT. Instructions have been given to Mr. Horner.

A full survey of The Manse will be arranged when it becomes vacant, after 15th March.

The Committee still has under review the question of security following the two break-ins we had last year, and also the heating system.

We are seeking estimates for repairs to the floor of the stage, either by means of carpeting or sanding and repolishing. The front edge of the stage has been repaired but problems are occurring with splintered woodwork in other parts of the floor.

The stage of the Church Hall is being used for storage purposes and we are proposing to tidy up this area.

Organizations are requested to remove any unwanted items from cupboards in halls and passageways. By providing extra space in the existing cupboards we might be able to reduce the storage area on the stage.

Colin Nodes.



A DIFFERENT VIEW

'Do we bemoan the lack of 20 - 40 age group in our Churches - do we really want them?' asks Jean Forster of Neston, South Wirral in February's Reform.

Yes, we do! We want them from 20 to 60. That's why we have Monday Evening Fellowship meeting on various Monday Evenings at 8pm in the Cornwall Room. That's why we have the BEANO club meeting on the second Thursday of every month!

On Sunday mornings there is a creche for younger mums' (single parent mums and dads) children, so there is no reason why we cannot welcome them to Morning Service.

We haven't got a creche for Church Meeting nights yet, I'm afraid.

Les Montford

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B E A N O C L U B.

Thursday March 12th we are having
A MEAL OUT!

Julian Brewer.

WITH THANKS.

"Whoops, over she goes!.....but then so many loving hands and helpful prayers to set her on her feet again."

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support, all your prayers, letters, cards, flowers and messages, all of which have contributed to my complete recovery.

With much love and blessings from both
Hilary and Graham Redman.

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CHURCH BOOKSTALL TRADING ACCOUNT - 1991.

Stock 1.1.91	27.72	Sales	2413.40
Purchases	2214.53	Sundry	
		Debtors	44.08
		Stock	
		31.12.91	35.35
Profit	250.58		
	2492.83		2492.83

Please note:- The 1990 profit margin was reduced to £99.04 by the transfer of the saleable book stock to the Church Lending Library which is now ably administered by Michael Donnelly.

Apart from the Church, Junior Church, Bible Study Groups, Choir and Ark, as many as 50 individuals or families either directly, or indirectly, (through me) purchase from the Christian Book Centre. Are you among them? Remember, the profit is derived by purchasing books, tapes, cards, etc., from the C.B.C, 11 Chatsworth Road, and having the purchase booked to GORING U.R.C. I receive from you the delivery note and cash requisite (or cheque made payable to Goring URC Bookstall Account), pay the CBC, at the end of the month, their account which has been reduced by 10% - hence the profit shown.
Ron Jordan.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER

A vicar wrote in his parish magazine:-
We have been most fortunate this year with our choirmaster and organist. Both have been given appointments that will take them from us."

KESTRO CONTD:

We had a very varied programme at our weekly Friday meetings and another year of equally exciting items has been arranged.

One extra item I was pleased with - I balanced the Books successfully.

Les Montford.

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TORCH FELLOWSHIP.

Mar 7th St. Columba's U.R.C.

Meets 2.30pm.

Mar 21st Jubilee Hall, Greenland Road.

Durrington. Meets 2.30 pm

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PRAYER GROUP

March 3rd in Little Chapel.

7.30 to 8.30 pm

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DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP

Mar 10th in Little Chapel

from 2 to 2.45pm

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SPECIAL EVENT

LANCE LAMBERT will be speaking at Holy Trinity Church, Blatchington Road, Hove on Friday 13th March at 7.30.

His subject will be :

'ISRAEL AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'.

For further details please ring D.Acott (0273 739870) or J.Kemp (273 303804)

Rosemary Kitto.

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KESTRO - WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

Meets Fridays from 1.30pm in Church Hall.

Mar 6 WHO AM I?

Mar 13 Talk by Mrs. G English.

'My Life in Helping the Deaf'

Mar 20 Pencil and Paper Games.

Mar 27 Card Bingo.

On Friday 17th January 1992 the club celebrated its 10th birthday. When our Mayor, Counc. Hugh Braden, and the Mayoress arrived they were greeted by the members seated round the festive tables, eagerly waiting for the show to begin. After the lovely food it came to 'Passing the Parcel', but nobody was deterred when their hands could not untie the knots. They found their teeth could!

The daughter of a member sneaked round with her 'Camcorder'. Goodness knows what sights we shall see. One thing is certain - we shall see fortitude on the faces of those who have, in some cases, been robbed of all that makes life sweet.

All of this was made possible by the hard work of our secretary for the past 8 years, Miss Margaret Briggs, and her band of helpers, and by the generosity of Goring U.R.C. who allows the club to use the halls every Friday from 1.30 to 4pm, and by all those drivers who deliver members by car or ambulance.

We look forward to the future with hope.
Eileen Slatter. Publicity Officer.

REPORT FOR 1991.

During 1991 we had outings to HEASELANDS, BOGNOR, BENTLEY, AND BRIGHTON MARINA. At least 40 members, their husbands and wives came on these outings. The weather was no hindrance and we enjoyed all of them. We purchased 2 tables for the Church hall and contributed £400 towards a Seat of Learning on behalf of the CHSA.

PREACHERS FOR MARCH 1992.

March 1	11am	Rev. Roy Clarke.
	6.30pm	Mr. Jimmie Hill Mr. Charlie Ward
March 8	11am & 6.30pm	Rev. Ray Burnish
March 15	11am	Rev. John Flack
	6.30pm	Mr. Wilfred Rhodes.
March 22	11am & 6.30pm	Mr. Steve Stevens.
March 29	11am	Mr. Peter Spicer
	6.30pm	Mr. John Sutcliffe Mr. John Gordon.

REGULAR MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.
 Thursdays 10/11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB
 CHURCH HALL.
 Fridays 1.30 / 4pm KESTRO CLUB. CHURCH HALL.
 Fridays 7.30 pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.
 Saturdays when meeting in Hall 7/9 pm.
 YOUTH CLUB.

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Dear Friends,

'Rejoice and Sing' is the title of the new Hymn Book of the United Reformed Church which should enhance the quality of the worship of our Churches. Looking through the book to use it at two Services I asked the question: 'What is a good hymn?' We all have our favourite hymns and the popularity of a hymn singing is seen on the media in programmes such as 'Songs of Praise.' What then are the constituents of a good hymn? A hymn is more than a poem. It is a song of praise to God, or it may be a form of prayer or meditation. Singing is the new note heard from the first Christians (Paul and Silas singing in prison). The first thing we should look for in a good hymn or spiritual song is that it should be about something definite - a thought, a feeling, a statement of faith. English hymnody begins with Isaac Watts, and his hymns usually reflect an evangelical idea to which metre, diction, an imagery are subservient. Each hymn becomes the epitome of some important Christian thought or experience. Thus Isaac Watts has had an enduring influence on the structure of our hymns. A hymn should show forth the passion and ardour which will not be restrained, but at the same time has nothing weak, shallow, or merely emotional in it. This we find in every verse and line of 'When I survey the wondrous Cross.' The words and terms here used are the right ones. 'Survey' 'compose' 'amazing' 'divine'. We cannot imagine any of them being altered or improved.

In Charles Wesley the poet in the hymn writer takes wings: such lines as 'My company before is gone,

And I am left alone with Thee.'

It is characteristic of hymn-writers to make use of Scripture. A good hymn has something to say and say it with sincerity, simplicity, reverence, fervour, with the glow of the imagination, and with a scriptural basis. It is a mark of a good hymn that it expresses our experience of God's word and its saving power.

The Hymn has a special place in Non-Conformist Worship. This is why the Hymn book is cradled in Dissent. The Hymn Book in our Churches is our liturgy. Thus a good hymn is a Creed that can be sung, and in our singing we should be expressing our experience of God's grace to us in Jesus Christ. I would commend you to the private devotional use of the Hymn Book.

A good hymn needs a good tune. Within limits the same qualities must be looked for in tunes as in hymns. The tune, also, must say something; it must have a singable melody, with strength and progress and climax in it. It must have the absence of anything merely conventional, sentimental or sophisticated.

Eric Routley, the Editor of Congregational Praise, once remarked that 'Hymns are the folk-song of the church militant.' Thus "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5 vv 19/20) That is the purpose of a good hymn or spiritual song. Therefore, may we continue to rejoice in the faith and sing praises.

Reverend Ron Christopher.



TESTIMONY OF FAITH.

Although I have not come from a Christian home I still grew up thinking I was a Christian. I mean, I'd been to Sunday school and Church quite a few times and prayed the occasional prayer. What else was a Christian?

I thought I knew what it was all about, but it wasn't until I found myself coming to this Church for the first time last July that I saw the difference between the people here and myself, and immediately knew that all of my previous conceptions that I'd had about Christianity were terribly wrong. This enticed me to return. I wanted to know what the difference was.

This certain 'warmth' that I experienced that first night became even more obvious to me when, after only two months of attending Church, and after-service fellowship at Ray Close's, I was invited to go to Greenbelt, the Christian Arts Festival in Northampton, with the Youth Group. I accepted, and I still don't know why. I didn't really know anyone, but I soon got to know the young people there. I was living with them, seeing how they lived their Christian lives. I spoke to many about their faith and saw that, not only was God important in their life, but He WAS their life. I had never truly believed before that it was possible to have a living relationship with God - but here was my proof!

During that week, as well as getting to know the young people that I had gone with, I also got to know God, for the first time. He became a reality to me and I asked Him into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. By doing this I was asking Him to change my life for ever. I knew it would be difficult, and it certainly has been that at times.

A Scripture I would like to share with you that has helped me through numerous difficulties and pressures since becoming a Christian is in Philippians Ch.4 V13:- 'I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength.' To me this passage is alive and assures me of God's love.

So, today, I wish to seal my commitment to God by publicly proclaiming my love for Him and obeying His command to be baptized. Jane Bickmore.

TESTIMONY OF FAITH.

Throughout my whole life I have been aware of the existence of God. I lived in a Christian family, I went to Church, listened to the Sermons, and I sang the songs, but something was missing - I wasn't a Christian. Until just recently I was unable to feel the reality of God. For myself I saw Christianity as a whole lot of rules and restrictions, which I didn't need. I felt that Jesus could live His life and I could live mine; it was as simple as that - or so I thought.

However, all this changed when I first began to experience the love of God for myself; for the first time God became real to me. Last August I went to Greenbelt where I became a Christian. I went with no intention of becoming a Christian and came back filled with the love of God and His Holy Spirit. It was an amazing experience and one which is hard to define. At Greenbelt I experienced a great fellowship with the other young people who went - the majority of which were Christians. As I lived with them for the five days I became more and more aware of the love of Jesus shining through them, which made me realise that Jesus was indeed a reality. I wanted to experience that love for myself. It was then that I committed my life to God.

From the moment I gave my life to Jesus my whole outlook on life was irreversibly changed. It was almost as if a light had been turned on in my life, enabling me not only to see the truth, but to actually believe in it and live it out through my life. Since the day that I committed my life to God I have grown closer and closer to Him, and have really felt Him working through my life. It is such an encouragement to me to know that God is always there for me, carrying me through the difficult times. With every daily situation which I have encountered, whether good or bad, I have become increasingly more and more aware of God's presence there with me.

The Lord has done so much for me. I would like to obey His command by being baptized, to make a public witness to the fact that I have entered into the experience of Christ's burial, death and resurrection. By total immersion I will be obeying God's command, and be making a public declaration of my love for Him.

Kirsty Craghill.



Aug 3-9 11/14s 'Blaze of Glory'. Residential Event.
Yardley Hastings Centre. £100.



COMMUNION SERVICES

'DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'

8am Communion. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher. Worthing 230330.

OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION. Pray for the witness of the United Reformed Church asking that our Ministers and Elders may be given wisdom from God. The General Assembly of the URC is at York. 4/7th July. May it include a strong mission emphasis.

MON ROMANIA. The National TV is showing a series of Bible Stories for children. (Stopped, but now resumed) Many requests have been received for Bibles and there is an urgent appeal for ONE MILLION.

TUE BIBLE SOCIETY. Remember ZAIRE in the aftermath of the rioting and the continuing political turmoil. Pray for Churches and families that God's Word will be a help to them and that Bible Society workers will be protected.

WED THE LEPROSY MISSION. The control programme in NEPAL is hampered by the lack of adequately trained workers. Pray for dedication and enthusiasm of TLM staff at ANANDABAN as they run training courses to help trainees for return to their health posts.

THU BANGLADESH. The small Christian communities of NITYANANDAPUR and PAITAPUKUR have lost their resident Ministers as a result of a re-organization of Clergy in the Kushtia diocese. They are ill-equipped to cope with this handicap so pray that replacements may come.

FRI MIDDLE EAST MEDIA. This summer TV stations in four Gulf States will be screening MEM's "Forest of Light", the story line of which has an allegorical Christian theme. Pray for the thousands of children who will watch the serialised 12 hour series.

SAT BOOK AID. Pray that the suitable books we sent last month will be a help when they arrive in Nigeria. Support our Overseas Garden Party this month to raise money for the THREE BEES PROJECT. BIBLES. BIROS. BOOKS. For Ghana.

NOTE: If any Church members have other missionary interests please let me know for inclusion in future Chronicles. Geoffrey Dearsley

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

£1515.69 was collected during this week, of which £388.55 was donated by our Church.

On behalf of Christian Aid. Sandy Clark.

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WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

A MISSION GARDEN PARTY and BRING AND BUY SALE

WHEN? Tuesday 21st July 2.30 to 5pm
WHERE? Bobby Hitchin's home 12 West Park Lane.
 (Church Hall if wet)
WHY? To support Book Aid's '3 BEES appeal.'
WHICH IS? To provide Biro's, note Books and cash to
 buy Bibles.

FOR WHOM? Christian schools in Africa.

ADMISSION? £1.00 per person, to include TEA.

STALLS? Cakes, Groceries. Preserves. Bric-a-brac etc.

It is hoped to have a Book-Aid Speaker, and your presence (and presents) on the day will be most welcome. Through a direct sales organization we can buy biro's and note books at well-below retail prices and Book-Aid can buy Bibles at £1 per copy, so all we both need is your money. People unable to come need not feel left out - our Treasurer, Florrie Freeman, will be happy to accept donations. World Mission Committee.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 60th ANNIVERSARY.

'Rejoice in the Lord always and again, I say, rejoice.' Philippians 4 v4.

Goring committee are indeed rejoicing at the success of their Flower Festival held in June at St. Laurence Church, Sea Place. They went through various tribulations in the planning months, and their faith was tested, but justified. They were taught that they should rely more on God than they do!

The Church was beautifully decorated by ladies from the local Churches with arrangements representing five continents and depicting the world-wide work of the W.W.D.P. Thank you, Jean Webb, for our Scandinavian Contribution, and thank you, all of you who came, admired and supported the event. Some 300 people attended from as far away as Guildford and Basingstoke, and a cheque for £155 has been sent to WWDP HQ towards their grants to the Christian Literature Societies.

Eileen Rhodes. Goring Secretary.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We invite all members and friends to our series of illustrated talks booked for our Autumn programme. We meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.45pm in the East Hall. We start on September 8th with a talk on the work of the Red Cross by MISS B. E. NEWSON.

Other topics will include the work undertaken by the Samaritans, R.S.P.C.A., History of Worthing, etc. Our Member, Mr. Ron Woods, will show us his work in modelling ships. We will combine with the Women's Guild for their Anniversary and Christmas Services and Christmas Party. We finish our meetings in time to take our wives, husbands and friends back home.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.



PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form. This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House. 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing. Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AND EXPLORERS.**

Church Parade July 12th.

As you read this the end of our Summer Term will be in sight. It has been a busy session with the Juniors making peg bags, and the Seniors learning Stoolball and Crime Prevention. The Brigaders have been following a 4-week course on Fire Prevention at Worthing Fire Station which has involved using some of the hoses and trying to find their way out of a smoke-filled room. Unfortunately they were not able to have a ride in a Fire Engine! (Shame)

We are holding a fun-day for the girls at the end of term on July 11th. This will include games on the Gallops, swimming and a barbecue.

Lastly, news of 2 new arrivals! Our Explorer Leader, Lieut. Alison Baldwin and her husband John have a tiny baby boy, Steven John, who was born during half-term at the end of May; and our Horse, Katy, has had a foal. We have chosen 5 names and are waiting to hear from the 'Riding for the Disabled' which name has been chosen as an overall winner.

Please continue to pray for the Company as we do value all your prayers. Lieut. Denise Elliott.



**5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE
AND ANCHOR BOYS.**

- 6th July Meeting night
- 10th July Meeting night
- 12th July Church Parade 10.45am
- 13th July Meeting night

Sunday, 14th June, was a super day for our Junior and Anchor Sections when the Boys took part in a Battalion event at Storrington. There were approximately 100 Boys plus Officers and Families at the Church Service and the story of the feeding of the 5000 took on a new meaning when the Boys imagined they were part of the crowd. Yes, there was enough bread to feed them all but, fortunately, the tin of Sardines was NOT opened and passed around! (Full marks for imagination, Captain Stewart!) The Service was followed by a picnic and games on Sullington Warren and a great time was had by all. Eileen Rhodes.

**MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.
SUMMER PROGRAMME 1992.**

- July 6 Cookery Videos at 12 West Park Lane.
- July 20 A. G. M. and Refreshments.

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LINK ROMANIA

LINK ROMANIA is a Worthing-based Organization set up to raise funds and aid for Romania, and is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help in their good-as-new shop in Tarring on a regular morning or afternoon each week. 9.30am to 1pm or 1 to 4pm.

They are also looking for people who would be willing to spend an occasional Saturday morning at their warehouse, helping to sort and pack clothing and general aid. All enquiries to

Joan Sayers on 217733 or Lara Shipperlee on 206213.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

An informal meeting will be held in the Cornwall Room on Tuesday 14th July at 2.45

JUNIOR CHURCH.

