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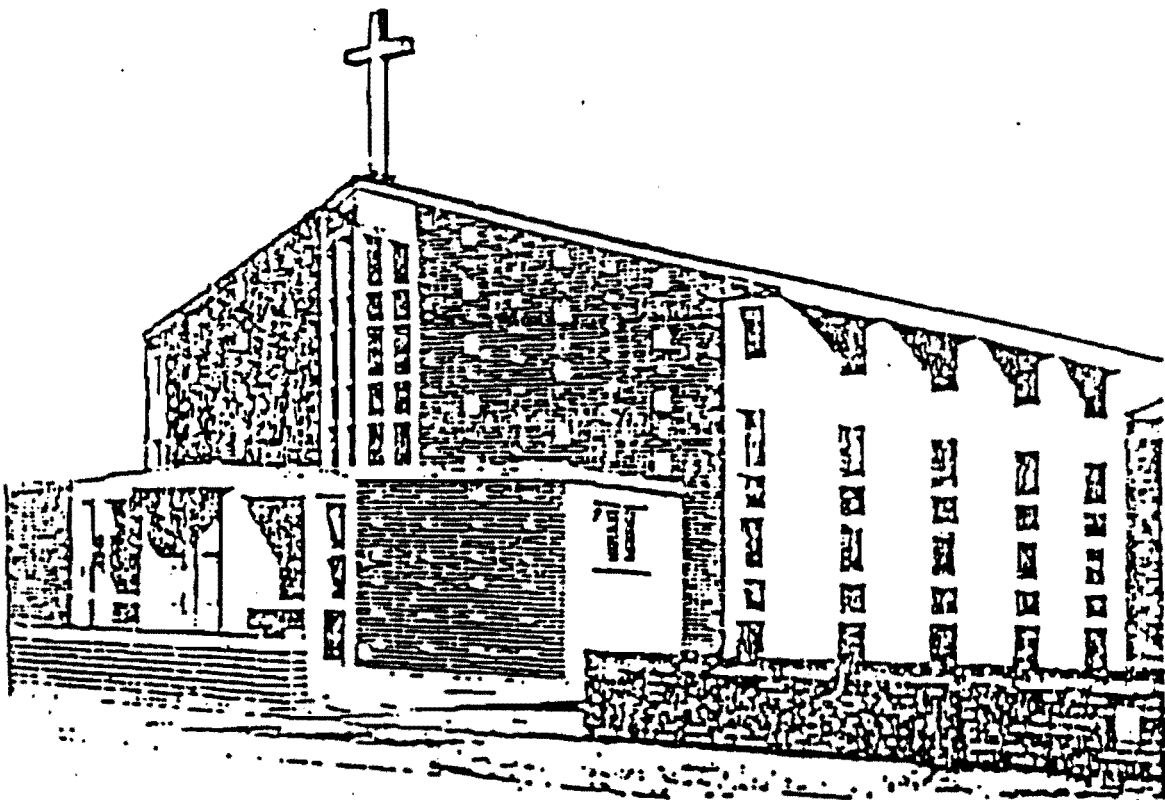
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SILAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING

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Dear Friends

At the start of a New Year we all reflect on where we stand in our lives. Perhaps it is good to do that for the church too. You may or may not know that we count people at worship each November for returns and to see how we are doing. In November 1997 the numbers at our morning worship increased for the second year running and our evening numbers increased as well, returning to the same figure as 1995. This is a cause for encouragement as we begin a new year and something to build on.

The same can be said about the 'Emmaus' groups which began in the autumn, which are allowing more of our people to join in fellowship/study groups than has been the case for some time. We also had much encouragement in response to the survey we began last September and which we will be able to continue in the spring. These three areas of a church's life are, in many ways, a good barometer of what is happening - worship, growing together and reaching out with the Gospel. As these begin to take shape we can begin to see the Spirit move among God's people.

If these are plus points, we have to be honest enough to face up to negative aspects too. The greatest cause for concern is our inability to attract children, where our Sunday numbers continue to fall and we have seen the closing of our BB Company. We have a very committed group of people who work with our children and young people, but they do need our support. We have been asking for more help in Junior Church for almost a whole year now. Our young teenage group and junior age group operate with only one regular adult who must find someone to help each week. Our FURY group continues to be leaderless on a Sunday evening. We cannot expect young people to be sent by the Lord if we do not make the commitment to this work ourselves - on the other hand look at how the Lord has honoured our commitment as a church to Little Fishes.

Financially we continue to find the going tough. Our weekly giving at best covers our national contributions to the URC which means we need to look at other ways of financing our other work. The result of this is that we get locked into maintenance, working very hard to keep going and ensure our buildings don't become too shabby and the worse for wear. So we are grateful to those who work hard to manage our buildings and our finances, but when our greatest dream is to paint the church, what are we saying about our vision and our willingness to meet the Lord's vision for this area and the way in which our buildings can serve Him.

We are also facing challenging times on a broader church base. We, as a fellowship, have clearly stated our views over the training and ordination of practising homosexuals. However, we need to recognise that there are a number of people within our fellowship who do not agree with that view - a relatively small number, but nevertheless we need to be careful that we are listening to them rather than simply disregarding what they have to say. There are also a number of people who query how far we should take our protest and how far we must accept, however reluctantly, the decision of the Assembly. We also need to recognise that we are in a minority at this moment in time, within the denomination if the official interpretation of figures is to be accepted, and it can be dangerous to be in a minority!

We are being challenged about ministry with the setting up of the Worthing Team Ministry. I believe we have established a structure which will allow us to cope with this transition, and that through our Pastoral Elders and Administrative Committees we have begun to use the talents of so many people. Indeed we already have effective team ministry operating within our midst and this has already proved beneficial to the fellowship as people use the gifts that they have been given by the Lord. Yet I can understand the fears that many are expressing about the future and the pattern of ordained ministry which is being presented. Again this becomes about vision - what does the Lord want to see happen? Surely more than some administrative unit which allows us to believe we are fulfilling His plans, but rather an opportunity to enjoy a new revelation of His ways of bringing His Kingdom to

bear on our life together.

So on a good day we can say all is going well; on a bad day we can despair, but most of the time it is the joy of living by faith, that no matter what may be said or even done, the Lord is in the midst of it all and we have the real privilege of being called to be His servants.

May we wish you all a New Year filled with the Lord's promise.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At our morning service at the beginning of January we had the opportunity to renew our commitment to the Lord and His work. For those who feel called to exercise that commitment within the life of Goring URC, I am hoping to organise a meeting for anyone interested in church membership this month. Notice will be given, but if you are interested, please let me know.

Peter Heckels

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FUND RAISING 1998 STYLE

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 7th January, 1998 at 7.30 pm for all those willing to share ideas and thoughts about fund raising in 1998. If you are interested could you please tell Carol Webber or Bobby Hitchin so that a suitable venue can be arranged.

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TALENT SCHEME 1997

May I thank all who participated in any way towards the tea towel project. You may like to know that at the time of writing, 99 towels have been sold - only one to go - but more can be ordered if interest is shown. May I thank my daughter, Ruth, for having such a brilliant idea, even if it did fall to Mum to execute it!! We made a profit of around £200 from the original £10 talent, so many thanks to you all.

Eileen Heckels

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mrs G FAULKNER, 2 Upper Drive, East Preston, BN16 1QN (782991)
Mrs D JENKINS, Hollywynd, St Botolphs Road, Worthing (From 15.12.97)
Miss M.E. MORTIMER, Hollywynd, St Botolphs Road, Worthing (From 15.12.97)
Their telephone numbers are no longer the ones shown in the Handbook.

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THANKS

I would like to thank Rev Peter Heckels, Rev Ron Christophher, and members of the church for all the kindness shown to my late sister, Miss Elsie SPURGEON. During her stay at Trevine Court she had always been remembered with visits, and gifts of flowers, etc. which she much appreciated. Thank you all, and for the kindness shown to me in my sad loss.

Hilda Butler (Mrs) 4 Strathmore Close, Worthing

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

STAFF:

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 0BY
(873806)

Lieutenants:	Linda Gray	Lesley Hood
Auxiliary Workers:	Valerie Hayden	Hannah Honsa
	Amanda Nash	Janet Dean

Session: January 6th to March 31st. Half Term: February 17th
Brigade Week Fundraising Events - Saturday, February 7th at 10.30am.
Coffee Morning in Church Hall. Beetle Drive and Ploughman's Lunch.