Once again our Anniversary Service proved to be a very happy occasion and we were delighted that many of the children's parents were able to join us. Mr. Tony Dobinson gave us a memorable morning, with the aid of Jamie Ward, Adrian and Martin Leal. He really brought the story of the three young men, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego alive, and showed just how great and powerful God is. If we, too, are prepared to trust completely in Him alone and make God the centre of our lives, who knows what He will be able to achieve through us. We were delighted to welcome Amanda Stewart to present our prizes for the Bible Exploration. 34 Children sat the exam. The theme this year was 'Partners in Leadership' and the children enjoyed learning some new exciting stories from the Old Testament - Deborah and Barak, Esther and Mordecai, and from the New Testament - Mary and Martha, Aquila and Priscilla. One of our aims was to show the difference between the Old Testament which often depicts people fighting against one another and the contrast in the New Testament when Jesus shows us that God's ways are not achieved through violence and revenge, but through LOVE and understanding.

The highest placed child in each group received a Shield, which they keep for a year. A gift token is awarded to the first three placings.

PRIZE WINNERS :-

Orange Group.		Yellow Group.	
Mark Byerley	Hon.	Paul Byerley	Hon.
Michael Feest	Hon.	Adrian Leal	Hon.
Laura Booth	Hon	Martin Leal	Hon.

Chris Jarrett 1st Class
effort in Workbook.

Green Group		Blue Group	
Tara Hale	Hon.	Claire Webber	Hon.
Joanna Martin	Hon.	Lesley Smith	1st Class
Rachel Courtnadge	1st Cl.		

Have you spotted the Banner in the East Transept which the 'Adventurers' made? Jesus said 'I have come in order that you might have life.' John Ch.10 v 10.

We thought you might be interested to know that several of the departments have changed their names. The Primary Department - 5/7 year olds, felt led by the Scripture verse Jeremiah ch 29 v 13 'You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart, to call the group 'Seekers'. The Junior Department, 7/11 year olds, are now called 'Adventurers.' We do feel it is important to be up-to-date in a child's world. Why not ask the children to show you their badges - if they have remembered to wear them! Finally the Bible Class has now evolved into the Youth Service led by Andrew Close, Giles Tewkesbury and Julie Ward. This is flourishing.

Over the past several years we have been very successful in running 'Appeals' for a period of a month, when we encouraged the children to think of the needs of others. Our most recent was in December when we raised £165 for Rosalind Spencer of Tarring who has Cerebral Palsy. The money raised will go towards an electric wheel-chair which will help Rosalind when she starts school at Broadwater after Easter.

Several Churches in Worthing have set up emergency 'Night Shelters' in Stoke Abbott Road for the homeless. During the months of May and June we had an 'Appeal' on their behalf and, rather than ask for money, we suggested the children bring along non-perishable provisions which we took down personally. We hope to be busy in the kitchen one Sunday morning baking pies and cakes with the children, as their personal contribution. We hope the smell of cooking will not make you feel too hungry in Church!!

We have found a new contact willing to receive all forms of foil. Our aim is to raise £250 which will enable us to apply for a Puppy and the children will have the pleasure of giving the Puppy a name. The Puppy will then be trained as a Guide Dog. We would be delighted if everyone could save the foil and leave it in the kitchen for us. Thank you.

This year our Summer Outing was to Littlehampton on Saturday June 27th from 10.30am to 4 pm and we hired the Sports Dome for an hours supervised recreation.

I am delighted to be able to report that Mrs. Irene Dearsley has been led to accept the Leadership of Junior Church which she will take over in September. We do wish to thank Don Stewart for 'holding the fort' for the past year and guiding us along in his usual quiet manner. On Sunday morning when we come into Church I hope you have spotted that the Beginners, 3/5 year olds, have a completely new team. Mrs. Christine Brewer has answered the call to lead the group, along with Mrs. Grace Ralph and Mrs. Sue Arkinstall. I know they would value your prayers over the next few months as they mould into a team and get to know the Children. Again, we would like to express our grateful thanks to Mrs. Mary Monnery and Mrs. Sue Clark who have led the Beginners for 10 years, for all their hard work and loyalty.

Finally, Mrs. Mary Matthewson is standing down from running the Creche and is looking forward to joining the Sunday morning worship. Thank you, Mary, for looking after our little ones so faithfully. If you feel that you would like to help in running the Creche would you please contact me on W.502759.

We do value your prayers and support for Junior Church as we seek to bring the Children to a closer knowledge of our living Lord. Olive Bushby.



A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE URC.

When the United Reformed Church celebrates its 21st birthday in November 1993 'Reform' plans to publish a double issue - the regular magazine will be accompanied by a picture issue illustrating the varied and colourful events which make up a week in the life of the URC across England, Wales and Scotland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.

We hope there will be pictures of Churches at worship, sharing communion, baptizing, marrying, commemorating; also of Church picnics, outings, musicals, stonelaying, fundraising, serving the communities, celebrating at Provincial days, meeting in Assembly, singing, dancing and lots more.

What actually appears depends on our readers and members of their Churches!

Reform want pictures of these items, or similar to them. We prefer colour prints, not negatives or slides, at least 5" by 3", and we can also use black-and-white prints. (half-tones)

You are being told in good time so that plans can be made to take the photographs.

These are to be sent with the senders' names and addresses on the backs of the photographs, also notification of the Church involved with a brief explanation of the activity of the pictures to: 'A week in the life of' Reform, 86 Tavistock Place, London. WC1H 9RT. Sometime next year. Extracted from May 1992 Reform.

'EVANGELISM TODAY.

Did you know that this lively paper is sold within the Church? Not only does it give news of the Lord's work at home and abroad, but includes items such as readers' questions, book reviews, Bible Studies, articles on such subjects as 'Street Children in Brazil', and reports on 'Spring Harvest' and the 'Keswick Convention.' And much much more. It cost 45pence per month.

Free samples are available. Phyllis Wheeler.

FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, OR A FOURTH? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Les Montford..

YOU LAID ASIDE YOUR MAJESTY.

You laid aside Your Majesty,
Gave up everything for me,
Suffered at the hands of those You had created.
You took all my guilt and shame,
When You died and rose again,
Now today You reign
In heaven And earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,
You have won my heart
And I am Yours for ever and ever;
I will love You,
You are the only one who died for me,
Gave Your life to set me free,
So I lift my voice to You in adoration.

Songs and Hymns of Fellowship No. 638.

This song, for Kirsty Craghill, the third child of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Craghill, illustrates just how much Jesus loves each one of us in that He was prepared to accept the humiliation of dying on the Cross for each one of our sins, taking the punishment in our place. That He loves us for what we are, forgiving us our weaknesses, and giving us the strength and encouragement to overcome those shortcomings. For these reasons, amongst many more, I really do want to Worship and Praise God in 'adoration'.

HANDBOOK CHANGES.

New Members 19.4.92

WETHERELL Mr. Jon. 27 Wetlands Ave. 208307

SHARPE Miss Julie. 23 Twitten Way. 212535

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Birth of a Son. Steven John. 23.5.92
to Alison and John Baldwin.

Thanksgiving and Dedication.

Aimee Louise White 24.5.92

Baptism.

Scarlett Eva Bacon 31.5.92

Baptism in the Sea 14.6.92

Kirsty Craghill & Jane Bickmore.

Congratulations to

Charlotte Ebeling engaged to Jerome Whittingham.

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CHOIR.

Have you a voice to lift in Praise to the Lord?

Would you like to join the fellowship of the Choir?

If you have an inclination in this direction; if you would like to serve the Church in this way, please see Mrs. Bobby Hitchin or Jonathan Ericson who will be glad to tell you more.

H.R.

LETTERS.

Words of Gratitude from 43 Colenzo Drive. Andover.

"I am very grateful for all the prayers for me recently when I underwent an operation. The operation appears to have been successful and I am making a good recovery. May God bless you in your Ministry of Healing as you continue to pray for those who suffer and are in any kind of need. Love in our Lord Jesus.

Rev. Edward Symmons. Andover URC.

It is with joy in the Lord and hope of the resurrection to eternal life that I inform you about the home call of my youngest brother, Kennedy, aged 23, on the 12th May 1992 in Ghana.

You supported us with your prayers, care and concern when Kennedy flew to London for his operation in September last year.

What a comfort that he now belongs to the Lord and those who have gone before.

With very warm and sincere greetings,
Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor.
Ghanaian Chaplain.

Rev. John Titlow leaves Lewes Road URC, Brighton in July and will be inducted into the Ministry of Sittingbourne and Milton Regis with Sheerness, in Kent, on Friday July 24th at 7pm.

Please remember John and Barbara and their family in your prayers. John's mother, Amy Titlow, a member of GURC, hopes to move to Sittingbourne as soon as the sale of her bungalow is completed.

May the Lord Bless them all in their new homes.
Irene Tuley.

AN APPRECIATION.

What a shame it was on Sunday June 21st that more people were not present to hear and enjoy the Service conducted by John Gordon.

His message was a simple one, that we can become conquerors and overcomers because we are created in the image of God.

Let us then overcome any prejudice whilst we are without a Minister and join in worship week by week, bringing with us a desire to serve the Lord in obedience and faith, that we might be found worthy and ready to welcome whoever the Lord may send to lead us in the coming months.
Robin Bradley.

(These thoughts were echoed by many other people.)

CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE

For several years now members and friends have been encouraged to visit the Christian Book Centre and to ask for their purchases to be placed to the Goring URC account, thereby entitling the Church to a discount.

The Challenge Literature Fellowship, of which the Book Centre is a part, has reviewed its policy and so certain changes need to be made by us.

From 1st July individual customers will no longer be allowed to have items purchased placed on an invoice, for subsequent payment to, and by, our Bookstall Account. Instead you can continue to visit the Christian Book Centre, 11 Chatsworth Road and, if your purchase is not required for immediate use ask for this to be put aside for collection by a Goring URC agent. These are myself, and sub-agents Irene Tuley and Jenny Merritt. We hope that one of us will make a weekly visit to collect your purchases.

There are two further changes made by the Christian Book Centre:-

(1) Invoices will not be issued for under £5.

(2) If an agent has received the amount required for an item from a purchaser he/she can pay on collection and receive 12% discount instead of the normal 10%.

It has been my hope and intention that the balance in the Bookstall A/c, now about £600, built up over the years would, in due course, help to pay for new hymn or song books. With the high cost of such books we would naturally like to increase this figure.

The Christian Book Centre staff and Goring URC agents are willing to help in any way they can. Please help us to help you.

Ron Jordan.

BOOK NEWS



MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.

Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.
CHURCH HALL.

Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.

CHRISTIAN CRACKER

'Direct Hit' The Church Members were meeting to discuss raising money to repair the roof. A wealthy member stood up and said he would donate £5. As he sat down a bit of the ceiling fell on his head. He rose again and said he would make it £50! Another member was heard to say "Hit him again, Lord."*****

BEANO CLUB.

July 9th Pitch and Putt

KESTRO STROKE CLUB.

July 10th Town Quiz

17th July O U T I N G

24th July Board Games.



31st July Henfield Brownies entertain us.

GROWING IN HEALING

**PROVINCIAL DAY CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY OF HEALING
AT CHRIST CHURCH PETTS WOOD (UNITED REFORMED)**

Saturday 31st OCTOBER 1992 10 am to 5.30 pm

Speakers: Brian Coward, Jennifer Rees Larcombe.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

The Free Church Federal Council are holding a conference EARTH: a world in crisis, featuring the Directors of the Met Office and of Christian Aid, on July 10/12th.

Details from FCFC 071 387 8413.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES
PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM :-

Boys Brigade	Mr. Don Stewart	243787
Girls' Brigade	Mrs. Margaret Craghill	873806
Women's Guild	Mrs. Betty Hislop	244381
Men's F'illship	Mr. Alex Blackford	502821
Monday Ev. F'ship	Mrs. Doreen Norris	830048
Christian Aid	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ralph	700743
Beano Club	Mr. Julian Brewer	247597
Reform Magazine	Mrs. Sheila Gooderham	506452
Ark M & T Club	Mrs. Jan Byerley	265993
Kestro Stroke	Miss Margaret Briggs	245034
Leprosy Mission	Mrs. Florrie Freeman	248014
Ladies' Movement Worshop	Mrs. Jane Archer	267749



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"RESPONSIBILITIES" FROM A RETIRING ELDER.Please first read Psalm 8. 

There are many favourite passages in the Bible for us all, and that includes me, but when I find that my thoughts and prayers are dwelling on my interests more than on God and His concerns, I return to this Psalm to put things into perspective. As I meditate on it I feel more at one with my Creator, but so insignificant, too, with the overwhelming wonder of all that He has given to all human beings.

This Psalm tells us of the position in which God has placed us - a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honour. The Psalmist cannot really believe this when he looks at the wonder of the heavens. We have been made to rule over all other living things. Why is it that He cares so much for us?

With the outpourings of His love to us He has given us full responsibility for His creation. We have to care for it and use all our knowledge and abilities for its good. Our scientific knowledge and technology has been applied to medicine, agriculture, space-travel, for domestic and commercial use. Would we say it has always been used to improve the world and its occupants? What about our responsibility towards our fellow men and women? Perhaps we feel that the trouble and unrest in the world is too great for us to do anything. But surely it starts where we are with our neighbour.

We have recently held an Elders' election and given responsibility to a group of people to serve and work for the good of our Church during the vacancy, while we wait patiently for a new Minister. Our responsibility is to support, encourage and participate, wherever possible, to make their responsibility less onerous. So let us uphold our Interim Moderator, Officers and Elders in our prayers and if we, as individuals, do not agree with all the decisions made, let us be confident that the power of the Holy Spirit is at work.

Sheila Gooderham.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY SEPT. 27th.

May I express to all Organizations my sincere thanks for their co-operation in preparing for this year's Harvest Festival. The following list will help everyone to see who is doing what and, I trust, it will be a time of happiness and togetherness. This arrangement has not been tried before but since all groups seem happy with the idea it should prove to be a real united effort!

Girls' Brigade	All eight shelves.
A R K	Shelf in vestibule nearest ladies' cloakroom.
Boys' Brigade	Shelf in vestibule nearest gents' cloakroom.
Junior Church	East transept.
Monday Evening Fellowship.	Arrangement on pedestal in vestibule + help on Monday with packaging of gifts.
Women's Guild.	Flower arrangement on pedestal near lectern, the lectern + help on Monday morning with packaging of gifts.
Kestro Club	Flower arrangement on pedestal near pulpit + the pulpit
C H O I R	Flower arrangement on pedestal at back of choir + shelf above screen at back of choir.
Communion Ladies	Communion table.
Prayer Groups	Little Chapel.
Men's Fellowship	Shelf above & alongside the Little Chapel.
B E A N O.	Shelves above double glass doors at Entrance of Church.

There are 2 weddings due to take place on Saturday Sept 26th so all harvest decorations must be completed by Friday evening Sept. 25th. Hilary & Graham Redman have kindly agreed to oversee the taking down of decorations at the end of the Harvest Thanksgiving evening Service and I'm sure they will welcome any help you can give. Drivers and distributors of gifts will be welcome Monday morning Sept. 28th from 10am. If you can let me know in advance if you can help in this particular instance I'd be grateful. As I'll be away on holiday I'm most anxious to do as much as possible beforehand.

Thank you all for your encouragement over the past few months. I very much enjoy both arranging the flowers and the visiting which follows and it is so nice to know ones efforts are appreciated. Please continue to see me with reference to flowers or visits you may wish to be made with flowers.

We continue to remember Dorothy in our prayers and ask that the Lord be near to heal and bless her.

Bless you all. Jean Webb.

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1992.

- 3 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 5 Sat Torch Fellowship 2.30 St. Columba's URC
- 6 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11 am Holy Communion Rev. Ron Christopher
Elders' Ordination and Induction.
6.30pm Service.
- 8 Tue Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm
Men's Fellowship Meeting 2.45pm
- 9 Wed Bible Study, 38 Trent Road. 8pm.
- 10 Thu Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30am
Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel 2.30pm
Beano Club 7.30pm Wives invited.
- 13 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11 am Service. Mr. John Wheatley FEBA RADIO
6.30 pm Service. Mr. John Wheatley.
- 14 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Meeting 8pm
- 15 Tue Girls' Brigade Session starts.
- 17 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30pm
- 19 Sat Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale 2.30pm
Torch Fellowship meeting 2.30pm
Jubilee Hall, Greenland Rd. D'Ton.
- 20 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Mr. Bob Jackson
6.30pm Service Rev. John Flack
Healing with Holy Communion
- 22 Tue Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm
Men's Fellowship Meeting 2.45pm
- 23 Wed Bible Study, 38 Trent Road. 8pm.
- 24 Thu Thursday Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm
Church Meeting 7.30pm
- 26 Sat Harvest Supper 6.30pm
- 27 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Harvest Festival.
Rev. John Flack.
6.30 pm Service
- 28 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Meeting 8pm
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BOOK AID THREE B's APPEAL GARDEN PARTY.

The Mission Committee sincerely thank everyone who so generously supported this event which raised a total of £190. This will enable us to send Book Aid 100 Biros, 100 Notebooks and a cheque to cover the cost of 100 Bibles with a small balance to go towards the cost of transport to Africa. Special thanks go to Bobby Hitchin and her fellow caterers who provided the tea.

Church Mission Committee.

BOOK AID. 271 Church Road. London. SE19 2QQ.

I really must say how much I appreciate your fellowship and support of BOOK AID in Goring URC. I am very humbled to think that such good folk are identified with us in the ministry of BOOKAID. Thank you.

It was a special blessing to be with you all for the Event on 21st July and then again on the following Sunday. I trust this will be an ongoing experience when we visit our family who live in Worthing.

Please do convey my sincere thanks and appreciation for the good effort by you and your team in supporting the ministry of Book Aid as we seek together to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in book famine areas of Africa/Caribbean. By working together we are able to provide Biros, Books and Bibles to these situations, so that the young, especially, will grow up in a Christian environment and thus become strong stalwarts in their society through their Christian living.

We are now preparing containers 37 for Uganda, 38 for Jamaica, 39 for Zambia and 40 for Guyana. Our target for 1992. Another 1,000,000 Bibles and Christian books from the U.K. to Africa/Caribbean.

Praise the Lord. God Bless you all.

Sincerely in Him. Bob Hiley.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

October 10th Saturday. St. Botolph's Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale.

St. Botolph's Church Rooms, Manor Road.
11 am to 12 noon.

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS BRIGADE
ANCHOR BOYS.**

There are a few vacancies for BOYS aged between 5½ and 8 this autumn. We meet for one hour a week on Mondays at 5pm in the Church Hall.

We play games, make things, enjoy stories, music and outings. We sometimes have parties and take part in Battalion events. We have a lot of fun!!

To the Friends of Anchor Boys :- Thank you for your support and prayers for us. Please continue to pray for the boys and leaders - Mrs. Bobby Hitchin, Miss Jenny Compton & Mrs. Eileen Rhodes.

Further details from Eileen Rhodes. 248263.

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HARVEST SUPPER.

Please make a note of the date and book early for SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th at 6.30 pm.

Let us all join in an evening of thanksgiving for an abundant harvest, with good food, games and family entertainment.

Tickets price £1.20 for Adults.

price .50 12yrs and under.

These can be obtained from MISS MARGARET BRIGGS.
MRS. LILY COLLISON. MRS. ROBIN BRADLEY.

LETTER FROM JOHN GORDON.

"I would like to thank the Church Secretaries, Elders and Church Members for their very gracious gift of £500 to me as I prepare to go up to Manchester. The money will help Alison and me establish ourselves in Manchester as we start our new life together.

Thank you once again for all the love, prayers and support we have received from our friends at Goring.

John Gordon."

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AND EXPLORERS.**

Jumble Sale in Church Hall on September 19th 2.30pm
Jumble Collection 15th Sept. 873806/820983
Church Parade OCTOBER 11th at 11am.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We are looking forward to meeting Members and friends at our opening session on Tuesday September 8th at 2,45pm in the East Hall.

Our Special Speaker will be Mrs. B.E. NEWSON, who will give us an account of the work of the Red Cross.

We give a warm welcome to New Members and Friends to join our fortnightly meetings. We have only one rule - BE FRIENDLY.

We finish our meetings with a cup of tea and a chat.

If transport is required please phone me on 502821
 Alex Blackford. Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Since breaking up for our 'hols' at end of May we have held two 'informal' meetings. On both occasions we were encouraged by the number of ladies who joined us. On 14th June we chose as our subject 'Holidays'. Betty Hislop gave a very interesting & lively talk on her recent travels to Singapore, then to Australia. Mavis Monney entertained us with tales of her trip to Holy Land. She amused us all with her experience of trying to ride a camel! June 16th we held our Strawberry tea in the main hall. I am quite sure all who attended had a very enjoyable afternoon. 14th July was the second of our informal meetings of the summer. Some 26 ladies came looking for an afternoon of friendship and fellowship. We sang our praises to The Lord with all our favourite hymns. Now it's time to think of our Autumn Session. The programme's all arranged. 1st meeting on Tuesday 8th Sept. 2,45pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. Do come and join us - come early - the hall is ready by 2.15pm. This will give you a chance to chat to old and new friends. You will find a very warm welcome. Audrey Gerlach.

EXTRACTS FROM ASSEMBLY HOTLINE OF U. R. C.

AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN. The principle of employing a Children's Advocate was agreed by Assembly. This should ensure that not only will children's work have a higher profile, but also there will be more support for those who work with children.

It was also agreed that 'appropriate and adequate' training should be given to youth and children's workers in our Churches. Greater help and support should be available, and the correct level of training for all workers should be provided.

The new structure for FURY was agreed by Assembly, and local Churches will be offered new programmes for young people.

GET THE MESSAGE! Every Province is asked to appoint a Communication Officer, so that every local Church and its members can be encouraged, trained and enabled to communicate their life in the gospel through local broadcasting, the press and other public media.

It is hoped that this will lead to the work and activities of the URC and its concern for people being better known.

METHODIST LINKS. Assembly's message was for more co-operation with the Methodists but no marriage - at least yet. Questionnaire results had revealed that there was insufficient enthusiasm for immediate moves towards unity, especially on the Methodist side. Both denominations will seek to co-ordinate their activities, especially at central level, and look for future developments.

NEW FACES. The Moderator of General Assembly for 1993-4 will be the Revd. Donald Hilton, Moderator of the Yorkshire Province.

Assembly said a fond 'farewell' to outgoing General Secretary, Revd. Bernard Thorogood. He is succeeded by the Revd. Tony Burnham.

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THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PRAYER GROUP FOR STAFF AND PARENTS WILL BE MEETING ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 6th BETWEEN 7.30 and 8.30pm. IN THIS CHURCH.

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News of the Fellowship.

Baptism 23.8.92

Caspian Deacon Wade Brown. Rev. Leonard French.

Baptism 30.8.92

Steven John Baldwin. Rev. Brian Stone.

Baptism 20.9.92

Daniel Christopher White. Mr. Bob Jackson.

WEDDINGS.

2nd May Stephen Patrick Champ to
Barbara Barber.

8th May Christopher Paul Emery to
Susan Longhurst.

20th June Mark Patrick McQuilken to
Sheala Anne Johnstone.

27th June Henry Francis Charles Ferguson to
Jacqueline Davy.

18th July Colin John Theodom to
Gillian Robertson.

25th July Timothy Mark Howard Dice to
Kalpna Patel.

DEATH.

29th July 1992 Mr. Frank Bulstrode.

Changes of address :-

Mrs. Amy Titlow, 13 Roseleigh Road.

Sittingbourne. Kent. ME10 1RR

Rev. John & Barbara Titlow & family.

3 Windermere Grove. Sittingbourne.

Kent. ME10 1UU

Rev. Cyril & Joan Franks moved from Sanderstead

on 17.8.92 to:- 72 Warren Road, St. Ives.

Cambridgeshire. PE17 4NW.

Give thanks for the 'birth of a son - JAMES DAVID to
Beverley (nee Norris) and Kevin Baker in Sydney, Australia.

ALL WELL - PRAISE THE LORD. Doreen Norris.

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MEETINGS EVERY WEEK**Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.****Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.
CHURCH HALL.****FRIDAYS KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm****Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.**
.....**QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY.**

I am pleased to report that repairs listed for Year 2 have been completed. Year 3 comprises more expensive works :-

1. Renew asphalt roof-covering to Minister's Vestry and Heating Chamber, or single-layer high-performance felt.
2. Overhaul tiled roof above Church Hall built in 1948. Some tiles cracked and spalling.
3. Repair of boundary fences.
4. Repair paving and drive. Because paving has already reached damp-course level in some areas I would not recommend adding further wearing-courses without planing the surface to reduce levels.
5. Floor repairs - East Hall. Pitchpine flooring is either in need of repair or should be lifted, screeded and finished with vinyl tiles.
6. Instruct Fellingham to service plant not attended to under Gas Board contract.

NB. Volunteers have already carried out repairs to boundary fences. Estimates are being sought for items 4 and 5.

I have written to West Sussex County Council (Highways) asking that the badly cracked cross-over in Barrington Road is renewed. This cross-over became cracked during recent works to pavement and main drainage system. I understand that WSCC are making claims against Southern Water.

THE MANSE. Estimates are being obtained for a new boiler to be mounted on the wall and for some replacement windows. No works to be started until the Church receives the Survey Report. (Survey carried out on May 12th 1992.)

Co Chairman. Stewardship Committee.
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CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE.

As reported in July Chronicle individual customers may not now have items purchased from the Christian Book Centre placed on an invoice for subsequent payment by you to our Bookstall account.

You are still encouraged to visit the Book Centre at 11 Chatsworth Road and, if your purchase is not required for immediate use, you may ask for it to be put aside for collection by a Goring URC Agent. These are myself, and sub-agents Jenny Merrill, Irene Duley and Jon Wetherell. We expect that one of us will be able to make a weekly visit to collect your purchases. This may be of particular advantage on the run up towards Christmas and your purchase of Christmas cards.

There are two further points to bear in mind.

1. Invoices will not be issued for purchases under £5.
2. If an agent has received the amount required for an item from a purchaser, he/she can pay on collection and receive 12½% discount instead of the normal 10%.

The Christian Book Centre staff and Goring URC agents are willing to help in any way they can. Please help us to help you.

By the way, did you know you may purchase those greetings cards on the revolving stand in the church? They are competitively priced and cover all basic forms of greeting - pleasant and sad. Why not take a look. It is a form of service to you - not to make a profit.

Ron Jordan.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

- Sept 8 Mr. G. Dearsley.
- Sept 22 Mr. S. Stevens. 'Wings of Mercy'



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

- Sept 8 Mrs. B. E. Newson. Red Cross.
- Sept 22 Samaritans describe their work in Worthing.

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After hearing at least two visiting preachers say that they like going to other Churches because they can choose their favourite hymns - I decided to list my favourites (five among many).. Here they are:-

- "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath" based on Psalm 146. Tune Monmouth.
- "At the Name of Jesus" Camberwell.
- "Christ Triumphant..." Guiting Power.
- "Welcome Happy morning..." Fortunatus.
- "Praise to the Holiest..." Chorus Angelorum.

What is your Favourite???? Phyllis Wheeler.

CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

Overheard in the Vestry. "The congregation's a bit thin this morning," said the Minister. "Did you tell them I was preaching?"

"No, I didn't," replied the Elder, "but you know how things get out!"

I hope you all enjoy these little anecdotes which have been collected from various sources. Have you any little 'tunnies' which are Church related and could be shared by us all. We Christians need to show a happy face and laugh, too - at ourselves, if necessary. Any contributions to the Editor, Leslie Montford, for inclusion in future editions of the Chronicle, please.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH, Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing. Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

GROWING IN HEALING

PROVINCIAL DAY CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY OF HEALING
AT CHRIST CHURCH PETTS WOOD (UNITED REFORMED)
Saturday 31st OCTOBER 1992 10 am to 5.30 pm
Speakers: Brian Coward, Jennifer Rees Larcombe.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

'HOW WILL YOU KNOW UNLESS I TELL YOU?'

I give thanks to the Lord for His Healing, by way of the hands of Richard Tuley which were laid on my painful neck at the last Ministry of Healing in July.

Within hours the pain had left me.

Doreen Norris.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

My heartfelt thanks to all my dear friends within the Church Family who have shown me such kindness with cards, flowers, phone calls, hospitality and, most of all, Prayers since I broke my wrist.

God Bless you all. Doreen Norris.

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I would like to express my thanks to friends for their prayers, support and kind thoughts which, at this time of loss, are such a great comfort.

My thanks, too, for the beautiful flowers.

Rosemary C. Evans.

9.8.92

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PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form. This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

SUNDRIES.

The Inland Revenue have applied to Worthing Borough Council for permission to make temporary parking and access on south side of site, including additional temporary parking within unmade part of Barrington Road. A timber fence is to define the line of the new car parking. Also a tarmac pathway will be provided to allow access to public between the two ends of Barrington Road. On completion of new office block the temporary car park will be removed.

British Telecom are putting a temporary line across Church property to the Builders' Office.
Colin Nodes, Co Chairman, Stewardship Committee.
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URC PRAYER HANDBOOK 1993.

It is now time to order the above publication at a cost of £1.20 including postage. Unless I hear otherwise I shall assume that those people for whom I obtained 1992 Handbooks will want to order the 1993 issue. Anyone wishing to withdraw from the list and any newcomers wishing to add themselves to it are asked to let me know before 23rd September. Phone 243832 Sidney Hider.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Our new session starts on 14th Sept. Our Secretary, Bobby Hitchin, will tell us of the glory of 'Springtime in Portugal.' On 28th Sept. the speaker will be Mr. Hedley Slackhouse of the Worthing Accordeon Band who will talk on 'Me and My Music'. This will be an open evening and we would like to invite any of you who would care to join us for that evening.

As I will be visiting my daughter, and new GRANDCHILD!!! in Australia during the autumn I will not be around for the first few weeks but I know that the meetings will be in the very capable hands of Bobby, and Robin who is standing in for me. Thank you ladies. I am so grateful to you both.

We extend a warm welcome to any lady in the Church who would like to come along to our meetings which are friendly and informal gatherings and held in the Cornwall Room on alternate Mondays at 8pm.

Doreen Norris.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC.

The Elders and Church Meeting have given their agreement to one or two organ recitals in our Church by two of our organists, Richard Colbourn and Jonathan Ericson.

The first one is to take place on SAT. 3rd OCTOBER at 7.30pm Enjoy a selection of popular vocal, organ and piano music, including J.S.Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor; Franck's Panis Angelicus, & Chorus No.3 in A minor; Faure Pie Jesu & songs by Debussy. Other composers featured include Vierne, Guilmant, Ireland, Reger and more.

Organ and Piano: Jonathan Ericson.

Soprano : Katy Geary.

Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the organ fund as there is a distinct possibility that some work will have to be done to the organ in the not too far distant future.

Refreshments will be served in the interval and it is anticipated that the Concert will finish at 9.30 pm.

Sheila Gooderham.

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GURC. STUDENT LINK-UP.

There are 90 GURC Chaplains with responsibility for students at College, Polytechnic, Universities, and Nursing Schools.

Any young people leaving home to study this Autumn may be put in touch if we pass their names to the Minister responsible at Tavistock Place.

Their names will also be sent to the District/Provincial Youth Secretaries.

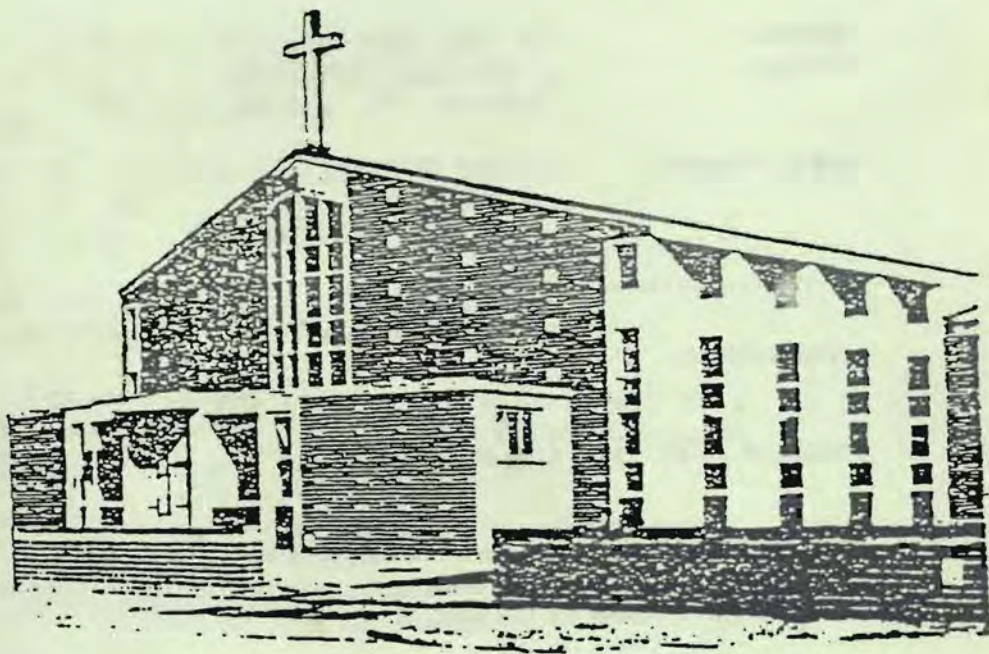
Please let one of us know in the first instance if you wish to take advantage of this service.

WILFRED RHODES OR JANE BOND.

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"THOUGHTS ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES."

All my life I have thanked God that I have been able to play and enjoy games. Today I thank Him that nearly all sports are open to handicapped people who can travel the world to participate in them.

The Olympic Games? Did you enjoy the spectacle and its enormous expense, the enthusiasm and expertise of the athletes, etc? I found my mind wandering to the starving in Africa, and the war in Europe on our doorstep.

However, looking back, I found I had enjoyed them. I remembered the happiness of the competitors, their apparent friendliness, one with another, irrespective of colour or creed, or whether they had won or lost. I vividly remember the faces of the winners and the emotion when the flag of their own country was hoisted, and the sharing of their joy.

I remember the Women's long-distance race, the winner a Moslem girl from Algeria, second a white South African who shouted 'It is for Africa' as they partly shared the lap of honour. What were her thoughts at that moment?

I remember the number who wore the Cross and wondered at their thoughts as they waited for the race to begin. This was answered when one winner, in his excitement, shouted and praised God for His help.

Was it worth it? Surely in the coming together of the youth of 127 nations we can see God at work. We sing 'God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform' and the hope of the world lies with our young people and, although only a few were ready to proclaim Jesus Christ as their leader, all seemed worthwhile.

I leave a Melanese prayer from the Pacific for our young folk.

O Jesus, be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life
The rudder that keeps me on a straight course,

The outrigger that supports me in time of temptation,
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each
day,

Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on in
the sea of life.

Ethel Dearsley.

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MISSION - TO SERVE.

'Mission in this world is the reason for the Church's existence, but that mission must be seen in the double perspective in the world and in the light of the Kingdom of God. The Church cannot live for itself, for her longevity, or her prosperity. Her criterion is not that of success. The Church's calling, rather, is to serve as Christ Himself served, and to give her life that the world may live. She is the body by which today the Lord of the Church gives Himself to the world. Likewise, in our generation, He who lives and is present among His people will cause faith and hope to spring up from the seeds of our life, seeds we shall sow in the difficult soil of our society.'