Saturday, December 13th last was our Annual Awards Evening, which is our special day of the year when the girls receive their badges, cups, shields and prizes that they have worked so hard for all the year. It was also the opportunity for the girls to show some of the work they have achieved for their badges. Thank you church members and other friends who supported us on this evening. If you missed it you missed a good evening, so I'm told.

The Awards were presented by Mrs Brenda Goddard, Commissioner for West Sussex District of Girls' Brigade, who complimented the girls on their smartness and courtesy.

Each girl received a badge for work completed, length of service to the Company, and 75% church attendance.

Prizes were:	Progress Explorer	Elizabeth Fordham
	Progress Junior	Catherine Brown & Simone Brown
	Progress Senior	Catherine Fitchett
	Progress Brigader	Carina Brown & Gemma Richardson
	Rachel Brunton Cup for the Happiest Explorer	Elizabeth Anderson-Easey
	Handicraft Shield	Rachel Hood
	Physical Shield	Tonia Hale
	Prize for Improvement	Charlotte Gregory

The programme that followed was '1.2.3.4.' a sketch by Juniors on their 3-mile walk last summer, ending with a visit to High Salvington Mill - Stacey was a lovely mouse with clogs on - no, not in a mill in Amsterdam, but High Salvington!!!

Seniors and Brigaders produced 'A.B.C.' a drama starting with the Good Samaritan from the Dramatised Bible (Spiritual), and their turning round of the Parable to a modern scene showing some GB girls administering first aid (Service), hence Airways - Breathing - and Consciousness.

The Explorers showed us 'HERE WE GO' Musical movement (Physical).

The Seniors and Brigaders gave us 'ONLINE' - line dancing where they energetically and enthusiastically danced through 2 of the 4 dances for their badge. Well done, Linda. It was worth all that hard work! And thank you Margaret Grundy who set us on the right lines (Physical - yes it was!!)

The Juniors returned to give us 'SIGN OF THE TIMES' where they showed us their skill at the deaf and dumb sign language, and 'signed' TWO choruses, 'In the name of Jesus' and 'I'm happy' (Service).

We all came together for the final item 'Full Circle' showing how all subjects complete a badge. The Explorers sang 'Tell me the stories of Jesus' (Spiritual), Juniors - agility (Physical), Seniors came on with a Christmas Candle/holly decoration they had made (Educational), and the Brigaders talked of Service in the Company.

With all the Company on stage we joined together in affirming our Motto, which reminds us, and all present, that we are a Youth Organisation with a difference - we have CHRIST as our centre and our example. We sang 'SEEK, SERVE AND FOLLOW CHRIST'.

We finished by singing 'Let there be love shared among us', which I felt there was plenty of, and Rev Peter Heckels closed, with us all sharing the Grace together.

Thank you Eileen Heckels for playing the piano so nicely, Graham Redman for microphones and for the decorations, and my fellow Officers and Helpers who work so hard, and give so much.

We start the next Session on Tuesday, January 6th. On Saturday, January 10th we all go to the pantomime 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' instead of having a party. OH YES WE WILL!!

Advance notice of BRIGADE WEEK STARTING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH. Our 'per capita' fees to HQ and District will be approx £300 this year, so we will be holding a coffee morning, followed by a BEETLE DRIVE and Ploughman's Lunch. Tickets - combined - Adults £3.00, Children 75 pence. Lunch tickets on sale from January. The day following, Margaret Wiseman, our Treasurer, and I are taking part in a 15 mile cross country WALK. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPONSOR US TO HELP TOWARDS OUR FEES?

May I extend a warm welcome for you to drop in and see us in action? YES, WE'RE USUALLY VERY BUSY ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6.00PM.

On behalf of us all I would like to wish you all a HAPPY, HEALTHY, and BLESSED 1998.

Margaret Craghill (Captain)

Well done all the year round, Margaret. LM

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FEBA RADIO

Mailing, February 2nd to 9th - 9.00am to 5.00pm. For more details please contact Jenny Ring on 237281.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

President:	Mrs Ivy Berry	Vice-President:	Mrs Irene Dearsley
Secretary:	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer:	Mrs Joan Burrage
Committee:	Mrs M Brown	Mrs L Collison	Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott	Mrs T Sanders	Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Taylor	Mrs P Walker	

Jan 6	Mrs Eileen Heckels	2.45pm
Jan 20	Talk by Mrs Irene Tuley on THE LORD'S PRAYER	2.45pm

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

President:	Rev Ron Christopher	Chairman:	Mr Tom Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mr Ian Hennell (240560)	Committee Member:	Mr Frazer Finlay

We have one rule - Be friendly! Subs. £1 per session.

January 6th	Opening Meeting in Harris Room	2.45pm
January 20th	Talk by Mrs Irene Tuley on THE LORD'S PRAYER	2.45pm

Complete programmes for the Spring Session are available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

January 9	Quiz
January 16	'My life as a fireman' Talk by ROY FOX
January 23	Anniversary Tea
January 30	Wordsearch

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule. Please do not leave it until the last day, and DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES. Thank you. Editor.

SNIPPETS

His name shall be called:-

Wonderful Counsellor - the God of the bewildered mind;
The Mighty God - the God of the weakened will;
The Everlasting Father - the God of the orphaned heart;
The Prince of Peace - the God of the turbulent life.

(Rev E W Mills)

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20 year old Mr Subrahmanian comes from Adur in India, where his Brahmin family live. At the time he was helping his father in the Hindu Temple, a college friend gave him a New Testament. 'I began to read the Scriptures without my parents' knowledge, and after ten months I became convinced, and accepted Christ', he recounted. 'It was at this point that my family began to create problems - they kicked me out of the house. But my faith is strong enough, and I got a lot of support from Christian friends. Now I want to receive theological training'.
From 'Word in Action'

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What will you do with your Christmas tree? Is it an artificial one which has no life, and will be packed away until next Christmas? Is it a real tree, which was bought just for Christmas, and will be thrown out, having no future? Or will you replant it and allow the roots to continue to grow and reach its full potential?

If we are to reach our full potential in this year we need to keep our spiritual roots firmly in Christ.

'Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord live your lives in union with Him, keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught, and be filled with thanksgiving'. Colossians Chapter 2 verses 6 & 7.

Denise Elliott

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NEWS SHARE is now incorporated in an informative, and attractively produced format known as 'Inside Out'. 'Inside Out' aims to help you learn more about Churches in Mission, more about people in Mission, more about the folk they are working for, their comings and goings, and what they are doing, in greater depth than before.

For existing subscribers and new subscribers the annual subscription is £5.00 for this bi-monthly Journal of the Council for World Mission. For further details please contact Pheniah Taylor on 246523.

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING

JOINT ECUMENICAL SERVICE, Bury Drive Methodist Church, Sunday, January 18th from 6.30pm.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. During the week January 19/23 half hour services will be held daily from 12.30pm to 1.00pm at Bury Drive Methodist Church. Each Goring church will be responsible for one service.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING

You are warmly invited to a UNITED SERVICE OF WORSHIP on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Citadel, Crescent Road, Worthing.

The Preacher will be Lt.Col. Keith BURRIDGE, a very well known leader of the Salvation Army, from London.

At this Service we shall also witness the Induction of the new President of Churches Together in Worthing for 1998, Captain Stephen PERKINS of the Salvation Army, Worthing.

We all wish him well, and look forward to a year of powerful witness by all the churches in Worthing and District.

Please accept this invitation, and help to ensure that Goring URC will be a significant part of this United Witness.

Ella G Robertson

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FEBA

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED from January 7th to February 13th in, or within easy travelling distance of Worthing, for FEBA Seychelles Director and his wife, Hugh and Janice BARTON. If you can help, please contact Jenny Anderson on Tuesdays, Wenesdays or Thursdays on 237281. Fax 01903 205294. E-mail: janderson@feba.org.uk Feba Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing BN14 8BX.

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YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight, but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Hilary will have David's and Geoffrey's addresses. Please remember those at home who also need our prayers.