I came across this declaration entitled "Sent to Serve" made at the 1960 synod of the Waldensian Church. In 1974 this Church celebrated 900 years of mission and service, and belongs to the Reformed Church family. In 1987-8 a Waldensian student spent a year at the Northern College, Manchester (where John Gordon is in training). The Waldensian Church had worshipping communities of people in various parts of Europe before Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Church door in Wittenberg. This first evangelical Protestant movement is mainly associated with Italy. It is a non-Conformist Church and has withstood persecution and loss of civil rights throughout history, including Fascism in Italy in the 1930's. They were influenced by the Reformer John Huss of Bohemia. They ordained women for the first time in 1962. In 1979 its oneness with other Churches was marked by the integration with the Italian Methodists, and in 1981 the United Reformed Church Waldensian Fellowship was formed in order to strengthen the links between the two Churches. It has organized group visits of Church members both to and from Italy.

It is good for us to sometimes remember the history of non-Conformity in our own country, and in Europe, and what that witness has meant in the proclaiming of the Gospel, for moral standards, and for our civil and political liberties. The mission and spirit of non-Conformity is still needed in the world today.

Ron Christopher.

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GREENBELT 1992.

Early on the morning of Thursday 27th August a group of people aged 13 + could be seen leaving Goring to travel to Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire for the Greenbelt Festival.

Whilst there we attended seminars, concerts, films, workshops, and theatre performances, as well as holding our own time of daily worship. During these times we thought about 'moving on with God'. We learnt about the importance of Bible Study, Prayer, Meditation on God's word, and memorising scripture to help us grow in our Christian lives. Over the time away we learned to memorise a verse (1 Corinthians ch 10 v 12.) 'Whoever thinks he is standing firm had better be careful that he does not fail.' by saying it to each other whenever we met. This turned out to have practical, as well as spiritual meaning as we waited around in soft, wet and slippery mud. This was especially true for the person who disappeared down a large hole in the ground one evening!!

The fellowship between the group was strengthened as we spent time together living with, and serving one another. A lot of us came back having met with God and been challenged and changed by Him. We thank God in particular for a new Christian amongst us.

We would also like to thank Ray and Valerie Close for their continuing hospitality, love and support of us all.

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each others needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.

Sunday Evening Fellowship Group.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Oct 6 Mrs. Jean Marchant will give a talk, with slides, on the work of the RSPCA.

Oct 20 We join the Women's Guild at their Anniversary Service.

We started our Autumn Programme with a change of plan at the last moment.

Our member, Mr Sidney Hider, came to the rescue and gave us an interesting talk on his experiences in the RAF in wartime, followed by my son's talk on the life on the other side of the world. He is on holiday from New Zealand.

We wished our oldest member, Mr. Ron Hurt, a return to good health, when he attended the meeting.

We have only one rule - be friendly.

If transport is required please phone me on 502821
Alex Blackford. Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Oct 6 Mrs. O. Baldwin - 'Flower arranging for fun'

Oct 20 Anniversary Service. Rev. AB.J.Monk.

Tuesday 8th Sept. found some 40 friends gathered for the first meeting of the Autumn Session. Our new President, Mrs. Lily Collison, welcomed all present and reminded us, for our prayers, of those who were absent due to ill health and sickness.

The Rev. Ron Christopher joined us for the early part of the meeting when, as a result of the Guild's 1991/2 Project, our President was able to hand him a cheque for the benefit of the Bible Society. In his reply of thanks Mr. Christopher again spoke of the continuing demand for Bibles translated into many languages.

We then sat back to listen to Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley who gave the opening address. The Scripture was Ephesians 1 v 1/13 and, taking the initials G.U.R.C. he exhorted us to 'Go Forth United and Renewed in Christ our Lord.' What an encouraging and thought-provoking message to begin our new Session!

At our next meetings we look forward to seeing those friends who were unable to join us on this occasion.
A. Gerlach.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Oct. 12 Stirring History of Spoons.

Sylvia Parkington.

Oct 26 Bring and Buy Sale and Quiz.

Meets in Cornwall Room at 8pm.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS BRIGADE

Well, despite the weather, we had a very good camp at Fairford, Gloucestershire in August. The very first night was a real experience for most of the Boys. Thunder, terrific lightning and torrential rain whilst sheltering in tents can be very frightening to even adults. Anyway, we survived, and with visits to Swindon, Cirencester, Symonds Yat, Wye Valley, etc., we got around quite a bit. Swimming, ice-skating, canoeing and rock climbing kept the Boys busy. The Officers are not quite sure whether all the Boys arrived back home with their bars of soap in the original state. Thanks to Brian, Colin, Stef, Kevin and Rosie for their sterling efforts. We will not mention the Officer who lost an essential part of the porta-potti. I'm sure that the Boys who didn't come to camp will have their regrets.

We look forward to a happy and successful new session with more achieved than we did in 91/92.

We are planning to have our usual Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale during our B.B. week in November and ask for your valued support. Details will be in the November Chronicle, but if you have any useful items meanwhile, do please let me know!!

Thank you for your interest and prayers.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

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ANCHOR BOYS.

There are a few vacancies for BOYS aged between 5½ and 8 this autumn. We meet for one hour a week on Mondays at 5pm in the Church Hall.

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Further details from Eileen Rhodes. 248263.

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ONE WORLD WEEK 1992.

17th to 25th October.

TRADING PLACES - LINKING LIVES.**WORTHING ONE WORLD WEEK.**

Look behind the slick adverts. What is our link with those who labour to produce what we buy? Is this Fair Trade? 'The cries of those who gather in your crops have reached the ears of God, the Lord Almighty.' James 5.v4.

1. **COMPETITION.** Church youth groups and schools can enter a drama or speech competition. Entries in by **TUESDAY OCTOBER 13.** Performances and awards at the One World Fair **17 OCT.** Details from Gill Ashley-Smith. 232542.

2. **MARCH AND FAIR. SAT. 17 OCT. 9.45am.** **MARCH** in Montague St. and the **ONE WORLD FAIR** at Shelley Road URC. **PLEASE JOIN IN.** Children are invited to come in costumes of other countries, or as goods we buy from them eg. dress as a banana or packet of tea etc.!! At the Fair there will be drama, and charity, action and fair trade stalls.

3. **VIGIL OF PRAYER. THURS 22 OCT,** an all-day Vigil at West Worthing Baptist Church, from 8am, with prayers during the day and a Service at 7pm. Offers to lead in prayer are welcome. Contact Rev. Bernard Monk.247741.

4. **LATIN AMERICAN EVENING. FRI 23 OCT 7.30pm** at The Barn, English Martyrs Church, Goring Rd. Illustrated talk by Gordon Tripp from CAFOD, plus music and pot-luck supper; bring food to share, preferably with a Latin American flavour! Details from Denis Lucey. 241242.

5. **WORLD FEAST GAME + COLLECTION OF TOOLS. Sat 24 OCT. 10.30am-2pm.** St. Symphorian's Hall, New Rd. Durrington. Join in a team game about trading food, followed by lunch. Also **BRING UNWANTED WOOD AND METALWORK TOOLS** to send to craftsmen in developing countries. To enter the game, or make enquiries, contact Esmond Schmitt. 262778.

6. **UNITED NATIONS SERVICE. SUN 25 OCT. 6.30pm** at Shelley Rd. URC. Service of prayer for the United Nations. All are welcome.

ALSO to use the One World theme in Services, and study or youth groups, various packs, booklets, posters and dramas are available from Gill Ashley-Smith. 232542.

There is a possibility that several Broadwater shop windows may display quiz questions during One World Week.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

October 10th Saturday. St. Botolph's Coffee Morning
and Christmas Card Sale.

St. Botolph's Church Rooms, Manor Road.
11 am to 12 noon.

As the time of year comes round for us to give thanks to God our Father in heaven for the harvest of the earth we remember those who are in need.

Every day we hear of some fresh disaster, war, famine, drought, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, accidents and more.

We know we are living in the last times Luke 21. vv 9.10.11. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near.

Countries will fight each other, kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines and plagues everywhere. There will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky..... Luke 21 vv 25-27. There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides.

People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man - Jesus - will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory.

It is our responsibility as Christians to help, as we are able, those in need, and we can do this by giving to Christian Aid by way of the envelopes which were placed in the Church on September 27th. Please give generously.

On behalf of Christian Aid. Grace Ralph.

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STRIKING THE RIGHT NOTE.

'My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.' Psalm 45 vl.

The account in the Old Testament of the dedication of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem around 1000 BC records that 'as the trumpets and singers were as one' the house was filled with the Glory of God.

(2 Chronicles Ch 5 v 13.)

Journey in time around 540 BC and imagine not only the scene, but the sound, as the two great choirs encircle the walls of the rebuilt Jerusalem in Ezra's time. What joyful harmony would have once more risen to God in praise as His earthly people were restored to their home territory.

Move forward once more to that moment in time when only a few shepherds were privileged to hear the holy, heavenly harmony that filled the sky at the announcement of those 'good tidings of great joy - A Saviour has been born.'

We do not know what hymns (or tunes) were used at the Temple dedication - probably some of the Psalms - and there are 150 to choose from! And these would have featured in Ezra's celebration.

We shall never know the words or the tune of the angelic 'Gloria' at my Saviour's birth.

What we do have, here and now, in Goring URC, is a small group of Christians who enjoy leading the worship in songs of praise to our God and Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We meet for choir practice, and enjoy our fellowship together, conscious all the time of our responsibility to use our gifts to the Glory of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

There are over 700 hymns and chants in Congregational Praise. I doubt that we have sung all of them yet; some are obviously great favourites, because they appear on the choir list so often. We also use Mission Praise 1 - a collection of hymns newer and not so old - set to tuneful melodies that lift your mind and soul as they are sung; we enjoy them.

We also have a forgotten treasure - the hymns from Mission Praise 2, or, as one choir member has written, MISSING PRAISE (too). These are hymns born out of our own times set to melodies we have taken long hours of

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choir practice to master so as to be able to present them a perfect offering of praise.

But, alas, like the book of the law in Josiah's day, this collection of hymns lies, literally, in a cupboard, neglected and unused in God's praise.

It is time to rediscover this treasury of song, dust off the cobwebs and cheer the hearts and minds of both God and men with the regular inclusion of these forgotten hymns, sung by the choir, in our regular morning Worship.

We need to pray that all our resources are mobilised in our praise and worship.

'They sang a new song,' Rev. 5. v.9.

Alec Ralph.

INLAND REVENUE NEW OFFICE BLOCK DURRINGTON.

(Warings Contractors Ltd.,)

Temporary foul drainage is to be connected to one of our manholes on the East side of Church Hall, near garage. The trench will be surfaced with bitumen macadam and concrete base-course. Area of surfacing which is pot-holed immediately south of garage removed and replaced with new material at Contractors' expense.

Period of connection approx. 15 months. After this time manhole will be returned to its previous condition.

Inspection of installation will be checked weekly. Any blockages will be cleared by Contractors at their cost.

Any damage to our property will be attended to by Contractors at their cost.

Per letter to Mr. W. Rhodes and Mr. C. Nodes. 9.9.92.

MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.

Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.
CHURCH HALL. NOT 29th October.

FRIDAYS KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm

Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.

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PHILIP MARK RHODES & BELINDA SUZANNE BALE WEDDING.

We would have liked you all to have been at this wedding, on 25th July 1992 at Swanage.

It was very moving to hear them both put the emphasis on 'YOU' as they faced each other to make their vows.

We four parents stood behind the couple and were asked to respond 'we do' to the question 'Will you promise to support, encourage and pray for Belinda and Philip?' Of course, we gladly did!

We don't think it was a coincidence that all the hymns began with the word 'LORD', as we are sure He will be the centre of their lives together.

Yes, a truly memorable day for everyone.

'To crown all, there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole.'

Colossians Ch. 3 v 14.

Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes.

P.S. It's lovely to have a daughter. E.& W.

Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes are pleased to announce the engagement of their son PETER to Miss ALISON WILLARD.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

'From the Notices - The Minister announced that the sermon on Sunday would be shorter than usual. 5 minutes at the most.

The choir then sang the Anthem 'It is enough'.

ADVANCE NOTICE.

BARN DANCE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st 7.30pm

TICKETS £2.50 each. PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER INCLUDED

CALLER: - BRIAN HOLLAND

IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID. CHURCH HALL.

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AND EXPLORERS.**

We started back on Tuesday 8th Sept., and look forward to a busy session ahead, leading up to our AWARDS EVENING in DECEMBER.

It is good to have Lt. Alison Baldwin back after her session off, following the birth of Steven. The Explorer Section has now reached 25, so we are unable to take any more girls at present in this Section. We have started a waiting list so, if your child is coming up to the age of 5, or you know anyone who is interested in their child joining us, please contact Lt. Baldwin, telephone W. 202645, to have their name added to the list. We can still take girls in the other Sections from 8 years upwards.

It is lovely to have Lt. Gardner, as was, back with us following her study leave. Julie is now LT. GRAY - she and Alan were married in August at Julie's home Church in Glasgow. It was good to know that Julie's 'old' Company, where her mother is a Lieutenant, provided a Guard of Honour. We wish Julie and Alan every happiness in their life together and in their new home in Broadwater.

Julie had the Seniors and Officers and helpers in fits of laughter on Tuesday as she tried to teach us the Scottish Dances that she enjoyed at her Wedding in Ceilidh. I think she's very brave - especially as she must have heard of my two left feet. We look forward to the lessons to come!

If you would like to come in on a Tuesday evening you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Margaret Craghill. Captain.

Church Parade OCTOBER 11th at 11am.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH,
Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through
letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.
Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not
leave material until the last day, Editor

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GROWING IN HEALING

PROVINCIAL DAY CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY OF HEALING
AT CHRIST CHURCH PETTIS WOOD (UNITED REFORMED)
Saturday 31st OCTOBER 1992 10 am to 5.30 pm
Speakers: Brian Coward, Jennifer Rees Larcombe.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC.

The Elders and Church Meeting have given their agreement to one or two organ recitals in our Church by two of our organists, Richard Colbourn and Jonathan Ericson.

The first one is to take place on SAT. 3rd OCTOBER at 7.30pm Enjoy a selection of popular vocal, organ and piano music, including J.S.Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor; Franck's Panis Angelicus, & Chorus No.3 in A minor; Faure Pie Jesu & songs by Debussy. Other composers featured include Vierne, Guilmant, Ireland, Reger and more.

Organ and Piano: Jonathan Ericson.

Soprano : Katy Geary.

Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the organ fund as there is a distinct possibility that some work will have to be done to the organ in the not too far distant future.

Refreshments will be served in the interval and it is anticipated that the Concert will finish at 9.30 pm.

Sheila Gooderham.

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I would like to thank all my friends at GURC for their kindness in sending cards, and for their prayers during my short stay in hospital.

A caring family helps so much.

God Bless,

Jane Allan (Mrs)

16 Orchard Road. East Preston.

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INDUCTION OF REV. JOHN TITLOW AS MINISTER OF SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON REGIS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ON FRIDAY 24th JULY 1992.

Glen and I attended the Induction of our son-in-law, John Titlow, at Sittingbourne. It was our first visit to the Church, which is a Victorian building modernised internally, with substantial hall and other accommodation at the rear.

Among those officiating at the Service were two people well-known to us, namely our Provincial Moderator, Rev. David Helyar, and the chairman of GEAR, Rev. John Hall. The occasion was well supported, including by local Churchgoers and Dignitaries, and by a coach party from John's previous Church at Lewes Road, Brighton.

The opening hymn was Charles Wesley's 'O Thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart,' and the closing hymn 'Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,' by the modern Graham Kendrick. Both serve to encourage deeper commitment, and spiritual life.

The most moving moment was a very emotional farewell made in Church by members of John's old Church - an indication of his dedication to them.

The Service was followed by refreshments and attendant fellowship at which we met again with some old friends.

Glen and I are certain that John and Barbara were convinced of the Lord's Will for them in coming forward to accept their new Ministry and we know they will be a blessing to their flock and faithful followers of the great commission.

Geoffrey Dean.

B E A N O C L U B

The GAMES held recently in the Church Hall were well attended by Members and their wives.

A good evening of fun was enjoyed by all.

Thank you for your valued support.

Would you like another?

Keith Merritt.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

- SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION** Pray for Rev. Tony Burnham the new general secretary of the URC in UK and for the mission council which meets in October.
- MON BIBLE SOCIETY** Pray for the work in Mexico and that the Maya Bible may prove a blessing to all who read it in Yucatan in Eastern Mexico.
- TUE BANGLADESH.** Pray for the Church in Bangladesh, including Bishops, Clergy and all who serve in local situations. May they be preserved from discord. Particularly remember those in Kushtia diocese where divisions have occurred causing great distress and affecting our links in that area. Pray for wisdom for those who write to people involved.
- VED YUGOSLAVIA.** With the break-up of the country the Bible Society is looking for new ways to distribute Bibles. In Slovenia a secular book distribution firm is now marketing and distributing Scriptures. In Croatia there are talks about the formation of a Bible Society. Serbian and Croatian N.T.s are being provided for refugees.
- THU IRAQ.** Once again the world is outraged by the torture and murder being committed by the evil ruling Iraqi regime particularly to Shi'ites in the south and the Kurds in the north. Please pray that as Muslims living in daily fear become disillusioned and begin to question their beliefs there may be adequate Christian literature available to help them.
- FRI. UGANDA.** The civil war has still left its mark on many parts of the country. Remember the Teso people, many of whom were displaced and the Teso Development Trust where Christians are seeking to bring a stabilizing programme through agriculture, education and medicine. Pray that all parties will learn to forgive one another.
- SAT SUDAN** 'In the south all expatriates, including missionaries, have been ordered to leave from Government controlled areas. This particularly affects the capital Juba where there are fears of even worse atrocities. The civil war continues unabated leaving in its wake thousands of starving displaced people. Remember the Christians and Church leaders who try to minister in such appalling conditions.
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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1992.

- 1 Thu
- 3 Sat Torch Fellowship 2.30 St. Columba's URC
- 4 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11 am Holy Communion. Mr. Richard Tuley
6.30pm Service. Richard Tuley & Julian Brewer
- 6 Tue Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm
Men's Fellowship Meeting 2.45pm
Sixth Form College Prayer Group for Staff &
Parents in Church. 7.30 to 8.30pm
- 7 Wed Bible Study. 38 Trent Road. 8pm.
- 8 Thu Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel 2.30pm
- 10 Sat Beano Club Family Quiz 7.30pm For All.
- 11 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11 am Parade and Youth Service.
Rev. John Flack.
6.30 pm Service. Ray Close & Paul Archer.
- 12 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Meeting 8pm
- 15 Thu Monthly Prayer / Holy Communion 10.30am
- 17 Sat Torch Fellowship meeting 2.30pm
Jubilee Hall. Greenland Rd. D'Ton.
- 18 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Mr. Jimmie Hill
6.30pm Service of Healing with Holy Communion
Rev. John Flack. & Kay McIntosh.
- 19 Mon Ladies' Movement Workshop 8.30/10pm.
- 20 Tue Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm
Men's Fellowship Meeting 2.45pm
- 21 Wed Bible Study. 38 Trent Road. 8pm.
- 22 Thu Thursday Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm
- 25 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Mr. Paul Butler.
6.30 pm Mr. Paul Butler & Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.
- 26 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship 8pm
- 29 Thu NO A R K M & T CLUB MEETING
Church Meeting 7.30pm

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LETTER FROM INDIA.

Arrived at Delhi Airport after a 10-hour flight. Everything is as I imagined it would be. It is like being in a time warp. The cars, bicycles, rickshaws etc., are so old I'm amazed that they go at all. The roads are jam-packed with bullocks, carts, rickshaws, people and beggars. I don't think there's any Highway Code here. The poverty is very disturbing, and stepping over emaciated bodies to get to the platforms at the railway station is distressing.

After Delhi we travelled for a whole day by train to a village in Rajasthan. The village where we stayed consisted of a small hospital, school, temple and houses of a sort. Altogether the community comprises thirty families. The house we stayed in was very basic; there was a water pump. Outside was an Indian style washroom consisting of buckets, etc. A kitchen comprising of a fire fuelled by cow dung -- cooking takes ages. Next door to the house was a school where the children climbed on to the roof to get a better look at us as we are quite a novelty. We were invited into the school for a look and a chat. The lessons are conducted in English and Punjabi, and the school consisted of a blackboard, benches and a cane. I must not complain about the lack of resources when I return to my classroom in East London.

Everyone here is friendly indeed, and we have been given a very warm welcome. Despite the ruralness and basic way of life I have been enjoying the experience of visiting India.

AMANDA STEWART.

BIBLE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING & RALLY.**FRIDAY OCT 30th 10.15 to 12 NOON.**

St. Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road. Worthing.

Speaker:- Mr. David Irish. Regional Representative.

Subject :- 'NOW I UNDERSTAND.'

Stalls: Cakes and Bric-a-Brac.

Entrance and Coffee 30 pence. All are welcome.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, OR A FOURTH? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Les Montford.

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord
And let there be light.

Graham Kendrick.

This is the first verse and chorus of Stanley Bradley's favourite hymn. He is a third child.

**KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.
AUTUMN SESSION.**

- Oct 2 Bring and Buy Sale.
- Oct 9 BLOCKBUSTERS.
- Oct 16 Pencil and Paper Games.
- Oct 23 'My Life in the Prince Regent Stables.'
Talk by Douglas Reeve.
- Oct 30 Board Games.

WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT.

The Churches Together in Worthing are not just passing by on the other side.

A NIGHT SHELTER for short stay homeless people, and A HOSTEL for Homeless young men are planned to be opened later this year at 2 Queens Road, Worthing.

The Night Shelter Scheme will provide an evening meal, bed, and breakfast, for some who otherwise would be sleeping rough around the town. The Hostel will provide a home for homeless young men between the ages of 18 - 25 years, for a period of up to 2 years. It is hoped that by then they will have found a job, be able to stand on their own two feet, and move on, leaving the Hostel available to help others on their way.

In the meantime the Churches have, for 3 months, been running a very successful temporary 'Night Shelter' in a house in Stoke Abbott Road, kindly lent for that period by the Borough Council. Unfortunately, therefore, it was necessary to vacate the premises at the end of July.

There has been much concern that we might have to abandon our good work for a time, just when winter is approaching. However, our prayers have been answered. We are delighted to announce that a new home has been found, for a period of 6 months, at 5 Byron Road, Worthing. This property is owned by The Christian Alliance. Thereafter we hope our own permanent premises in Queens Road will be ready for occupation.

Obviously this whole project will be very costly. Appeals and Events will be organized throughout the area to raise the necessary funds. Please do give your full support to this very worthy Christian response to the urgent needs of the homeless in our midst.

Practical help will also be most welcome.

Donations should be sent to:-

MR. J. REYNOLDS. 12 SEAVIEW GARDENS.
WEST WORTHING.

Ella G. Robertson.

URC. STUDENT LINK-UP.

There are 90 URC Chaplains with responsibility for students at College, Polytechnic, Universities, and Nursing Schools.

Any young people leaving home to study this Autumn may be put in touch if we pass their names to the Minister responsible at Tavistock Place.

Their names will also be sent to the District/Provincial Youth Secretaries.

Please let one of us know in the first instance if you wish to take advantage of this service.

WILFRED RHODES OR JANE BOND.

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WING COMMANDER ROGER FRANCIS BULSTRODE.
O.B.E. R.A.F. (RET'D).

He died on 28th July 1992. He was a member of our Church and of our Men's Fellowship. He was rightly described as a friend to all who knew him, and possessed a precious sense of humour, and was a Christian gentleman.

I shall miss my visits to him, and hearing of his adventurous life. Francis walked with his Lord, for he had a deep faith within him. He was the son of an Anglican clergyman who, in the first world war, was a Chaplain to the Forces, and later ministered at Bungay and in Norwich. Francis was known internationally as a philatelist and had been known to discover and identify some unusual stamps.

Francis joined De Havillands in 1928 as an Apprentice, working in the fitting, repair and engine departments. After joining the RAF reserve he learnt to fly and also gained his commercial pilot's licence. During 1930 he flew many passenger-proving flights to European airports, evaluating risks for the British Aviation Insurance Group. He became chief flying instructor for British Air Transport Ltd. During this time he carried out numerous flights on experimental autogiros.

In 1936 an accident cost him the sight of one eye, cutting short his flying career. He quickly adapted to his handicap by moving into air traffic control, steadily advancing to become chief controller at Manchester Ringway airport. During World War 2 he served with distinction as a Wing Commander in the RAF, taking responsibility for all flights across the Atlantic in and out of Great Britain. Extra duties involved accompanying Winston Churchill to Moscow in 1942 and Yalta in 1945, responsible for air traffic control.

His final position was Principal Tutor at the Hurn School of Air Traffic Controllers. For his services to air traffic control he was decorated with the Order of the British Empire.

It was appropriate that at Francis' Service we should have sung the hymn of St. Francis:

'All creatures of our God and King.'

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Francis shared a joy in God's Creation, and rested on God's faithfulness.

Alleluia. 'Thou leadest home the child of God.'
Ron Christopher.

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS.

For many years now Dorothy Turner has been our Flower Secretary and we have all been witnesses to her love of the Lord through the ministry of flowers.

I, like many folk, have been on the receiving end of a visit with flowers on numerous occasions, and it's not just been visits to folk at home. Journeys to those in hospital and nursing homes, to old and young alike, all have received the love and care of the Church fellowship through Dorothy.

So, dear Dorothy, we say 'thank you' for all those visits over the years and for the many special occasions like Harvest and Christmas time that have been organized and carried through under your guidance. We wish you a long and peaceful retirement, 'strength for to-day and bright hope for tomorrow' and many blessings besides.

Thank you, too, Jean Hillis who has been such a help to Dorothy over the years. We wish you also a long and blessed retirement.

It's a hard act to follow, but I know that the Lord is with me as I 'say it with flowers'. Please let me know of anyone in need of a visit with flowers, whether it be someone who is ill or someone who has something special to celebrate.

On Saturday NOVEMBER 14th from 10am to noon a coffee morning is to be held in the Church Hall with proceeds going to the flower fund. There will be plants and pots for sale, also early Christmas gifts. Do make a note of the date and come along. This is also by way of a special invitation to all ladies who would like to help in arranging and/or delivery of flowers. Please come and make yourselves known to me.
BLESSINGS. JEAN WEBB. Flower Secretary.

BIBLE DESTROYED - LIFE RENEWED.

"The teacher's violent reaction to the Bible stirred the curiosity of a schoolboy in Peru.

Simon, one of the Quecha Indians from the highlands of Peru, was later to translate the Bible into his own language.

"He and his friends had been amazed when their teacher tore up a copy of the Bible belonging to a classmate and banned the book from his classroom.

"Our teacher had occasional outbursts like this' remembered Simon, 'but tearing the Bible apart and throwing it in the rubbish bin was the worst.'

"The schoolboys were eager to get their hands on the forbidden scraps of paper and began fishing in the bin as soon as the class finished.

"I read every one of those ripped pages and we traded them in the alley like a Smugglers' Market.'

"Simon was so fascinated with what he read that he got himself a copy of the Whole Bible in Spanish - it was not available in his mother tongue.

"He was soon convinced by what he read. 'I became a believer and had great joy in my heart which I wanted to share with others,' he said.

"After studying at University and Bible College, Simon went on to help to translate the Bible into the Quecha language." (From the Bible Society.) Phyllis Wheeler.

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I would like to express my thanks to the members of GURC for the prayers offered on my behalf. I'm so thankful I'm now free of pain and feeling better.

Thank you, too, for visits from friends, also the thoughtful card from Girls' Brigade, and to Rosemary for the beautiful flowers.

God bless you all.

Elsie Chatfield.

LADIES' MOVEMENT WORKSHOP.

The next Workshop will be held on Monday Oct. 19th from 8.30 to 10pm in Church Hall. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us. Please come suitably dressed as all will be participating during the evening. Jane Archer.

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A VERY SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS.

I have been very humbled by the kindness shown to me by all my friends at Goring URC during my recent prolonged spell in hospital. I was completely overwhelmed emotionally with all your cards, letters, visits and the gift of flowers from the Church as soon as I arrived home.

Above all I was very conscious of your prayers, particularly when I was at my lowest ebb between operations. I was very aware that your prayers were so effective for I sensed the presence of God as I lay in my room, and I experienced a closeness to Him that I have never felt before. My spirits were uplifted, my faith deepened and I received an inner peace that enabled me to face the unknown traumas that lay ahead. Day by day I was sustained by your prayers and by the continuing presence and love of our Lord.

I am deeply aware that I also owe much to the skill of the surgeons who overcame some very difficult problems. The exceptional care of the nurses at both King Edward VIIth and Royal Brompton hospitals was far beyond what would normally be expected and helped me on the road to recovery with much love and devotion.

A special word of thanks to Peter Rhodes who, as some of you know, works as a pharmacist at the Royal Brompton. Peter visited me each day and we had some very interesting discussions together and his kindness cheered me up no end.

Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to my wife, Alma. Without her love and support it would have been difficult to get through each day. I know she, too, was surrounded by your prayers and your love together with generous offers of help. I am sure that our love for Jesus and for each other has been greatly strengthened by the experiences of recent weeks.

Your care for us both during this very testing time is greatly valued. I find it difficult to express my feelings - but to know that people care and to experience at first hand the everlasting arms of Jesus surrounding and supporting us makes us both feel very humble in the presence of God.

Norman Prattent.

Letter posted 10 am Received by LM Noon!!!

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JOHN GORDON & ALISON SALMON WEDDING.

It was a great pleasure to attend the wedding of John and Alison on Saturday 18th July. They first met through the Youth Group at Goring, and some will remember them both taking key roles in a production of 'Day Break' in our Church.

The day was fine and the Wedding was held in Sunbury Methodist Church, where Alison's father is the Minister. The Rev. John Salmon did not, of course, conduct the wedding, for he had another very special task on that day, a task which he clearly enjoyed, that of giving his daughter in marriage. Alison looked lovely in a beautiful white dress which I would not attempt to describe, and John and his family cut a most dashing image as they all appeared in true highland dress, kilts and all. One could not help thinking that Alison must have been quietly humming the song 'A Gordon for me'.

The Service was conducted by a local Minister, and a short address and a few good words of advice were given by Rev. William Connelly.

However, the most moving part of the whole occasion for me was the wedding vows themselves. John and Alison had taken an opportunity to make these very personal, and put them in their own words. They turned to face the Church as they read their vows to each other. It was both a witness and a reminder to all who were there of what marriage is and should be all about.

It was a lovely Service enjoyed by all, as was, also, the reception in the Church Hall afterwards. It was good, also, to renew a few old acquaintances including Linda, Alison's sister (remember the song El Shadi?) and her husband, David and their son, Luke.

I feel sure that God will be using John and Alison, and giving much blessing through them in the days and years to come.

Ray Close.

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INTRODUCING FEBA RADIO.

Missionary broadcasters FEBA RADIO, of Worthing, have been on the air 22 years. Their shortwave station in Seychelles reaches out in a vast arc to more than 30 countries in nearly 40 languages. A massive Christian broadcasting ministry, its reception area ranges from India, Nepal, Tibet, Middle East, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and the Indian Oacean Islands.

Back in the 1960s, when the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila needed a new transmitter base to get a better signal into North India they found the Seychelles Islands to be an ideal location. Seychelles was then a British Colony and the challenge of starting the new radio ministry there came to FEBA: the Far East Broadcasting Association in the UK - a support organization for FEBC.

The infant mission was founded in 1967. In May 1970 the station went on the air with 9 languages, to India. Work started on FEBA's unique antenna system, built into a coral reef. FEBA operates three powerful 100-kilowatt transmitters, the most recent installed in 1989, at a cost of £403,000.

The programme schedules are carefully structured so that Pause for Thought slots and Christian comment follow the news bulletins and lead the casual listener into more direct Christian programming. This includes evangelistic Bible teaching and leadership training programmes. The Gospel is shared in a great variety of ways, through music, poetry, testimony, interviews, discussion, and drama. Agricultural and health care series are also part of FEBA's broadcasting service.

Filling the airwaves with God's love.

Submitted by Phyllis Wheeler.

GIFT DAY. 1992.

The Elders have agreed that our Gift Day will be held in the Church Halls from 10am to 12 Noon on Saturday 31st October. All contributions will be for the modernisation of the MANSE in readiness for the coming of our new Minister. Refreshments will be provided.

Roy Gooderham. Treasurer.

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INVITING ALL LADIES!!!!

All ladies are invited to attend the Autumn meeting of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. (Ministry Among Women)

Theme :- 'COPING WITH STRESS.'

Speaker :- PATSY KETTLE.

Date :- FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1992.

Time :- 9.15am to 2.30pm.

Venue :- ST. GEORGE'S C of E. EAST WORTHING.

Cost :- £2.00 TWO POUNDS.

There will be a creche and a bookstall. Please bring your Bible and packed lunch.

May I encourage you to join us on this day, as a number of ladies from this Church have found them to be very helpful.

Further information and forms are available from Irene Tuley.

A WORD OR TWO OF THANKS.

Dear Friends,

I am home again after a four week stay in Worthing Hospital. Thanks to your prayers and the care of the doctors, nurses, and physiotherapists I am making slow, but steady, progress.

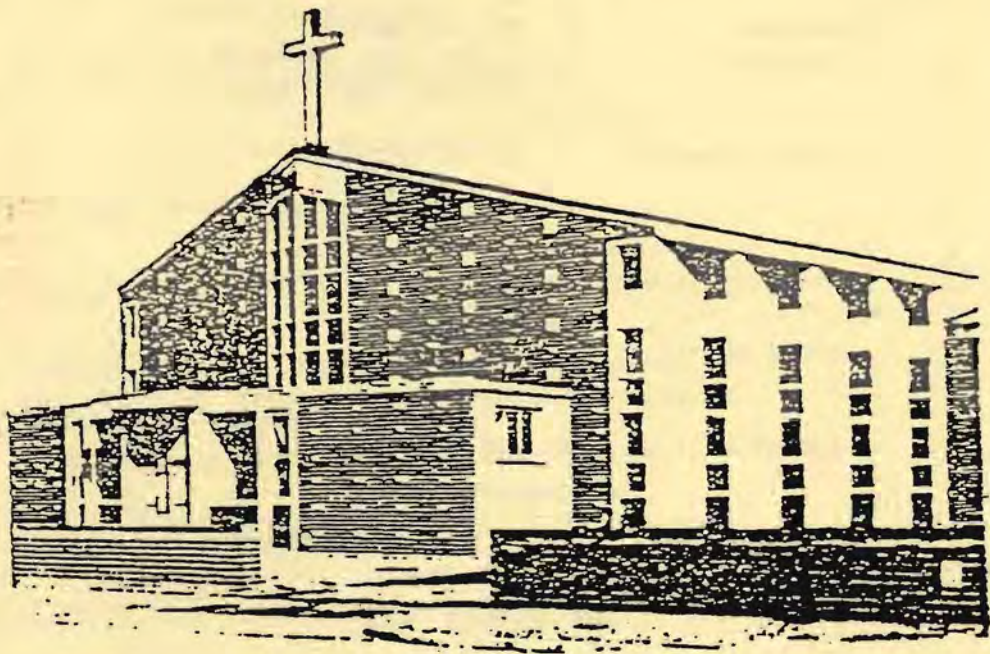
I must thank everyone who visited me and sent cards and messages of comfort and support to myself and my family. Your thoughts and prayers have been much appreciated.