David SIBLEY
Kirsty CRAGHILL
Geoffrey REDMAN
Lisa JACKSON

North London University
The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey
Chichester College
Reading University

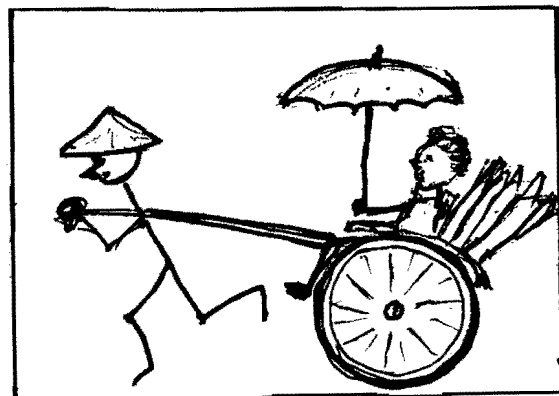
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T R A N S P O R T

I know that many of you already bring others to Church in your cars. However, there is a need to have a reserve list of

Volunteer drivers to cover any future contingencies, particularly occasional trips to Church functions. I would be grateful if anyone willing to help in this way would please contact me.

Jim Hope. (248539)



THANKS

Audrey and Donald Stewart would like you to know how grateful they are for your prayers, cards, visits, and flowers they have received. They ask that you keep praying for them, please.

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O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world, grant, we beseech you, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness to you for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - NOVEMBER 29th 1997. We would like to give a big thank you to all the people who gave such time and energy in setting up and manning (or womanning) the stalls at the Fayre; those who worked hard to supply the goods for sale; Father Christmas who paid us a flying visit, and all who came and spent their hard earned money. It was a good morning of fellowship, albeit a tiring one. We made ~~£250~~ ^{£520} - not quite as much as we budgeted for, but the Treasurer says that with the money raised by the 'Talents' we shall well achieve it. Thank you all once again.

Eileen and Sheila

PS Although the Fayre is long gone I am still prepared to make marmalade - both orange and lemon - at 80 pence a lb. (The size of the jar determines the cost). Half the proceeds goes to church funds. Please let me know if you require any.

Sheila Gooderham (506452)

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ROWLAND SINGERS' CONCERT

Thank you to all who supported the Rowland Singers' Concert on Wednesday, December 10th last. There were about 45 adults in the audience, and the retiring collection amounted to £70 which, after the choir expenses and rent for the hall were deducted, £24 was given to the church. It certainly was an informal evening!!! Special thank yous are given to Hilary Redman who certainly made the choir welcome, and Audrey Gerlach and her 'team' who provided refreshments for an unknown number - as usual.

Sheila Gooderham

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HAYWARD HOUSE - 2 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

TWO very pleasant west-facing FLATLETS, each with a small kitchen, will be available from JANUARY.

HAYWARD HOUSE, established by our church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of church members, primarily for the benefit of our own church members and friends.

Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity, and use of the common room, laundry room and gardens. Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden.

For further information, please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin or Mrs Jane Bond.

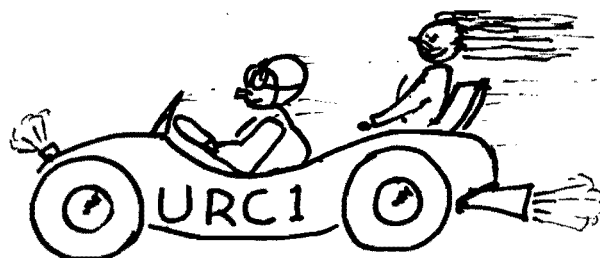
Eric Bond (Chairman)

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4	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion	10.30 am
		Evening Worship	6.00 pm
5	Mon	Little Fishes Term Starts	8.30 am
		Monday Club - Boys 5-7 years - Church Hall	Evening
6	Tue	Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild Meetings	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade Session Starts	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
7	Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 pm
		Bible Study, 1 Arun Close, Durrington	10.00 am - 11.15 am
8	Thu	ARK Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
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15	Thu	ARK Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
		Sussex West District Council Special Meeting	
16	Fri	Worthing Stroke Club	2.00 pm
18	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Morning Worship	10.30 am
		No Evening Service at GURC	
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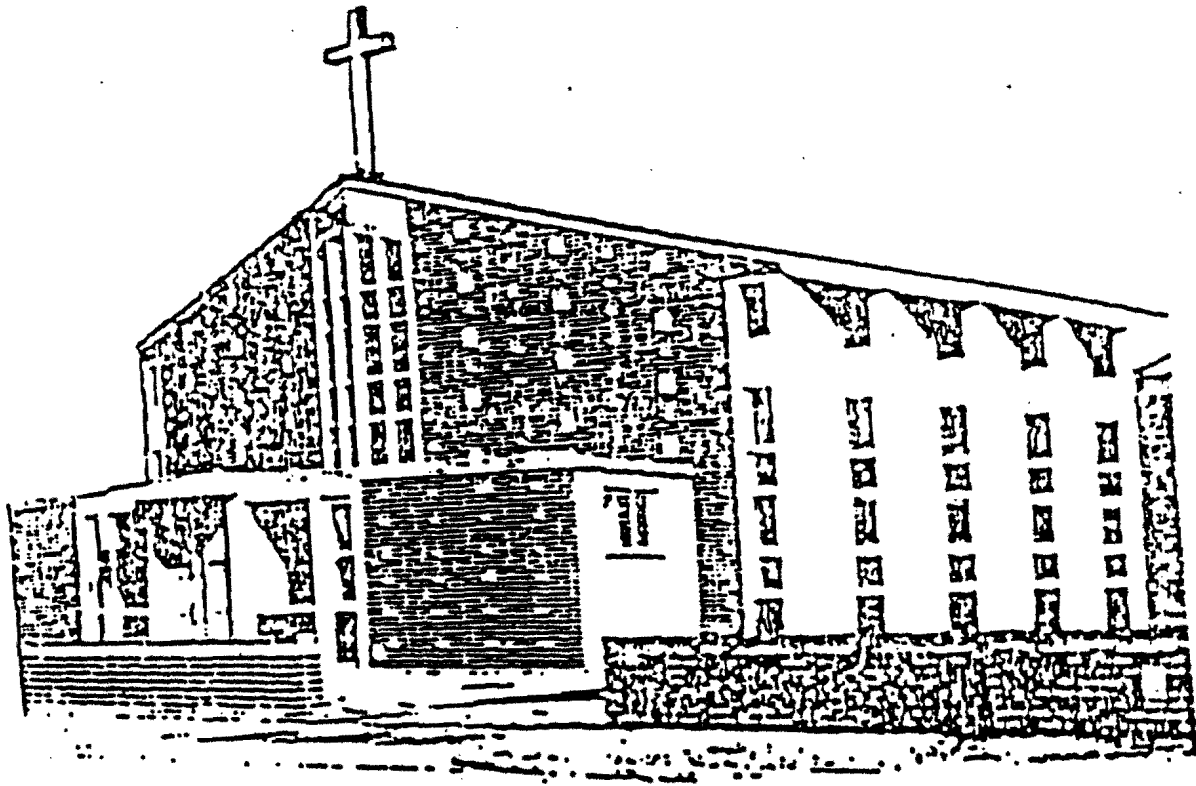
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3	Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
4	Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 pm
5	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.30 am - 5.00 pm
6	Fri	Worthing Stroke Club	2.00 pm
7	Sat	Girls' Brigade Week Fund Raising	



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Dear Friends

We are moving quickly into 1998 and indeed to the new millenium with all the discussions that are going on about the importance of that event. Personally we are saddened that as we now draw to the end of a 'decade of evangelism', so few seem to think that this event has little to do with Jesus Christ. What has gone wrong? There is a great danger that we sit within our churches imagining that we need do no more than turn up on Sundays, dutifully sing, pray and listen to God's Word for the week and then go our separate ways, having coped with the 'religious slot' for another week. Sunday service in church or on television is just another part of life, like 'Neighbours', 'East Enders' or 'Coronation Street'. Yet Jesus calls us to be His witnesses in the world! Teresa of Avila once wrote a prayer

"God of love, help us to remember
that Christ has no body on earth but ours,
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.
Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now.
Ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good."

Yet lest we are put off by this enormous responsibility Jesus made a promise to go with this last command to His disciples:

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them
my disciples And I will be with you always, to the
end of the age." (Matthew 28)

To the disciples this task was important; it was not just part of their life, it was their life. The task Jesus had entrusted to them was not to be fitted into life, it was to be the reason for life itself. The same should be true for us for unless Jesus is central to all we are, what message do we share with others? Those who say Jesus is irrelevant or should be sidelined, or even consigned to a part of life, need to hear what the Gospel really means to those who believe, and they will not just hear with their ears, but also by your living and your actions.

We cannot criticise those who want to diminish the Christian input to the millenium if we put Jesus only into a compartment of our life. We cannot be critical of those who want to diminish the importance of Jesus in these celebrations if we treat our relationship to Jesus as belonging to some club or society. We need Jesus to be at the heart of all we do as individuals and as a church, so that others will see His importance to us - so that others will see Him with us - then they will seek Him and they too will see all He means and join us as His disciples.

We have been entrusted with the task of sharing the most powerful, the most potent message to the world, that God's love is offered to all who will accept it through faith in Jesus Christ, His Son, your Lord.

Please continue to pray for all who are involved in sharing His Good News as we seek God's guidance.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

News of the Fellowship

Please alter the telephone numbers in the 1997 Handbook of Miss Ena Hanson and Miss Dorothy Dudley as Lydon Lodge, 2 Tennyson Road Worthing, telephone number is 233446. Larkspur Nursing Home, 17 Newling Way, High Salvington, telephone number is 830691. Hollywynd Residential Home, 5 St Botolph's Road, Worthing, telephone number is 236583.

Thanks

Many thanks to all members and friends who gave practical and spiritual encouragement to me during my recent operation. There were flowers from our Church, and at the Hospital I had visits from Rev. Peter Heckels, Geoffrey Dean, Michael Donnelly, Norman and Alma Prattent, and Richard and Irene Tuley. Richard and Irene were very good in taking me home from hospital. 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade, and others, sent 'Get Well Soon' messages. I am most grateful for all the prayers which were said on my behalf, and which helped me to make a good recovery. Thanks be to God.

Colin Nodes

Hayward House - 2 Shaftesbury Avenue

Two very pleasant west-facing Flatlets, each with a small kitchen, are available from January. **Hayward House**, established by our Church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of Church Members primarily for the benefit of our own Church Members and friends.

Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity, and use of common room, laundry room and gardens. Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden.

For further information please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin or Mrs Jane Bond.

Eric Bond (Chairman)

The Leprosy Mission:- On behalf of the Worthing Branch Committee of The Leprosy Mission I would like to thank all members and friends of Goring United Reformed Church who, during 1997, in various ways, contributed the sum of £664.44 to the work of The Leprosy Mission.

F.Freeman

O Almighty God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Mattias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by thy faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Social Events

Christmas Fair - Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the Christmas Fair. We raised £520!

Worthing Stroke Club (KESTRO)

Feb 6	A.G.M.	2.00pm
Feb 13	'Valentine Thoughts'	2.00pm
Feb 20	'Intriguing life of Josiah Wedgwood'	2.00pm
	talk by Mrs Campling	
Feb 27	Painting	2.00pm

'The least thing God wants us to do is more important than anything else in all the world.'

W.C. Moore

Christians Together in Goring

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St Richard's on Friday February 13th at 7.00pm

'Character is what I am before God - reputation is what others think I am.' Anon

Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for older people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

Tuesdays	New Life Church Hall, Durrington
	West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
Wednesdays	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring
	Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring
	Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
Thursdays	St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
Fridays	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater
	Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

Women's Guild. Spring Session

President	Mrs Ivy Berry	Vice-President	Mrs Irene Dearsley
Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer	Mrs Joan Burrage
Committee	Mrs M Brown		Mrs L Collison Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott		Mrs T Sanders Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Walker		Mrs P Taylor

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

Our Motto:- To have a friend is to be one.

Membership Fee: £1.50 per Session

Feb 3	The History of Scotland Yard - talk by I. Donaldson Esq.	2.30pm
Feb 17	Maundy Thursday - a talk by Mrs M. Campling	2.30pm

Men's Fellowship

President	Rev Ron Christopher	Chairman	Mr Tom Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr Ian Hennell(240560)	Committee Member	Mr Frazer Finlay
	We have one rule - Be friendly		Subs £1 per session

Feb 3	The History of Scotland Yard - talk by I. Donaldson Esq.	2.30pm
Feb 17	Maundy Thursday - a talk by Mrs M. Campling	2.30pm

Both meetings are in the Church hall with Women's Guild

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

Action for Dysphasic Adults - Worthing Group

Our Group is still thriving, I am happy to say. On January 7th 65 members enjoyed a New Year luncheon at the Beach Hotel, a rather nice change from before Christmas, when so much is happening.

On **Sunday February 22nd** 'The Week's Good Cause' is on behalf of A.D.A. and we are pleased that the appeal is being made by the lovely actress Felicity Kendall - so please listen to Radio 4 at 8.50am.

We are always trying to raise awareness of the public to the plight of Dysphasics, and we hope and pray that the message will reach many people.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Doreen Norris

'When Christ makes His home in a man's heart He will sometimes be seen at the windows'

Samuel Rutherford

5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

Juniors	8 - 11 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45 pm
Explorers	5 - 8 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.15 pm
Seniors	11 - 14 years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 plus years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 0BY (873806)

Lieutenants: Linda Gray, Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

Session: January 6th to March 31st. Half-Term February 17th

Brigade Week starts on **Saturday February 7th**. We will be holding a **Coffee Morning** with Stalls at 10.30am, followed by a **Beetle Drive** at 11.00am, and at 12.00 a **Ploughman's Lunch**. **Tickets** - combined - Adults £3, Children £2. Coffee and Beetle Drive only, Adults £1, Children 75 pence.

Tickets are now on sale at Girls' Brigade Meeting Nights in the Church hall, or contact our Captain, Mrs Margaret Craghill in Church on Sundays.

We are now well into our New Session. The Explorers are learning about God's Creation, and doing advanced movement to music. The Juniors are busy making clowns out of pipe cleaners, and are dancing with ribbons. The Brigaders are learning about 'life skills' - creative activities for worship and quilling - make-up.

On February 8th Margaret Wiseman, our Treasurer, and Captain Margaret Craghill, are taking part in a 15 mile Cross Country Walk. Would anyone like to sponsor them to help towards Company Fees?

Please come and support us with our efforts to raise money for our Fees!!! There will be prizes!

Look out for the March issue of the Chronicle to see how much you helped us to raise. Many thanks. God Bless

Lesley Hood (Lieutenant)

FEBA Radio Mailing - February 2nd, 9am to 5pm

For more details please contact Jenny on 01903- 237281

FEBA : Accommodation required from Jan 7th to Feb 13th in, or within easy travelling distance of, Worthing, for FEBA Seychelles Director and his wife, Hugh and Janice Barton. If you can help please contact Jenny Anderson on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays on 01903 - 237281, or fax 01903-205294. E-mail: janderson@feba.org.uk. FEBA Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing BN14 8BX

The **MATERIAL** for the **CHRONICLE** SHOULD be in the **hands** of the **EDITOR** by the **15th** of the **PREVIOUS MONTH**. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES**. Thank you. **Editor**

Serendipity

All ladies are welcome to join us on **Monday February 16th** at 7.00pm in the Church kitchen for a demonstration of jewellery making by Caroline Hibbs. There will be a charge of £1 to cover materials.

Gaynor Anderson-Easey (784303)

'You and I have been made and created, not to work for God, not to follow Christ, but to give Him pleasure.'

Rev. G.B. Duncan

CHURCH CENTRE AT NAGYSZOLOS, UKRAINE

Following the Church Meeting decision to help the people in Nagyszolos with the construction of their Church Centre we sent £600 and below is an extract from the letter we have now received from their Pastor, Bela Czirok

Your kind letter, in which you passed on the greeting of the members of the Goring Reformed congregation, brought us much joy. Even though individually the members of the congregation are unknown to us, I would like to greet them very heartily and to wish them health and peace.

We rejoice to tell you that the construction of the church centre is proceeding miraculously, and truly with divine support, in a way for which we did not even dare hope. The roof was complete by the end of September, and if God allows then during the winter we will hold the mid-week Bible Studies and the Children's Classes there. The ground-floor is already useable. It is unbelievable for us also, that things are proceeding so well. Blessed be our God for this! We can happily declare: 'Thus far has the Lord helped us.' (1 Samuel 7.12)

We would like to thank you very much for your gift; we were able to purchase many bricks with it. May the Almighty God repay each one of you! We enclose pictures of the church centre which were taken during the summer. We would like to wish each member of the congregation a very blessed Christmas and an even more blessed and happy New Year.