Ian Read.

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE - WEST WORTHING

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"HEARING. LISTENING. RESPONDING."

Early one Saturday morning our telephone rang with a loud insistence. Reluctantly I cast aside my newspaper, got out of bed and, in a very grumpy manner, picked up the receiver. 'Hallo, Grandpa,' came a very cheerful voice. Thinking it to be one of my comedian friends disturbing my weekend lie-in I responded 'Come on, who's that playing about?' A moment of silence followed, and then the response 'Grandpa, it's James!' Horror of horrors, it was my 10 year old grandson telephoning from Perth, Australia. Being so far away I was not expecting to hear from him. I felt awful as I tried to say sorry, but the damage was done, and I could sense the disappointment in his voice.

Of course, I suppose, it can happen to anyone - even in our relationships with God. I was reminded of the experience of Samuel when, as a boy in the Temple, God called him three times. Each time Samuel thought it was Eli, the priest, calling him. However, under the guidance of Eli he knew at last that it was God calling him and he responded thus 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth'. It wasn't enough to end there. The response had to be backed up by action and Samuel grew up in the nurture of God and became a prophet known throughout Israel.

We can do no better than to follow the example of Samuel. God speaks to us in so many ways in our church and personal lives. No doubt we are somewhat surprised to hear Him and need time and advice from others to help us understand. It is all very well hearing God's voice in whatever way He chooses to approach us, but it is also vital to listen to what He has to say and to follow up with appropriate action. Our fellowship at Goring offers all of us a great challenge in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek God's will for us, and to hear, listen and respond to His will in a positive way.

'O Give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy word;
Like him to answer to Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all.'

Norman Prattent.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1992.

- 1 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11am Rev. Brian Stone. Holy Communion.
6.30pm Rev. Brian Stone. Paul Archer.
- 2 Mon Special Prayer Meeting 7.30-8.30pm L/Chapel
- 3 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship Meetings.
- 4 Wed Special Prayer Meeting 10.30-11.30am L/Chapel
Special Church Meeting 7.30pm Church Hall
Bible Study. Deans' Home, 38 Trent Road. 8pm
- 5 Thu Thursday Prayer Group L/Chapel 2.30pm
- 6 Fri Church Pastoral Aid Soc. Mtg. See Chronicle.
- 7 Sat Torch Fellowship 2.30 St. Columba's URC
- 8 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
10.55 am Remembrance Sunday Geoffrey Dearsley
6.30pm Service. Simon Richards & Julian Brewer
- 9 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship 8pm
- 10 Tue Sixth Form College Prayer Group for Staff &
Parents in Church. 7.30 to 8.30pm
- 12 Thu Monthly Pry/Holy Communion 10.30am
B E A N O SWIMMING.
Dis. Council Mtg. Hounsom Memorial Church.
- 14 Sat Boys' Bde. Coffee Morning & Bazaar 10am
- 15 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11 am Parade Service. Miss Daphne Bell.
6.30 pm Service. Holy Communion
Wilfred & Eileen Rhodes.
- 17 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship. 2.45pm
- 18 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8pm
- 19 Thu Thursday Pry. Grp. L/Chapel 2.30pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm
- 21 Sat Boys Brigade Jumble Sale 2 pm.
Torch Fellowship meeting 2.30pm
Jubilee Hall. Greenland Rd. D'Ton.
BARN DANCE CHURCH HALL 7.30pm See Chronicle.
- 22 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Mr. Bob Jackson.
6.30pm Service
Julian Brewer & Bobby Hitchin.
- 23 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Meeting 8pm
- 26 Thu Church Meeting 7.30pm Church Hall.
- 29 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11am Service. Mr. Brian Brazier
6.30 pm Service. Richard Tuley & Ray Close.

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G E A R.

GEAR stands for the GROUP for EVANGELISM AND RENEWAL with the U.R.C. One of the outstanding Conferences of the year is held at Swanwick Conference Centre, The Hayes, Derbyshire from the evening of Feb. 19th to afternoon of Feb. 21st 1993. The Subject- 'HEART OF THE MATTER'. Speaker Rev. Tom SMAIL. Cost £50 per person, with child reductions. Booking Forms available from Elizabeth Watson 0264 323359. I commend this occasion to all members and friends at Goring as a place to meet with over 300 other folk from U.R. places of Worship all over the country, and of every age group. We used to have a 52-seat coach from Hounsom Church in Hove and an age range from over 80 to under 5, and we encouraged families to attend because the children are specially cared for during session periods. If you have read any of the books by Tom SMAIL you will appreciate what a unique opportunity this will be to deepen your faith and enjoy worship with others of like mind. GEAR is within the URC and many of our Ministers will be there with their families and Church members. On one memorable occasion there was a heavy snowfall on the Saturday and the whole area became a wonderland of sheer delight. The Hayes is well equipped in such circumstances with covered walkways and central heating. I understand that financial help could be made available for those unable to meet the cost, especially when they involve a family travelling. The afternoon of Saturday will be free to explore some of the most attractive areas of Derbyshire. Belper by the river and Ambergate are quite close. I will be glad to give anyone further information if required. John Flack.

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NEW YEAR PARTY.

There will be a New Year Party for the Church Fellowship on either SATURDAY 9th or 16th JANUARY 1993.

Please see December Chronicle for fuller details.

Sheila Gooderham.

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REPORT OF URC SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT MEETING.**10th SEPTEMBER 1992.**

Meeting held St. Ninian's, Pagham. Opening devotions led by Minister, Rev. Robert Boulter.

1. Advocacy. Chairman welcomed the National Advocacy Secretary, Rev. Bill Wright. He spoke about the varied material that's available to help Churches to encourage the financial giving of their members. He's found that where resource material is used or stewardship campaigns have been held, then there's been an increase in giving of 35-40%. Often 80% of a Church's giving comes from 20% of the membership. Rev. Wright held discussions with Church Treasurers.

2. Chairman welcomed Rev. David Helyar, Rev. Peter & Kay McIntosh, and a retired Pastor from East Berlin. Our prayers were asked for Robert, son of Rev. Frank Cochrane of Brighthelm, seriously injured by a car, John Gordon, and Jonathon, son of Rev. Brian Sturtridge returning to work in Taiwan.

3. News of Churches. Hounsom Memorial, Hove and Portslade issued unanimous call to Rev. Peter McIntosh; his induction was 26th August at Hove Central.

Shelley Road URC interim moderator is Rev. Bob Murray of Rustington. Clermont, Brighton is without a Minister, and their Church Secretary is ill.

4. News from East Berlin. Edgar Brunzlow, a retd. Pastor of a Reformed Church in Brandenburg, spoke of the situation in East Berlin. Main problems are unemployment, and trying to integrate foreign immigrants. Materials are easier to obtain so Churches are being repaired. They lack money.

5. Financial Matters. Rev. Derek Morrill has been appointed District Treasurer. An extra £9,000 is sought from this District to reach the proposed increase in ministerial stipends.

6. Property Matters. Petworth Church had a fire in its roof.

Lewes Rd. Brighton continues to make headway with their proposed development plans.

Bosham has commenced work on their rebuilding.

Shelley Rd. necessary repairs from their quinquennial report survey will be carried out.

7. Other Matters and Future Events.

Sunday Nov, 22nd 6.30pm District Youth Service at Littlehampton United Methodist Church.

Yardley Hastings Centre, the Fury Project, has published their new programme with conferences, etc.

The Windermere Centre is holding Bargain Breaks.

The Youth Committee of the District is seeking new members, and nominations are required for the Fury Assembly.

The Faith and Life Committee spoke of the importance of listening to the Queen's Speech regarding Sunday Trading and other Christian issues.

The World Church Mission Committee are having a main slot in Autumn Synod. The appointment of a Mission Enabler is under consideration. Rev. Brian Stone would like to hear of any Mission Outreach in our District to inform Province.

On Dec. 1st there will be a national lobby of Parliament organized by Churches Together in England, to raise the level of awareness of the homeless problem.

Rev. William McCrawley appointed part-time Minister of East Sheen Church and part-time Provincial Trainer.

8. The General Assembly. An excellent report in question and answer form given by our 4 representatives.

Next District Council Meeting Thurs. 12th November at Hounsom Memorial Church. Meeting ended with prayers.

Irene Tuley. Representative.

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NOTICE.

BARN DANCE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st 7.30pm

TICKETS £2.50 each. PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER INCLUDED

CALLER: - BRIAN HOLLAND

IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID. CHURCH HALL.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MRS. BOBBY HITCHIN.

GREENBELT 1992.

This was my first year at Greenbelt so I did not know what to expect. It was much more enjoyable than I had ever imagined it to be. I think that this was because I had never experienced how it would be to spend a week with all Christians, and it was this atmosphere that made me enjoy Greenbelt so much.

Another thing that made Greenbelt special for me was not having any outside pressures or worries such as, what non-Christian friends would think of the things that I was doing. Being at Greenbelt made my faith become a lot more alive and it gave me great pleasure to see one of my close friends become a Christian.

The things that meant most to me were, firstly, the fellowship, and secondly, the music and the rolling magazine which was specially for people of my age.

I am looking forward to going again next year and, hopefully, I can introduce some of my other friends to the fun that you can have being a Christian.

SARAH ARCHER.

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Although Jon and I have been camping many times before with Guides and Scouts, Greenbelt was our first Christian camp, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The fellowship with other Christians both in our Church and out, was an experience we will never forget.

There were many people in our group, of various ages and, between us, we attended many Seminars and Concerts, our favourite being three Seminars held by Eric Delve titled 'The Glory of God's Creation.'

On the Sunday whilst we were there an open air Communion Service was shared by approx. 25,000 people - it was certainly an experience!

For once the forecast was correct. Howling gales and torrential rain battered the campsite. Thankfully, although one in ten tents seemed to have been blown down, we suffered no casualties. Despite the weather we all had an enjoyable weekend and look forward to next year.

JON & JULIE WETHERELL. ELIZABETH BOND.

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GREENBELT 1992.

27 people attended Greenbelt this year in our party. The largest group we have ever taken. Once again it was the fellowship as a Christian group, living together under canvas in some difficult weather conditions, that brought us closer together, and saw everybody's faith grow, including very much our own. Over the years we have become increasingly aware that the Festival is only the enabler. The Spirit mainly works through the fellowship of the Group. Each year we see the fruit as the Spirit is at work in a new generation of God's people.

There is a video we made of our time at Greenbelt if anybody wishes to see or borrow it.

VALERIE AND RAY CLOSE.

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CHURCH FLOWERS.

Thank you all so very much for all you did for the Harvest Festival whilst I was away in Canada on holiday. I'm delighted that you all 'united' and had such a blessed time together.

You will probably have realised, from last month's Chronicle, that the flower fund coffee morning and Boys' Brigade coffee morning are on one and the same day. Saturday November 14th. Thank you, BB, for inviting the flower ladies to share your morning. Money taken on the 'flower stalls' will go to the flower fund. Money from other stalls & coffee will be for BB funds. I do so hope all ladies interested in arranging and/or delivery of flowers will make themselves known to me either at the coffee morning or after Service on a Sunday morning.

The calendar for 1993 is now up in the vestibule. If you would like to provide the flowers for a particular Sunday please fill in your name or contact me. Some names go on each year, but as I'm new to the job please don't presume I know who those names are. You can phone me on Worthing 240546 or see me on a Sunday morning.

I'd also be grateful to receive names of those in need of a visit with flowers.

Bless you all, Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, OR A FOURTH? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Les Montford.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be. Amen.

Congregational Praise 729. Psalm 23.

This is the favourite hymn of Miss Tracey Merritt the third child of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Keith Merritt.

B E A N O C L U B

Thanks, Beano Club, for a unique and enjoyable QUIZ you held on Saturday evening 10th October. I, for one, can hardly wait for the next. Les Montford.

NOVEMBER 12th SWIMMING.

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AND EXPLORERS.**

Church Parade NOVEMBER 15th at 11am.
Church Parade DECEMBER 13th at 11am.
AWARDS EVENING DECEMBER 12th at 7 pm SATURDAY

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Jumble Sale when £194 was raised. We bought some new uniforms and equipment. The balance went towards our Christmas Outing. We are going to see the pantomime 'Snow White' at The Dome Theatre, Brighton on Dec. 30th. We are now preparing for our AWARDS EVENING, to be held at WEST PARK SCHOOL on SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER at 7 PM.

1993 is a very special year for Girls' Brigade - Girls' Brigade will be 100 YEARS OLD, and our Company will be 40 YEARS OLD.

The District is busy planning several special events during the year for the enjoyment of the GIRLS, and to promote Girls' Brigade within the Community.

Amongst the activities being planned for next year are an 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT' COMPETITION, a District Explorer Outing, and a District Camp for those over 8 years of age to be held at ANNAN COURT, UCKFIELD, to name but a few events, culminating in a District Display in NOVEMBER!!

Nationally a new Musical "JAIRUS' DAUGHTER" has been composed especially for our Centenary Year and a special Service of Thanksgiving is to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral in October.

Next Year our Notice Board will be overflowing!!!

In God's love,

Margaret Craghill. Captain.

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KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.

AUTUMN SESSION.

Nov 6 All day meeting. Clothes by Jill's Fashions.
Nov 13 Canvas work.
Nov 20 History of Fortnum & Mason.
Talk by Mr. Douglas Hansen.
Nov 27 Card Bingo.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS BRIGADE

Our usual BB fund-raising week commences on SATURDAY 14th November with a Coffee Morning and Bazaar, and ends on SATURDAY 21st November with a Jumble Sale. Leaflets and donation envelopes will be distributed in the Church on Sunday 15th, and we would be most grateful for you to give them your generous consideration. Please retain the envelope and use it on a future occasion if that suits you better. The Coffee Morning and Bazaar which starts at 10am will have the usual stalls including Bring & Buy, Cakes and Produce, Greetings Cards, Bric-a-Brac, Competitions, etc. Gift of items for these stalls would be much appreciated. We look forward to you coming along. The Jumble Sale starting at 2pm speaks for itself, so if you have anything you wish to dispose of please let us know and we will willingly collect. We do try to limit our fund raising efforts, but in this particularly busy week we endeavour to raise enough to cover our Subscriptions to BBHQ and Battalion, and the high cost of replacing equipment. As part of their Mission Project 'BRIDGES' the Junior Section Boys are collecting lolly-sticks so that we can make model bridges. We hope to have a display of the models during the month and also for the Boys to be sponsored for the total length of the various models.

Thank you all for your valued support.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

November 15th Parade Service.

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AN EVENING OF MUSIC 3rd OCTOBER.

About 80 people enjoyed a varied and well-balanced programme of organ music played by Jonathan Ericson and songs beautifully sung by Katy Geary.

Although the retiring collection amounted to £160, and was in aid of the organ fund, few members of our Church were present and we hope that when Jonathan arranges another evening in the Spring of 1993 we shall give him greater support.

Roy Gooderham.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Nov 3 Our member Mr. Ron Woods will show us his work in modelling ships. 2.45pm in East Hall.

Nov 17 Dr. Sally White will give us a talk on the history of Worthing 2.45 pm in East Hall.

On Sept. 22 EMILY, from the Samaritans gave us a very interesting talk on their work with the public in Worthing. The movement was founded soon after the 1939/45 war by a C. of E. Minister in Wallbrook, London. It has spread throughout the U.K. and overseas. They received 2½ million calls in the UK last year.

Oct 6 saw Mrs. Jean Marchant giving us an illustrated talk on the work of the R.S.P.C.A. The Society was founded in 1824 to promote kindness and prevent cruelty to animals. Much has been achieved and always working within the law. They find suitable homes for stray animals and don't 'put them down' unless suffering from illness or injury. They do not send animals away during the Christmas holiday. A collection was made for them.

We were pleased to welcome back Mr. Fred Goode from his holidays in Wales.

We would like to thank all members and friends who helped the Men's Fellowship to decorate their part of the Church during Harvest Festival.

We have only one rule - be friendly.

If transport is required please phone me on 502821
Alex Blackford. Secretary.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC.

Hoorah to KATE GEARY and JONATHAN ERICSON for the evening's entertainment they provided on October 3rd.

It was a thoroughly balanced diet of song and music and I, for one, enjoyed the whole evening.

Thank you very much.

I wish you both every success in the future,
Leslie Montford.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Nov 3rd Jill's Fashions 2.45pm Church Hall.

Nov 17th Hearing Dogs for the Deaf with slides.

Sept. 22nd Mr. Stevens of Mission Aviation Fellowship told us something of the work of the Fellowship & then handed over to Mr. Chris Emmerson who, with his wife June, is about to return to Africa. As soon as he has taken a refresher course in flying he hopes to pilot one of the 'Wings of Mercy' planes. Both Mr & Mrs Emmerson told of their experiences with the Fellowship in Kenya & in Chad where they worked for many years & now, after a period back here at home they feel strongly that God is calling them to return to the Field.

A collection was taken & we were pleased to hand over a cheque for £75 towards this work.

Oct 21st in a lighter vein we spent a fascinating hour watching and listening to Mrs. Baldwin as she arranged small and delicate displays of flowers in any household 'throw-away' containers. Mrs. Baldwin kindly allowed us to auction the several arrangements & we were delighted to add the proceeds to the funds for our 92/93 Projects.

Ladies, do join us at 2.45pm on Tuesday 3rd Nov, when we hope to hear all about "Jill's Fashions"

Audrey Gerlach.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Nov 9th Mrs. Elsie Flack.

Nov 23rd 'If it moves Shoot it!' Rev. Scott.

Meets in Cornwall Room at 8pm.

PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form. This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.
Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.
Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

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WHAT IS THE SAMARITANS?