With much love, in the Name of Jesus,

Rev. Bela Czirok"

Peter Heckels has now replied to Bela Czirok and a further gift of £90 sent.



Pastor Czirok
is in the
centre



OVERSEAS MISSION GIVING 1997

COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION			£2000
RUTH CHATFIELD	Personal Support	1500	
	Language Helpers	50	
	Girls Brigade	50	£1600
CHRISTIAN AID	CA Sunday offering	209	
	Christmas Appeal & Jun.Ch.	200	£409
TEAR FUND	TF Sunday Offering	258	
	Disaster Response Fund	25	
	B.B. for Peru Children	25	£308
THE BIBLE SOCIETY	Bible a Month. Gard.Pty.	141	
	TBS Sunday Offering	223	£364
GHANA	Hope Church, Assin Nsuta	100	
	Sam Nkrumah, Half Assin	30	£130
UKRAINE	Nagyszolos Church Centre		£690
THE LEPROSY MISSION	TLM Sunday Offering	96	
	General Gifts	478	
	Sale of Wool	92	£666
ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMAN	Womens Guild		£342
MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP			£24
ACTION AID			£180
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MISSION DATES FOR 1998

January	25th.	The Leprosy Mission Sunday
March	29th.	Tear Fund Sunday with envelopes - and morning speaker
May	10th.	Christian Aid Sunday with envelopes - with tea & evening speaker
		10th-16th Christian Aid Week with door to door collection
April	26th.	Feba Radio Sunday
June	21st.	Wycliffe Bible Translators Sunday - with visiting team and tea
September	?	Christian Aid Event
October	?	Tear Fund Event with Tearcraft Sale
November	15th.	C.W.M. Sunday
December	6th.	Bible Society Sunday with envelopes

Young Persons at University

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Hilary will have their addresses. Please remember those at home who need your prayers

David Sibley	North London
Kirsty Craghill	The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey
Geoffrey Redman	Chichester College
Lisa Jackson	Reading University

The Gate Ajar For Me?

Press on then, though the foe may frown, while mercy's gate is open;
accept the cross, and win the crown, love's everlasting token.

Beyond the river's brink we'll lay the cross that here is given,
and bear the crown of life away, and love Him more in heaven.

Refrain:

Oh, depth of mercy! Can it be that gate was left ajar for me? for me? For me?
Was left ajar for me?

Snippets

Doubt sees the obstacles. Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees a long, dark night. Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a step. Faith whispers 'I FMN

Fragrance

A Persian fable says: One day a traveller found a lump of clay so redolent with sweet perfume its odour scented all the room.

'Whence art thou?' was his quick demand, 'Art thou some gem from Samarkand, or Spikenard in this rude guise, or other costly merchandise?

'Nay, I am but a lump of clay.' 'Then whence this precious perfume, pray?

Ah listen, friend, the secret I'll disclose, I have been dwelling with a rose.'

Sweet parable; and shall not they who love to dwell with Sharon's Rose distil sweet incense all around though low and mean themselves be found?

Dear Lord, abide with us that we may draw our fragrance fresh from thee.

Anon

'The least thing God wants us to do is more important than anything else in all the world.'

W.C. Moore

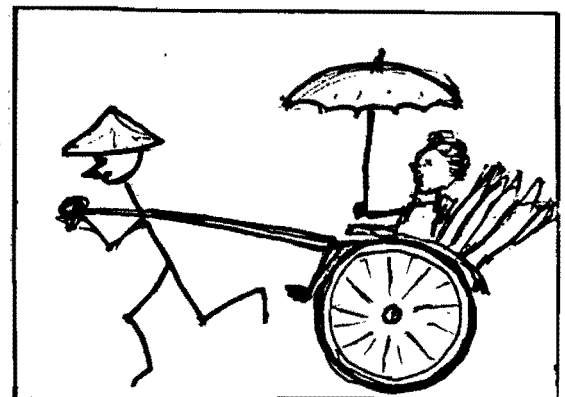
Notice:- Members articles will be considered for publication in Chronicle, subject to approval of Rev. Peter Heckels and/or the Editor. Remember the Chronicle belongs to us all. L.M.

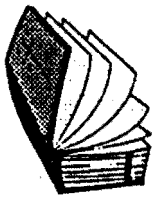
T R A N S P O R T

I know that many of you already bring others to Church in your cars. However, there is a need to have a reserve list of

Volunteer drivers to cover any future contingencies, particularly occasional trips to Church functions. I would be grateful if anyone willing to help in this way would please contact me.

Jim Hope. (248539)





Basis

Promoting the authority of the Bible within the URC

The name **BASIS** was chosen as naturally referring to the URC Basis of Union and to the scriptural basis of the Church in Reformed theology.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our primary aim is 'to restore and promote the authority of the Bible within the URC', and a short-term objective is 'to rescind Resolution 19 (of 1997 General Assembly) by General Assembly 1998'.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

We are compiling lists of members, ministers and churches that have registered opposition to R19. We are inviting people to serve on our main committee and on five sub-groups to work on:-

1. Assembly Resolutions
2. Constitutional Issues (to advise those thinking of leaving)
3. Newsletters
4. Other Publications
5. Research (to feed into the other groups)

In the short term, David Hilborn will act as Media Consultant and Roger Scopes will act as Prayer Co-ordinator.

PRAY

- (a) for the URC that in all its meetings it may be governed by the Word of God discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- (b) for all those who are finding life difficult because of R19, especially those feeling isolated in the church, or facing serious division in their church.
- (c) For all that we seek to do through *Basis*

WE SUGGEST a monthly day of prayer on the 10th of each month leading up to the eve of Assembly on July 10th 1998.

OFFICERS OF BASIS

PRESIDENT:	REVD DR DAVID HILBORN
CHAIRMAN:	REVD DR ROGER SCOPES
SECRETARY:	REVD MRS CHRIS VIVIAN
TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	REVD ROGER CORNISH, FCCA

Application Form for Membership of Basis

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

NAME:..... TITLE

ADDRESS

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TEL

CHURCH GORING..... CHURCH NUMBER 11927

I ENCLOSE £5 OR £..... ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION / GIFT
(Cheques made payable to *Basis*)

I am willing / not willing to let my name and address be circulated to members of *Basis*

Please return your completed form to:

Basis, Revd Roger E Cornish FCCA, 216 Outland Road, Plymouth PL2 3PE

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Our Christmas Party was held on December 2nd. Entertainment was provided by Peggy Mott with Brain Teasers, and Joan Finlay at the piano with NAME THAT TUNE, followed by a Christmas Tea - a happy afternoon enjoyed by all.

Next came our Christmas Service on December 16th which, again thanks to Peggy, was much appreciated by members. Peggy always seems able to present the Christmas Story to us. The Men's Fellowship joined us on both occasions.

Our Spring Session began on January 8th when our Minister's wife, Eileen Heckels, came along to talk to us. At her request we sang Mission Praise Hymn 697 'Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown' because it was at one time while singing the words 'O, come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee' that she gave her life to God. She then went on to tell us of her work in radiography and X-rays and its responsibilities. Her most important and challenging job, however, was in being a wife and mother. She finished by saying how God gives us responsibility for our deeds and how, through her Christian faith, she can depend on God for everything she needs. Thank you, Eileen!

Betty Hislop.

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Serendipity are calling all ladies who are seeking an evening of fellowship and fun to meet in the Church hall kitchen on Monday February 16th at 7.00pm when they will see a demonstration of making jewellery by Caroline Hibbs. Gaynor would like to know how many to expect, so will you please phone her on 784303 as soon as possible to let her know you will be there. Or 268489 (Daphne Eames).

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A Cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones

Proverbs 15 v 30.

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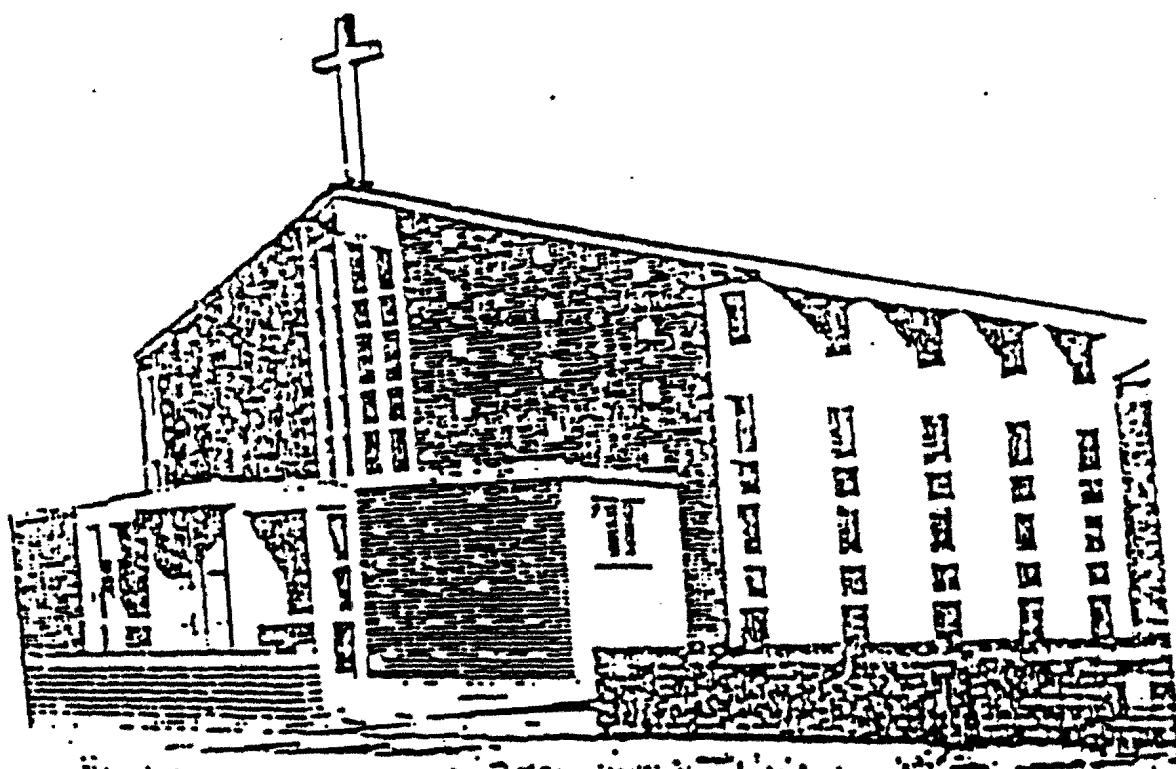
Take a year out with TEAR FUND and GLASGOW CITY MISSION, working wrth the homeless, prostitutes, and at a family centre. Includes travel and theological study. AGE 18 + For details call DAVID HART on 0181 943 7706.

Calendar for February 1998

1 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
2 Mon	Monday Club, Boys 5 - 7 years of age Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
3 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.30pm
	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
4 Wed	Painting for Fun East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
	Bible Study - 1 Arun Close Durrington	10.00am to 11.15am
5 Thu	Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30am	7.30am to 5.00pm
	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
6 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
7 Sat	Girls' Brigade Fundraising Week to 15th February	
	Coffee morning, Beetle Drive, Ploughman's Lunch	10.30am start
8 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
9 Mon	Monday Club Boys, 5 - 7 years of age Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
10 Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
11 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
	Women's World Day of Prayer Preparatory Bible Study	2.15pm
12 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room	2.30pm to 3.30pm
13 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
	Churches Together in Goring, St. Richard's Prayer Meeting	7.00pm
15 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Morning Worship - (N.B. Parade Service is on 15 March)	10.30am
	Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.00pm
16 Mon	Half Term	
17 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.30pm
18 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
	Bible Study - 1 Arun Close Durrington	10.00am to 11.15am
20 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
22 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Morning Worship	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
23 Mon	Monday Club, Boys 5 - 7 years of age Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
24 Tue	Shrove Tuesday	
	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
25 Wed	Ash Wednesday First day of Lent	
	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
26 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room	2.30pm to 3.30pm
	Church Meeting	7.30pm
27 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
Mar 1	First Sunday in Lent St. David's Day	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
Mar 6	Women's World Day of Prayer Services - See other page	
	Please kindly inform the editor if there is an incorrect entry	

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Peter Heckels	17 Drummond Road	248259
Secretary	Mrs Hilary Redman	5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer	Mr Roy Gooderham	15 Harvey Road	506452

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	2 Miss Audrey Gerlack	501153
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
9 Mr Norman Prattent	240031	10 Mrs Carol Webber	690334

For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade Captain	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Letting Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Play Group	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Monday Club	Miss Jenny Compton	240219
	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Daphne Eames	268489
	Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey	784303
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund & Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Mr Norman Prattent	240031
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mr James Hope	248539
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary		
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

Dear Friends,

"You are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into His own marvellous light. At one time you were not God's people, but now you are His people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received His mercy." These stirring words are from 1 Peter 2 vv 9-10, written to Christians many years ago, yet how true they have remained to Christians throughout the ages, and how real they are for us today, a reminder of what God calls us to be. St Paul tells us "the Spirit makes you God's children" (Romans 8 v 15) and reminds us that "we will possess the blessings He keeps for His people" (v 17). So these two great apostles want you to know how you are raised to a new status and how the forgiveness Jesus brings places each one of us in a new relationship with God.

This new relationship brings responsibility, a responsibility which is shared, for the church is not called to follow leaders blindly, but to be the King's priests, called together to proclaim the wonderful acts of God. Those who want to follow the way of Jesus need to recognise that none are to be raised up as leaders, but rather to see that we are all to serve one another as priests of the heavenly King. Everyone who has an experience of Jesus in their life has an account to give and share of God's wonderful deeds. No experience is more important or better than another; all should be given to glorify God who called us into His marvellous light. Too often we seem to want to measure what God has done in a person's life when really we should be thanking Him for His saving love and grace.

On 24th May 1738 John Wesley wrote in his journal:-

"I went very unwillingly that evening to a Society in Aldersgate Street. Someone was reading these words from Luther's Preface to his Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans: 'Faith is a divine work in us, which changes us and makes us newly born of God and kills the old Adam, makes us completely different men in heart, disposition, mind and every power, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. Our faith is a lively, creative, active, powerful thing, so that it is impossible that it should not continually do good works. It does not even ask if good works are to be done, but before anyone asks, it has done them, and is always acting.' Before I could raise my usual question (concerning this change that God works in the heart through faith in Christ) the Holy Spirit performed this miracle, and I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

John Wesley was aware that evening of the personal forgiveness of God, and that was the strength of the revival he and others were to lead. This forgiveness was for all who believed, all had their story to share of God's wonderful deeds. In our age the world needs to hear again the story of God's working, but it will only do so when we, the people of the church remember again 'you are the chosen race, you are the King's priest, you are part of the chosen race, you too have received God's mercy and move from darkness into His marvellous light.'

Please continue to pray for our family as we seek our part in God's planned revival.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

News of The Fellowship

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy Servant Depart in Peace

27th Jan Mina Donne

29th Jan Arthur Birch

1st Feb Roy Webb

15th Feb Phoebe Butler

Thanks

My family and I thank you all so very much for the love, prayers, and kindness shown to me while recovering from my hip operation. Also the lovely flowers received. Once again Thank you all. God Bless.

Ruby White

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the ladies who gave of their time and talent in making the beautiful backcloth now hanging in the west transept of Goring United Reformed Church. It greatly enhances the atmosphere of peace and prayerfulness of this little chapel, and adds to the general beauty of the church.

Robin Bradley (Mrs)

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Hayward House, established by our Church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of Church Members primarily for the benefit of our own Church Members and friends. Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity, and use of common room, laundry room and gardens. Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden. For further information please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin or Mrs Jane Bond.

Eric Bond (Chairman)

Easter Concert

The Rowland Singers are giving a performance of their Easter Concert in our Church on **Wednesday April 1st at 7.30pm**. The works to be performed are Gloria by Poulenc, and Handel's Messiah parts 2 and 3. This is an expensive concert for the Singers to put on with an organist and 4, possibly 5, soloists to fund. There will be a retiring collection, and we hope all who come will be generous so that our Church can benefit financially.

Sheila Gooderham

5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

Juniors	8 - 11 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45 pm
Explorers	5 - 8 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.15 pm
Seniors	11 - 14 years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 plus years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 0BY (873806)

Lieutenants: Linda Gray, Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

Session: January 6th to March 31st.