The Samaritans is a non-directive listening organization, offering a person emotional support and time to talk. Unlike members of other organizations, Samaritans volunteers are trained NOT to do things!

If they are called out to a hospital they will only listen. They will sit with whoever is in distress and encourage them to share their feelings, but they will not become involved in a practical way with any crisis, will not provide transport home, accommodation, nor money.

Generally, the call-out will be most useful for people who are alone and have been suddenly bereaved or are waiting to hear about a loved one who is seriously ill. It is particularly painful to have received some distressing news and then sit alone in the hospital for hours, awaiting the arrival of a friend or relative.

Patients admitted after deliberately injuring themselves, and perhaps waiting for an appointment with a psychiatrist, may benefit from the chance to speak to a Samaritan - as an additional resource, not an alternative to professional help. Samaritans frequently encourage callers to accept professional help, and offer their continued support while they do so.

Extracted from Samaritan News.

MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall. Not 4/11

Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.

CHURCH HALL. NOT 24 & 31 DECEMBER.

FRIDAYS KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm

Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.

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INVITING ALL LADIES!!!!

All ladies are invited to attend the Autumn meeting
of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.
(Ministry Among Women)

Theme :- 'COPING WITH STRESS.'

Speaker :- PATSY KETTLE.

Date :- FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1992.

Time :- 9.15am to 2.30pm.

Venue :- ST. GEORGE'S C of E. EAST WORTHING.

Cost :- £2.00 TWO POUNDS.

There will be a creche and a bookstall.
Please bring your Bible and packed lunch.

May I encourage you to join us on this day, as a
number of ladies from this Church have found them to be
very helpful.

Further information and forms are available from
Irene Tuley.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION.

Please note the prices of 'Notes on Bible Readings'
and 'Light for our Path' have increased to £3.25 per
annum. It is now time to order for 1993, so will Members
of the above Bible Readings who require alteration to
their order let me know as soon as possible. New Members
would be most welcome. For further details please contact
me on Worthing 262217. Thank you for Donations received
for the IBRA International Appeal. Any further
contributions would be appreciated. Mrs. Betty Barnett.

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PARADE SERVICE.

There is no doubt that God has given us many gifts in Goring URC. These gifts were again demonstrated at the morning parade taken by leaders of the Youth Service on 11th October. Leading us gently, but purposefully, through the theme 'WHERE DO YOU STAND?' the challenge of the gospel was presented through scripture, modern interpretation, illustration and summary. The message was clear, and related to young and old alike.

Are you on the ball? You may need to borrow the tape to find out! They also successfully translated the informality of the Youth Service into the full Church setting.

Thank you, Julie, Andy, Giles for Sunday morning; thank you for the work you do, unseen by many, from week to week. Let us continue to support these leaders, together with the leaders in Junior Church, and Brigades, with our prayers, with our encouragement, with our support, and with our love. We are truly blessed by what you do among us.

Julian and Christine Brewer.

PARADE SERVICE.

On behalf of the Beginners, may I thank the Youth Fellowship for the entertaining way in which they led the Parade Service on 11th October. There were 9 children under the age of 4 years sitting at the front of the Church absolutely mesmerized by the sketch. It will be interesting to see what comparison they make between Mr. ZAK and the more traditional version they will hear next week at Junior Church!

Sue Arkinstall

CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

HOLY WATER. A Baptismal Service was in progress at our local Baptist Church. During the course of his sermon the Minister looked down at the water in the Baptistry and said 'There is nothing magical about this water. It is the same water that we shall use to make the coffee with later' !!!

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A POEM - AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
 I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
 I asked for health that I might do greater things;
 I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches that I might be happy;
 I was given poverty that I might be wise.
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of others;
 I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
 I got nothing that I had asked for,
 But everything that I had hoped for.
 Despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
 I am most richly blessed.

Supplied by Irene Kitto.

CHRISTMAS 1993.

I have been asked by the Elders and Church Meeting to co-ordinate the arrangements for the CHRISTMAS SERVICES. If any member of the congregation has any comments, favourable or otherwise, on how things have been done in previous years, please let me have them, in writing preferably. Many thanks. Sheila Gooderham.

R E Q U E S T.

Please endeavour to keep reports and articles to 300 words. This does not refer to District Meetings and Synod Reports. Leslie Montford. Editor.

S T E W A R D S.

Would Stewards please contact either Alan Merritt or Ken Arkinstall if they are unable to Steward on their rota Sunday so that a replacement can be arranged.
 Alan Merritt 262609 Ken Arkinstall 263157.

The collection of foil can be made in the kitchen in bags. It will be removed from there by Mrs. Olive Bushby.

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R E F O R M. 1993.

It is now time for me to place the order for Reform Magazine for 1993. Because of increased paper and printing charges the price has had to be raised by 50 pence p.a. The individual price would be £8.25 incld postage, if ordered after 1st Jan but, because we order before that date & in excess of 5 copies, you have to find only £6.25 each. I'm assuming that all present subscribers will continue, unless I hear to the contrary, & if anyone else is interested please let me know by the end of November. Current readers will have noticed in October issue a reference to Goring URC with a photograph taken by Roy Webb at the Baptism in the Sea of Jane Bickmore and Kirsty Craghill with an appropriate description of the occasion, & I had a personal message to say how refreshing it was to have something 'different'.

All enquiries to me Sheila Gooderham 506452.

PS. For those of you who have not yet met 'REFORM', it is the national monthly magazine of the URC.

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MUSIC IN CHURCH.

It is always a pleasure to join with the other United Reformed Churches on special occasions & on Sunday 22nd November at Shelley Road Church there will be a performance of Faure's Requiem and Vaughan William's Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Some of our choir and congregation are taking part and others also from St. Columba's Church. If you are able to join in the singing you will be most welcome. Rehearsals are on Saturday evenings at 7.30 pm at Shelley Road but, if not, please make a note of the date in your diary of the Concert - offered, as always, to the Glory of God. Sheila Gooderham.

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F. E. B. A.

The Far East Broadcasting Association needs old COTTON SHEETS, PILLOWCASES, ETC., to be used as rags to clean the transmitters. FEBA HEADQUARTERS. IVY ARCH ROAD. WORTHING. TEL. 237281.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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FRENCH HOLIDAY TRAVELS.

Tues. 29/9. Set off from Versailles and drove down to Clermont Jerrand by motorway. Head for the Gorges of the Ardeche. Weather pleasant.

Wed 30/9. Drive through the Gorges. Breathtaking scenery. Weather so good we drove down to Avignon & Arles.

27 degrees Celcius by 2 pm.

Thur 1/10. Leave Montpellier towards Perpignan on the coast. Sweltering weather 23 Celcius. Arrive Auntie's 2.30pm. Shorts and T-shirt. Ice cream sodas.

Fri 2/10. Go for walks in lovely village. Weather still warm, but not so hot.

Sat 3/10. Weather turns - still warm, but showery.

Go for walks in village. Rain starts at 10 pm.

Sun 4/10. Rain all day. miserable. Weather cold.

Mon 5/10 Leave Perpignan & drive up the Mountains. Snow. Only 10 Celcius high up. Drive down to valley & meet with floods. Fields, vineyards, roads, houses gutted by furious & angry river. Reach Carcassone by 2pm. FOG!

Reach Albi by 6 pm.

Tue 6/10. Leave Albi in pouring rain. Rain all day.

Reach Tours by 6.30pm

Wed 7/10. Rain stopped. Drive to Azay-le-Rideau and Amboise -

Reach Versailles by 4 pm.

In a week we experienced spring, summer, autumn. winter

Cathie Hunt..

(Still, you had a lovely time, really, did'nt you?)LM.

**C.P.A.S. - MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN.
SPIRITUALITY ON THE MOVE.**

A day of teaching and workshops for women.

on Saturday 7th November 1992

at United Reformed Church. Addiscombe Grove.

EAST CROYDON.

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Anne TOWNSEND

and Rowena EDLIN-WHITE.

Further details from Irene Tuley.

News of the Fellowship.

WEDDINGS.

12 Sept Jonathon Stewart Wetherall
to
Julie Annette Sharpe.

19 Sept Andrew William Stoner
to
Debbie Christensen.

26 Sept Warwick Shakespeare Davis
to
Patricia Jean Kerkhove.

26 Sept Malcolm Raymond Clarke
to
Karel Anne Murrell.

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B I R T H.

Congratulations to Sandra and Alex Cameron on
the birth of their daughter Heather Louise on
8th October 1992.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

Andrew Close is engaged to Miss Julia Garrood.

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HIP OPERATIONS.

Both Mr. Fred Marsh and Mrs. Dulcie Jenkins
have recently undergone hip operations.

We wish them a speedy recover. Editor.

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Mrs. Kay Winstanley is undergoing chemotherapy -
please remember her in your prayers.

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The CHRONICLE



When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matt 2 v 10

Goring United Reformed Church

Shaftesbury Ave W Worthing

25p

Hello, I'm Elsie Flack, wife of your Interim Moderator! I've never before been asked to write for a Church Chronicle so it may not be quite what you expect! I don't talk much - I leave that to my husband, but I do listen and I know you are deeply concerned that the door which looked as if it would open to a new era in your Church life has closed, and you feel a sense of desolation - almost of bereavement. 'Right back where we started' some say. No, that's not true. You must learn from this experience. God does not waste His lessons. Is he asking the people who are His Church in Goring to put their house in order - are there misunderstandings, jealousies, bitterness, lack of love, divisions and deep hurts needing to be healed before a Minister can come to lead you onwards and the fruit of the Spirit grow?

Christmas is almost here - the shopkeepers gleefully rub their hands together knowing that soon some parents will be spending far more than they can afford on toys, hoping to make their children happy - some will buy extra wine and spirits to give themselves a 'merry' Christmas; we celebrate in a different way; with awe and wonder we proclaim Jesus, who was in the very beginning with God, who could speed through the galaxies and who reigned supreme with His Father - left it all to be confined to a human form so that we could identify with Him and share in His greatest gift. 'Love came down at Christmas' we sing, and it is only as we accept His love, let it grow in us, and share it with one another, whether we agree or accept that we can hold different opinions yet still love one another; only then will a more promising door open and a new chapter begin in the life of our Church.

Love, peace and lasting joy to you all.

Elsie Flack.



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MINISTERIAL VACANCY.

As a result of the vote taken at the special Church Meeting held on November 4th to discuss Rev. Brian Stone's visit to our Church, it was decided that a call could not be sent to him - that we could not ask him to be our Minister. I telephoned Mr. Stone that evening, and wrote the next day, receiving a very courteous reply.

I know that many members are very disappointed and feel that the church has let itself down very badly. But this is not so. The day of Mr. Stone's visit was a wonderful day, with a really receptive atmosphere in the Church. He did us a great service (as well as conducting great Services) by pointing us even more firmly towards the future.

Even so, many at the meeting did not feel that he was right for us now. I have to say that a number of members really did not understand the situation. Others feel that those not present at the meeting should have been given the opportunity to vote, as they are at an Elders' election. The difficulty in doing that is that about three weeks would have to be allowed to get all the votes in (as for an Elders' election), and that would be unacceptable. A Minister usually requires a decision within a week. The vote should be of the 'gathered church', yet we did allow views to be written in. It is true to say that if all the 137 members not present at the meeting had voted 'YES', the result would have been the same, as the members voting 'NO' amounted to 20% of the total membership, making it impossible to send a call.

We must believe that it is the Holy Spirit that is guiding us, and that Spirit will send the right Minister at the right time. That right time will be when we are more understanding of one another, more tolerant, more loving. This 'in-between' time is a time of opportunity. We have much talent in our Church, and it is good to have a period when it can be used. We believe in the Priesthood of all Believers - let us minister to one another in love and humility whilst we look for a new chief Minister.

Wilfred Rhodes. Church Secretary.

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1992.

- 1 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
 2 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8pm Deans' Home.
 3 Thu Thursday Pry. Grp. Little Chapel. 2.30 pm
 5 Sat Torch Fellowship 2.30pm St. Columba's URC.
 6 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Holy Communion Rev. Tom Dyer. Retd. URC
 Minister from Telscombe Cliffs.
 6.30pm Paul Archer & Bob Hiley (Book Aid)
 7 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room 8pm
 10 Thu Monthly Prayer/Holy Communion 10.30am
 BEANO Skittles
 12 Sat Awards Display. Girls' Brigade 7 pm
 13 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11 am Parade Service and Toy Service
 Rev. John Flack.
 6.30pm Service. Richard Tuley and
 Rev. David Helyar (Moderator)
 15 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm.
 16 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8 pm
 17 Thu Thursday Pry. Grp. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
 7.30pm Elders' Meeting.
 19 Sat Torch Fellowship Jubilee Hall. Durrington 2.3
 20 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
 11 am Service of Lessons & Carols
 Mr. Richard Tuley
 6.30 pm Service. Holy Communion & Healing
 John Sutcliffe. New Life Church
 and Richard Tuley.
 21 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Rm. 8pm.
 24 Thu (5.30pm Nativity Candlelight Service
 (6.30pm Junior Church and Youth Service.
 11.30pm Midnight Christmas Holy Communion .
 25 Fri Christmas Day Family Service
 10.30 am Wilfred Rhodes.
 27 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
 11am Rev. Tom Neal. Retd. Baptist Minister.
 6.30pm Service Geoffrey Dearsley.
 and Bobby Hitchin
 30 Thu Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel 2.30pm
 7.30pm Church Meeting
 1 January 1993 NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 8am-10pm
 LITTLE CHAPEL.

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"A TIME OF GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

I wonder how many people will have taken on board the words spoken by our Secretary at the Remembrance Day Service regarding the Church Meeting's decision not to call the Rev. Brian Stone to the pastorate here? I also happen to believe that the 'between Ministers time' should be a time of Great Opportunity. I recall our Moderator addressing the Elders of this Church and saying that we must remember that Christ is our High Priest and that He should be our ultimate Leader first and foremost.

As a Church we are His body - young - old - middle aged - many facets - many talents - many willing hearts. Let us, therefore, try to know each other better - to be tolerant and to understand one another - to care for each other - and to love one another as Christ loved us first. Let us share with each other - uphold and maintain one another - minister to each other in sorrow and in joy. Let us strive to grow closer to one another, to gather our resources and put our trust in God our Father who wants to Bless us abundantly.

As St. Paul said to the Ephesians (Ch.4 VV 3/4) 'Let us do our best to preserve the unity which the spirit gives by means of the peace that binds us together - there is one Body - one Spirit - just as there is one hope to which God has called us.'

Catherine Hunt.

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FLOWER FUND.

I'd like to express my grateful thanks to those who supported the flower fund stalls at the recent Boys' Brigade coffee morning, and also once again say 'thank you boys' for allowing us to share your morning.

£66.46 has been added to the Flower Fund and that will be particularly useful during the winter months when flowers are even more expensive.

The Flower Calendar for 1993 is now up on the board in the Church vestibule. If you would like to provide the Church flowers at any particular time please fill in your name on the calendar or let me know.

A Peaceful and Blessed Christmas to you all.

Blessings. Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

- SUN** COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Pray for the relief work of the World and Local Council of Churches in the African drought areas of Namibia, Botswana, Malawi and Venda (South Africa). Bishop Mondal of Bangladesh reports of a new venture to assist the poorest of poor children of any creed in two day centres of 30 children each.
- MON** THE BIBLE SOCIETY In Tuvalu, South Pacific, remember the work on the new translation of the Kiribati Bible and the Study Bible being prepared. Pray for all Bible translators that they have guidance in the choice of the right words and phrases.
- TUE** IRAQ The marsh people of southern Iraq live daily in fear for their lives and are suffering from hunger. Pray for these people remembering that it's virtually impossible for aid to reach them but Jesus can do miracles.
- WED** MIDDLE EAST MEDIA Pray for Egypt in the aftermath of the earthquake which has given opportunities for Christian help and witness. Remember a young family who have just gone to Cairo to help with the growing demand for Christian literature including the Arabic Study Bible.
- THU** BIENTOT. Pray for faithful Bientot distributors in many countries. Some quotes 'the distribution of 'B' has led to renewal in many lives.' (Zaire). 'B' has helped many souls to accept Christ.' (Benin). 'I am hoping to reach those who have never heard' (Congo)
- FRI.** CHINA. God's Spirit is powerfully at work in China. Thousands are coming to Christ daily. Many of the 'official' churches as well as the unregistered house churches are seeing tremendous revival. Yet pray for many who are suffering discrimination, arrests & beatings.
- SAT** EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES. After Moscow in October Billy Graham said 'I have never seen such spiritual hunger and openness to the Gospel.' 50,000 crammed the stadium on the final evening with 20,000 left outside. Mission World TV relays from Essen in Germany will be beamed to over 1,000 places in 55 countries and interpreted into 40 languages Pray especially for the follow-up and discipling of new Christians.
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OCTOBER PARADE SERVICE.

Sitting at the back of the Church I had a fine view of our Younger Church and how they were appreciating the Service (and some of their leaders, too).

You may not be aware that over six months ago the Elders invited the leaders of the Youth Service to give us all a flavour of their own weekly Service.

Having shared in that Service on a number of occasions I can say we received exactly that, although, of course, there was a more formal structure to it.

It appeared to me that the younger members could relate to the Service, and let us hope and pray that they may be drawn into our Youth Service.

I was reminded that we have, probably, eight such opportunities a year (not many) to reach out to the youngsters in the Brigades through a Church Service and how important it is to use those opportunities to the full.

Many thanks to all those involved in that Service.

Paul Archer.

ONE WORLD WEEK.