Parade Service March 15th Assemble 10.15am

A big thank you to everyone who came to support our **Coffee Morning & Beetle Drive** on Saturday February 7th in the Church Hall. We raised a total £150 from this event. It was good fun! And nice to see everyone enjoying themselves! Thank you to those who have returned Girls' Brigade Week Envelopes - your support is greatly appreciated. Our next fund-raising event will be a **Jumble Sale** here in our Church hall on **Saturday 25th April at 2.00pm**. Please start to save and collect any items that you no longer require and that you think we would be able to sell - to boost our Company funds.

Lieutenant Linda Gray

FEBA Radio Mailing - March 9th to 11th (3 days), 9am to 5pm

For more details please contact Jenny on 01903- 237281

Little Fishes Playgroup are collecting the vouchers issued at Tesco's and would be pleased to receive them.

Worthing Stroke Club (KESTRO)

Mar 6	Travels in China- talk and slides by Pat & John Markwick	2.00pm
Mar 13	Call my Bluff	2.00pm
Mar 20	All Day Meeting - plus Jills Fashions	
Mar 27	Pencil and Paper games	2.00pm
April 3	Easter Egg decorating	2.00pm

Outreach & Evangelism

1. We would like to receive your comments on the posters which are on the notice board, both the home-made ones and the bought ones. Are they doing their job? Can they be seen easily? What about the colours? Etcetera.

2. It was decided to have some appropriate leaflets to be placed on the Church chairs at weddings and funerals. We would like to produce these ourselves, and would ask anybody who has the technology to scan their computers for suitable illustrations. The size of the leaflet would be a quarter of an A4.

3. On Palm Sunday, April 5th, there will be a Time for Tots Service at 9.15am, and on Easter Sunday evening April 12th we shall repeat "Breaking Bread". We would like to produce a leaflet advertising our EASTER SERVICES, similar to those at Christmas, and distribute them to the houses we visited last Autumn.

4. The visitation will resume on Monday April 20th, and we propose going out monthly, starting with Elgin Road. The other dates are as follows:- May 18th and June 15th - Robson Road July 13th - Walpole Avenue September 14th - Trent Road. It is not too soon to start prayer walking these roads, especially Elgin Road. The basis for all our outreach is prayer.

5. There is to be a Flower Festival the weekend of Friday June 26th to Sunday June 28th, and the theme will be WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES. It is also proposed to have a concert on the Friday evening, Songs of Praise Saturday evening and a Special Service on Sunday morning. (Please see separate article by Eileen Heckels.) We shall need a great deal of support both prayer, and on a practical level. For instance, we shall need 2 people in the church all the time, and people to help serve refreshments in the hall.

6. Our final event for 1998 is the Nativity Pantomime which our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels has written, and was performed in his previous Church. This too will need great commitment by many people, both on the stage, and behind it. We hope to perform this in the hall on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th (with a matinee) and Monday December 21st. Please give any comments you may have on the above to Rev. Peter Heckels, or me.

Sheila Gooderham. O. & E. COMMITTEE

House and Fabric Committee

Another Working Party Day is to be held on **Saturday 4th April 1998 from 9.15am** onwards.

There are many jobs which require attention including cleaning wash hand basins, sinks and working surfaces, dusting floors, ledges and cills, removing cobwebs etc. redecorating walls of the Print Room, touching up other decorations, garden clearance, window cleaning.

Anyone wishing to help at this event will be most welcome. Paint and brushes will be supplied, but please bring your own cleaning materials.

Colin Nodes.

Serendipity

Attention all cake eaters!! There will be a cake stall in the East hall on **Friday March 27th from Noon to 1.30pm**. Proceeds will go to the Little Fishes Playgroup who hope to purchase a play garage for the children. We would love some cakes from our Church Family, as well as your support in buying them. All donations to Sue Mitchell, please.

Gaynor Anderson Easey

The Bible Society, Worthing Action Group, have acknowledged our contribution of £223.35p raised by our giving on Bible Sunday in December last. Included in our total was a cheque for £100 for which we offer our special thanks.

Thank you to all of you who so kindly and generously continue to support the work of the Bible Society.

N.W.P.

ARTHUR BIRCH.

Arthur retired to Goring in the mid-60's, after a distinguished career in local government in the Midlands. He became an active member of our church during the ministry of the late Revd. Wallis Hayward, where his love of words and music soon became apparent.

Arthur was Church Secretary (Admin) from 1968-'72 where his experience, tact and ready wit carried meetings along expeditiously and happily. For those privileged to be invited to his home he would play Early English music on his clavichord or classical pieces on his guitar, both of which he was very fond.

Both he and his wife Olive had a deep love of nature, never failing to be fascinated by the wide variety of birds coming into their garden from the adjacent Parklands estate.

With the advance of years, Arthur and Olive removed from their bungalow in Cowdray Drive to a flat in the Offington/Tarring area of Worthing and in consequence we saw less of them, to the extent that many of our present congregation will not have had the benefit of knowing them. My abiding memory of Arthur is of a gentle gentleman who witnessed to his Lord in a multitude of ways. We remember with thanksgiving his life and uphold Olive and her family in our prayers at this time.

Eric Bond.

ROY WEBB.

Roy, his wife Jean and their daughters Lorna and Glenda came to Goring in the '60's, Roy then working at Beecham Pharmaceuticals. Having a bright, cheerful personality, he soon endeared himself to the fellowship and as one with an enquiring mind capable of clarity of thought, made good constructive contributions to Elders and Church Meetings.

Roy was Church Secretary (Admin.) from 1972-'74 as the late Revd. Wallis Hayward's ministry was drawing to a close. His contribution during the interregnum, and all that entails, was immeasurable culminating in the coming of Revd. William Connelly as our minister in August 1974. Unfortunately, shortly afterwards on medical advice, Roy had to withdraw from the office of Church Secretary.

Although not in office, Roy was still active in the life of the church in a number of ways: helping Jean, then Captain of the 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade, at camps, outings and displays; initiating the sound amplification and recording systems for the Sanctuary and co-ordinating the distribution of audio-tapes to the house-bound.

Following retirement Roy was able to pursue other interests such as the cultivation of specialist plants, machine knitting, developing his skills in photography and becoming computer literate.

We give thanks to God for the life of Roy knowing that all he did within the church and in his life was witness to his love for our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean, Glenda and Lorna as they mourn the loss of a husband and a father.

Eric Bond

Roy Webb - An Appreciation

We mourn the passing of Roy Webb from our midst and yet we rejoice in the memory of his life and his faith. Those of us who knew Roy will always remember him for his warm outgoing manner, full of fun and good humour. A real extrovert but a loyal and true friend in every sense.

Underpinning his life was his love of his Lord. Possessed of a deep and steadfast faith in God, his life was devoted to service in the church and to the care of the environment. Whether it was as church secretary, elder, Junior Church teacher, or as a member of a church committee, nothing less than the best was ever good enough for Roy. His support of Jean during her many years as Captain of our Girls' Brigade Company is a shining example of his love for her, his Lord and of young people.

We will all have our personal memories of him. We will rejoice in those memories and will count it a privilege to have known him.

N. W. P.

The last few weeks have been some of the most painful times I've ever lived through, but easing, and carrying me along, has been the love and care which has reached me from the family of of G.U.R.C. of which we are all a part.

I've wondered often, just lately, whether we realize how priceless our church family is, and how much we have that we can give to, and share with, each other.

With the everlasting arms around me, and supporting me, I have been able to accept every card, letter, caller, 'phone call and flower because each has spoken of your deep love and concern, and it has all been such a comfort.

Please hold me, Glenda and Lorna in your prayers for just a little longer, until the pain eases a bit, and the sun, like the Spring, arrives to lighten the days.

God's love gives strength for to-day and bright hope for tomorrow. May He bless each and every one of our wonderful church family.

Glenda and Lorna join me in saying a heartfelt 'thank you'.

Blessings. Jean Webb.

I expect we all share, from time to time, a concern sometimes verging on despair, for the fate of the world and where it all seems to be heading. Dad and I spoke of it often, but he knew, better than anyone I know, that children are the future, and that what we teach them, by how we are, will shape everything.

He was in the habit of reading Readers' Digest in the toilet. In the last edition he was reading is an article entitled "Teach Your Child to Wonder". The guidelines could have been written by him - "listen to their questions", "give them time to think" then "fly a kite".

"Share your children's curiosity...they will learn that it pays to persist, to experiment, in the face of difficulties. And they will see clearly that...learning is something to be enjoyed every day, for a lifetime."