On behalf of the Church Roy and I attended the American Supper held on Friday 23rd Oct in the Barn of the Roman Catholic Church at Goring. It was a most enjoyable evening when we learned such a lot about the work being done by Christians of all denominations in South America. Mr. Gordon Tripp of CAFOD spoke about the aid given to a scattered group in Bolivia to give them a better, fairer life. Peter and Fiona Child, from Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, spoke of a Women's Co-operative formed in Peru to give employment where there is 80% unemployment. It is called Llama Linda, and they make beautiful jumpers which are marketed here in England, and some were for sale during the evening. We also had up-to-the-minute news from the former Yugoslavia where mothers and children were being brought to this country to stay with families for a while away from the war. We had a faith supper and enjoyed meeting people from our local Churches.

Sheila Gooderham.

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News of the Fellowship.

GREETINGS.

William and Mary Connelly, who expect to be abroad at Christmas, take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

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Mrs. E. (Betty) Jones died 20th October 1992.
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AMENDMENTS TO HANDBOOK.

- Page 2 District Pastoral Care Committee
Mrs. S. Gooderham.
- Page 5 Chronicle Editor. Mr. L. Montford.
- Page 7 Prayer Fellowship Mr. S. Hider.
- Page 7 Reform Magazine Mrs. S. Gooderham.
- Page 23 Mrs. G. Staniford.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Paul Redman 21st Birthday 15th November 1992

R E Q U E S T S.

Please send to Editor happy news of the Fellowship - Weddings, baptisms, coming of age, anniversaries, events, etc., to share with your friends. Please endeavour to keep reports of these and organizations to 300 words.

This does not refer to District Meetings and Synod Reports.

Les Montford. Editor.

MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

- Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.
- Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.
CHURCH HALL. NOT 24 & 31 DECEMBER.
- FRIDAYS KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm
Not 25th December
- Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.

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T H A N K S.

I would like to express to all concerned my sincere thanks for the lovely certificate and basket of dried flowers on October 18th. It was so very much appreciated, although I didn't know anything about it beforehand.

My thanks, too, are extended to all who have been visitors with flowers and tributes whilst I was on the sick list. I am doing fine at the moment and hoping to return to some normality shortly.

Love. Dorothy Turner.

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Donald and Audrey wish to say thank you for all the prayers, love, help, gifts of cakes, flowers, and get-well cards we have received since July 21st when Audrey had a bad fall.

Glad to report nearly healed, but it will take a bit more time to complete.

God Bless. Our love to you. Donald & Audrey.

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I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all my friends for their prayers, flowers, cards and love shewn to me over the last few weeks.

I had a good send off from Hayward House and whilst in hospital visits each day from family and friends.

Thank you one and all - it has helped me through and I look forward to being back with you shortly.

With Christian love,

DULCIE.

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Alex and Sandra Cameron would like to give special thanks to all our friends and well-wishers for the lovely flowers sent to us on the birth of Heather Louise.

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I wish to thank all my kind friends and acquaintances who sent love, good wishes, cards and flowers, and visited me when I was unwell in hospital and at home in Hayward House. You are all greatly appreciated.

Mary E. Mortimer.

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**"THURSDAY NIGHT OUTREACH"
ON THE STREETS.....WITH A BANG!**

Some of our team will go to great lengths to share the Gospel. Nick was prayerfully crossing Chapel Road on Thursday with his 'street partner' Aggie, when he was catapulted through the air across the bonnet of an oncoming car. We can joke now, since Nick's injuries were, in the circumstances, amazingly light. He escaped with severe bruising and, of course, it could have been much worse. We praise God for this protection and learn a lesson from the experience i.e. while praying and crossing the road at the same time keep one's eyes open. Aggie and Nick, of course, didn't waste this 'Divine appointment' and duly presented the driver with a tract which he welcomed in his state of shock.

(From a Worthing Tabernacle Sunday leaflet 'Notes and News') A good illustration of 'in season and out of season!'
Phyllis Wheeler.

"The one concern of the devil is to keep the Saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." S. Chadwick.
Phyllis Wheeler.

**KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.
AUTUMN SESSION.**

- Dec 4 Christmas Bazaar.
- Dec 11 Play Reading by Goring Women's Institute
Drama Group.
- Dec 18 Christmas Afternoon.

B R A N O C L U B

Dec 10th SKITTLES. Julian Brewer.

R E F O R M. 1993.

I have to apologise to you all. I must have hit the wrong key. Reform for 1993 is £6.75. Les Montford.
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SYNOD NEWSLINE.

Bringing news and headlines from the Synod held 10th October at Wimbledon Trinity.

FACTS - the Roll of Synod is 344 + 85 retired Ministers who are Associate Members of Synod. 32 Ministers and 22 lay reps sent apologies.

Rev. Simon Thorburn, the Ecumenical Social Responsibility Missioner in Merton, led the Bible Study, and from Isaiah 65 spoke of the need today for the vision of the Church, at a time when there is no vision in political terms. Yet he cautioned the importance of an 'ear to the ground' to keep us in touch with reality and try to speak to people in such a way as to invite their participation.

We celebrated the Ministry of Peter (and Kay) McIntosh as Provincial Training Officer, made a presentation to him, and witnessed him lost for words!

We were asked whether Churches are 'user friendly' and were invited to the Provincial Conference at Herne Bay on 19/24 Feb 1993 when, with Rev. John Robinson, we will think about integrating our people into the full life of the Church.

We rejoiced with Harry Undy and Marion Morling as they spoke about the work of the Urban Churches Support Group, of celebration in Worship at the growth of multi-ethnic leadership within Churches, at their work of supporting Church Officers who strive to maintain small Churches in Inner City, at the challenge they have developed in a 'Charter for the Church'.

We experienced the Worship and work of the PILOTS, the 'helpers of Jesus', and we were reminded that although a URC/Congregational organisation for young people, there are only 17 Companies in 191 Churches in Southern Province.

We welcomed to our midst reps of other Churches.

We were challenged to protest through signing a petition to the Prime Minister about rumours of cuts in Overseas Aid, to identify with members of the Churches who lobby Parliament on 1st Dec about Homelessness.

We were reminded of the quotation from the General Secretary of the TUC that 'if anyone thinks the economy is turning the corner they are already round the bend!'



We heard from Finance Dept that, through careful stewardship, the financial position has stabilised, but because of lower returns on investments each application for assistance will have to be carefully scrutinised.

We were asked a question - 'Is your Church meeting the challenge put by Assembly of helping to find the extra £600,000 for the Ministry & Mission Fund needed for 1993? Perhaps the Advocacy Leaflet 'Double your Money' might be helpful to members of each congregation.

'Guidelines for Auditors' have been circulated, but not received by some. Please contact the Synod office for your copy.

We recognised the contribution which Bill Winter makes as Trust Officer, but also the importance of formalising the role of Trust Administrator, and seeking an understudy for Bill!

Matters of Ministry. We rejoiced to receive Jean West beginning her training for non-Stipendiary Ministry.

We accepted the opportunity of Vocations Sunday on 1st November, to challenge young people in particular, yet to encourage many to offer themselves for non-Stipendiary Ministry.

We rejoiced that, on 7th Nov at 6pm, Rev. Bill McCrorie will be Inducted as part-time Provincial Training Officer, and part-time Minister of East Sheen URC. That an advert for a Provincial Evangelism Enabler will be in 'Reform' next month.

We were asked about a Provincial Day in 1995. It was agreed that a Day in late 1995 should be held in order to respect Ecumenical Gatherings within the Province earlier in the year.

Faith and Life - Janet Loveitt was welcomed as the new Convenor. John Stephenson spoke about the returns received concerning 'spirituality'. 82 Churches responded to date. A full report anon. John Crocker spoke about the Healing Conference at Petts Wood on 31st Oct.

World Church and Mission. David Morgan introduced:- Ceri Lewis who presented a report on the 'Conference of European Churches' which met in Prague, with the theme 'God Unites - in Christ a New Creation'. There is a membership of some 120 Churches within Europe.

The Representation from UK was 8% of the total. Within that again 8% of the UK representation came from URC. Sheila Rudofsky, Personnel Secretary, spoke with warmth and enthusiasm about the 'Real People' working in Hungary, China, Madagascar, and challenged the Churches to both raise badly needed replacements for those completing their terms of service, but also to speak with her about welcoming Ministers from other countries, not as a 'short term remedy for a vacancy' but through fully thinking it through. Sheila stressed that she is happy to talk when you are!

A witty 'vote of thanks' from John Ellis, President of Medway District, not only paid real tribute to those who had worked so hard at Trinity to host Synod, but also summed up a 'good day at Synod'. Thanks, too, to 'good leadership' from the Moderator and Synod Clerk.

Cecil Davis.

Eric Bond. Rep.

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NEW YEAR PARTY.

Please note in your diaries and on your calendars the date, time, and place of the first social event of 1993!! It will be on SATURDAY 23rd January 7.30 to 10 pm. Price 75 pence. In the CHURCH HALL.

Tickets will be on sale after Christmas.

We are hoping to include something to entertain all age groups and there will be a buffet.

We will arrange transport for any who require it.

Sheila Gooderham.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

To oblige a customer who wanted the 'Church Times' the newsagent searched through a pile of papers only to report 'I'm sorry, it hasn't come in yet. Several other COMICS are also late.'

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, OR A FOURTH? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Les Montford.

Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.



Thus with quickened footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day.

William Pennefather 1816-73.

Congregational Praise 274.

This is the favourite hymn of Miss Ena Grace Hanson a third child.
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PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form, This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

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**CHRISTIAN AID REPORT.
NOVEMBER 1992.**

During the year ended 30th September 1992 the 27 Churches involved in 'CHRISTIAN AID', "Churches together in Worthing". the House-to-House collections raised £16,078.49, of which our contribution was £1,515.69.

In these days of recession and increasing cost of living, this represents considerable sacrifice, and we are especially grateful to those who give of their time and energy to go out during Christian Aid Week collecting from house-to-house in our allocated roads. We trust our friends will be available next year, D.V., during the 1993 Christian Aid Week 17th - 22nd May.

Wherever we look in the world there is need; from the drought and devastation in the African countries, to the effects of racial war in Sri Lanka and the exploitation of workers in Central and South America. During the next two years Christian Aid will be running a 'Trade for Change' Campaign to minimise this exploitation of Third World workers.

We are grateful to all those who donated towards the total sum of £450 collected at Harvest Festival and, on behalf of Christian Aid, we thank Bobby Hitchin for organising the Barn Dance on November 21st in support of Christian Aid funds.

Grace and Alec Ralph. Joint Secretaries for
Christian Aid.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH,
Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through
letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.
Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not
leave material until the last day, Editor

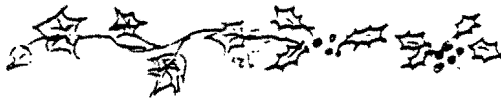
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MISSION NEWS.

Bangladesh. At the October Church meeting we reported that we have had to postpone indefinitely our long-standing plan to send a Church representative on a visit to Bangladesh. Since June we have written several times to the priest at Rajshahi (with copies to his Bishop) seeking some positive response to our suggestion of an April 1993 visit but have had no reply. Understandably John Gordon has withdrawn his offer to go and we think it would be foolhardy to ask anyone to take his place since it does seem that the desire to maintain their link with us is waning in Bangladesh. The Church meeting approved our action and agreed that the money set aside for the visit should remain on deposit until either the link is firmly re-established or some other Mission use for it (approved by the Church meeting) should arise.

G h a n a. After a long silence we have recently heard from Richard Asante the catechist/teacher at Assin Nsuta. All seems reasonably well there except that Richard has been assigned to a post at the District Education Office at Assin Foso, 10 kilometres from Assin Nsuta. He will continue to live at Assin Nsuta but his work at Assin Foso, plus his daily travelling by bus, will mean less time for him to help the Church at Assin Nsuta. However, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana authorities have promised the people of Assin Nsuta that, if they can complete the building of a manse, a Minister will be assigned to them. World Mission Committee.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS BRIGADE

Thank you all for your support during the past year and particularly in our Fund Raising week in November.

A big thank you to our faithful Copper Collection Folk who helped in building up our Mission Funds.

The Officers and Boys wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, with many Blessings.

Donald Stewart. Captain.



December 13th Parade Service.

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JUNIOR CHURCH HALLELUJAH PARTY

31st OCTOBER.

We were delighted when about 65 children under the age of 9 joined us for our annual alternative to Hallowe'en. It was especially good to have such a large response from the Anchor Boys and the Girls' Brigade.

Upon arriving they quickly settled into colouring and sticking shiny paper on to a banner to be used later by Irene in her closing talk. Julian then led a time of singing (including some energetic actions) before the children were split into groups. The under 3's played games in East Hall, 3-5's in the West Hall, and 6-8's stayed in the Main Hall. Hot dogs, crisps and cakes were eagerly devoured at teatime, after which Irene gave a short talk on 'Jesus is the Light'.

Each child was given some small gifts in a party-bag as a reminder of their 90 minutes with us and its theme.

Special thanks must be given to the many helpers within the groups as well as to Graeme and Val Gill for their story game; not forgetting those hard at work in the kitchen.

A separate party was held later in the evening for the 9's and over, and we hear they had a great time too.

SUE ARKINSTALL for JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHERS.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Dec 1 Christmas Party with Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
Bognor Regis Handbell Ringers

Dec 15 Christmas Service with Men's F'ship. 2.45pm

On 20 Oct, our Anniversary Meeting, we welcomed old and new friends from six Guilds attached to other Churches, together with Members from our own Monday Evening Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship. Our speaker was Rev. B.J.Monk from West Worthing Baptist Church who gave us a very thought-provoking talk. Altogether, a very happy afternoon.

On 3 Nov Mr. Love of Jill's Fashions told us something of his work and then invited all to browse through the wares he had brought with him. Judging from the chatter which ensued many ladies found items on the rails to interest them.

1 Dec is our Christmas Party when the Men's Fellowship will be joining us. On this occasion we are looking forward to being entertained by the Bognor Regis Handbell Ringers.

LADIES DO COME ALONG. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME!

Audrey Gerlach.

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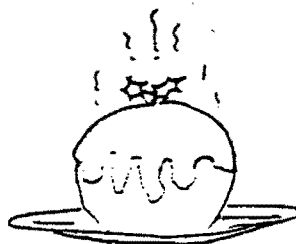
MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Dec 7th Craft with Jean Webb.

Dec 21st Christmas Evening.

Meets in Cornwall Room at 8pm.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Dec 1 Christmas Party with Women's Guild. 2.45pm
Dec 15 Christmas Service with Women's Guild 2.45pm

At our meeting on Tuesday 3rd Nov our Member, Ron Woods, gave us a very interesting talk, with models and water colour paintings, of his hobby of a lifetime. He showed us models of Naval ships dating back to the 1st World War, and more recent ships built since the 2nd World War. Also of sailing ships and barges dating back to the last century. He offered to introduce and help any member interested to his Club. They meet on Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons at the Ferring Lake.

We look forward to joining Women's Guild's Christmas party on Dec. 1st, and their Christmas Service on Dec. 15th.

We wish all members and friends a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday 5th January 1993

We have only one rule - be friendly.

If transport is required please phone me on 502821
Alex Blackford. Secretary.

THE HALLELUJAH PARTY 1992.

The Hallelujah Party was greatly enjoyed by every *one* who went. There were games, such as musical chairs, and everyone got very messy with flour and water as they hunted to find the hidden sweets. Anonymous

I had lots of fun at the Hallelujah Party. They played good games and I liked learning new songs.

Susan Rames. Aged 9.

It was excellent. The best bit was putting shaving cream on Alice's face. Tonia Hale. Aged 15.

Everybody had a brilliant time learning about the love of Jesus and having fun at the same time.

Claire Webber.

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TREASURER.

Our offerings up to the end of October have averaged about £670 a week, slightly less than in 1991.

As you know, we shall have some very big bills to pay during the next few months, so please read the enclosed leaflet from URC. Perhaps you may be able to update your giving to our Church.

A reminder to leaders of Church organisations - please remember your donation to Church heating costs which were over £3,600 in 1991.

Roy Gooderham. Treasurer.

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P O E M.

If, after Church, you wait awhile
 Someone may greet you with a smile.
 But, if you quickly rise and flee
 We'll all seem cold and stiff, maybe.
 The one beside you in the pew
 Is, perhaps, a stranger too.
 All here, like you, have fears and cares,
 All of us need each other's prayers.
 In fellowship we bid you meet
 With us around God's mercy seat.

Extracted from Tonbridge Methodist Magazine.

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MESSAGE.**CHRISTIAN TELEPHONE SERVICE.****SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS****NATIONWIDE.****MESSAGE :-**

- 1 - is another way of spreading and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 2 - is a means of reaching people with the Gospel by means of the 'Telephone'.
- 3 - is a modern Ministry, supported throughout by prayer, presenting the Gospel in terms of personal thought and experience.
- 4 - is a service provided by local groups of Churches of all denominations, working together to serve their neighbours.

Our Centre for this work is, at present, in BRIGHTON. Different 'Messages' are recorded daily of two minutes duration - so that there is a different message every 24 hours.

Local Churches provide councillors. The telephone number of one of these is announced at the end of each message, so that callers can speak to someone if they wish. Every call is confidential, and known only to those who speak with each other. Callers have no need to reveal who they are.

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CAN YOU HEAR ON SUNDAY?

Can you hear clearly the Services on a Sunday?

Can you clearly hear the word of God or the Sermons?

I hope and pray that the answers to these questions are now YBS, because over the past few weeks a number of changes have been made to the loudspeaker system, but if you are still finding it difficult to hear properly or you know of a neighbour who has difficulty, please let me know. Everybody should be able to hear.

Do you know that a tape recording is made of every Morning Service and the Evening Service when held in our Church? You are most welcome to borrow these tapes for a short period of time, returning them, if possible, by the following Sunday. If you have a need to borrow the tape for a longer period of time or, maybe, you would like to have a copy to keep, please let me know, as a copy can so easily be made.

If you become aware of others wishing to hear a particular recording, then again please let me know and I will gladly make more copies so that all are able to listen to the Service before the next week end.

Graham Redman.