With a commitment & dedication that was so typical, he lived as he believed. The child in him was alive & strong - full of mischief and open-hearted simplicity. He insisted on being spontaneous & irreverent and refused to take himself, or anyone else for that matter, too seriously. He loved to undermine pomposity and beaurocracy. He loved to break the rules, but he stood for his principles with a certainty that in today's uncertain world inspires respect.

He stood for his Christian values with a quiet, modest and cheerful determination, and such certainty that I was moved to ask him when I was a child - "so how do you know there's a God then?" Always uncomfortable with anything personal, but acutely aware of the enormity of the question, he told me. I understood then that this was the cornerstone of his life, the key to all that he did.

His own remarkable self-discipline, intelligence and strength of character enabled him to learn to speak fluent Italian, to knit jumpers on his own machine, to practise portrait photography, to learn to use a computer - and marvel at it - in his 70's. Mind you, it had to be a second hand one - because, as Glenda says, he was green before green was invented. He passionately disapproved of waste, and did everything he could to preserve and protect the planet for future generations. I never heard him give an excuse for himself, and I never heard him put anyone down.

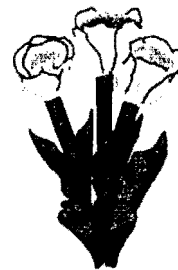
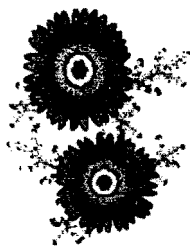
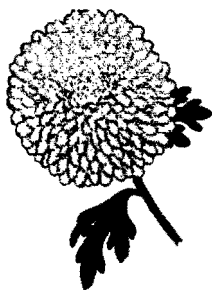
People's response to his death has been heartwarming. Dad would have been suprised, and pleased for Mum's sake. He only ever wanted the best for her, and Glenda, and myself, and took enormous pride in all our achievements.

For himself, he would have been really chuffed to know that he was to have been approached by fellow worshippers at Bury Drive Methodist Church about becoming a steward. The warmth and acceptance of his welcome there meant the world to him, and has been underlined by the many tributes to his very own, and distinctive, humanity. Many have referred to his love of children. Glenda and myself are in the unique and privileged position of knowing of this first hand. My own cherished and abiding memory is of the reassuring presence at the end of a torch, next to my bed within seconds of my calling out, to help me deal with a nightmare. Only Dad could chase away the bad guys.

A final note. At moments of being at my most intractible and infuriating, my mother is given to raising her eyes heavenwards, and declaring - "you are just like your father."

What can I say? Except, perhaps, thank God for that.

Lorna



FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 26th - 28th 1998

Please make a note of this date now!

We are planning to hold a flower festival this year in June and the theme will be around wedding anniversaries. If you have a special anniversary this year and would like to sponsor the arrangement for that occasion then I would love to hear from you.

There will be an initial meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 here in the manse for those interested in arranging the flowers. (This will be done on Thursday 25th June) Don't worry if you cannot arrange flowers because there will be opportunities for all to help over the weekend.

WE WILL NEED :-

People to pray for and around the weekend.

People to make coffee/ tea etc to keep the arrangers fresh and inspired!

People to fetch and carry and clear up behind us -- most important.

People on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to be in the church to welcome all those who will come and browse.

People on the above days also to make and serve refreshments in the hall.

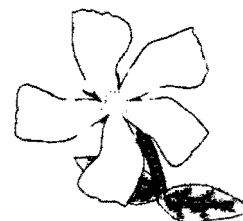
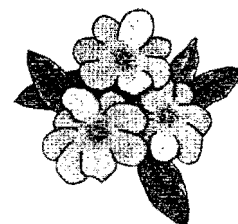
There is something for each of us to do whatever our skill involves.

We also plan to hold various events around the weekend including the opportunity on the Sunday morning as part of our worship to come and renew your wedding vows. We hope this will not just be restricted to members of our fellowship but perhaps an opportunity to invite friends and relatives to come too.

As we plan you may find that we appeal to you through Welcome for all sorts of items needed for the background of the arrangement -- please do not assume someone else will oblige! If you can help don't be shy.

Any questions or offers of help please contact Eileen Heckels. (248259)

Watch this space -- there will be more news as the weeks tick by.



Report from the Special meeting called by Sussex West District Council January 15th 1998

The meeting was called in order that it should be possible for the Sussex West District Council to make known its response to correspondence received concerning the passing of Resolution 19 at General Assembly 1997.

The President Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley was in the Chair and 32 District Council members were present. Also present were friends who had come both to hear and to speak. Two formal motions had been received for the meeting and no amendments were permitted.

Motion A was proposed by Mr Maurice Young and Rev. Kenneth Lynch, Motion B by Revds Peter Heckels and Charles Martin. Each of these four spoke to their motion before the meeting was opened for discussion.

Following a period of time for discussion with statements supporting both motions each proposer made a response in summing up before the meeting fell quiet for prayer. A secret ballot was taken for a simple majority vote.

The result of the vote was given:- for Motion A 8, for Motion B 29. There were 3 abstentions.

After we had sung an hymn and shared the Grace we came away.

MOTION A proposed by Mr Maurice Young and Revd Kenneth Lynch

THAT District Council, bearing in mind the paramount need to respect and uphold the authority of the General Assembly and to do all in its power to maintain the unity of the church, HEREBY RESOLVES

- i) THAT it takes no precipitate action regarding Resolution 19 of the 1997 General Assembly and awaits with interest the outcome of the deliberations of the various groups set up by Mission Council;
- ii) THAT if, during this period of further reflection a particular case arises concerning a person in a homosexual relationship, District Council shall consider the case on its merits at the time and after it has been considered by the Pastoral Care Committee.

MOTION B proposed by Revds Peter Heckels and Charles Martin

1. West Sussex District Council reaffirms the traditional teaching of scripture and the church on human sexuality; namely chastity for all outside marriage and fidelity within it, and therefore will not concur in a call made to anyone in a homosexual relationship.
2. West Sussex District Council calls on Mission Council and Assembly to state clearly the URC position on sexual relationships conducted outside marriage and to move to rescind resolution 19 which allows sexual relations outside recognised marriage.

Extract from The Profile: URC Worthing Team MinistryGORING

Goring URC is a fellowship of just under 200 members plus many friends serving our Lord Jesus Christ in the local community. We worship in a bright modern building set in a residential area to the west of Worthing. We are seeking to reach our local community with the Gospel as well as giving continuing pastoral care to our own fellowship, and have a concern for world mission. We have organisations catering for a wide range of ages and an active Junior Church and Youth Group with potential for growth. Our monthly day of prayer and the seven Emmaus Bible Study Groups undergird the spiritual life of the Church.

Copies of the full profile will be available at the Church meeting.

Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for older people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

Tuesdays	New Life Church Hall, Durrington
	West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
Wednesdays	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring
	Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring
	Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
Thursdays	St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
Fridays	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater
	Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

Young Persons at University

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Hilary will have their addresses. Please remember those at home who need your prayers

David Sibley	North London
Kirsty Craghill	The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey
Geoffrey Redman	Chichester College
Lisa Jackson	Reading University

Goring Friendship Centre: This is an ecumenical venture that meets each Wednesday at Bury Drive Methodist Church Hall to provide a cheap lunch for anyone who lives alone. It has been closed for some time while the kitchens were being refurbished, but is now reopen.

- New members are most welcome. The Friendship Centre provides a good meal and a happy atmosphere.
 - More volunteers are ~~urgently~~ needed to help with driving, welcoming etc.
- Please contact Pam Stower (243050) for more information.



MISSION DATES FOR 1998

March	29th.	Tear Fund Sunday with envelopes - and morning speaker
May	10th.	Christian Aid Sunday with envelopes - with tea & evening speaker
	10th-16th	Christian Aid Week with door to door collection
April	26th.	Feba Radio Sunday
June	21st.	Wycliffe Bible Translators Sunday - with visiting team and tea
September	?	Christian Aid Event
October	?	Tear Fund Event with Tearcraft Sale
November	15th.	C.W.M. Sunday
December	6th.	Bible Society Sunday with envelopes

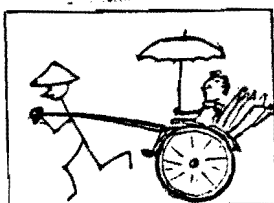
UKRAINE - A LIVE UPDATE

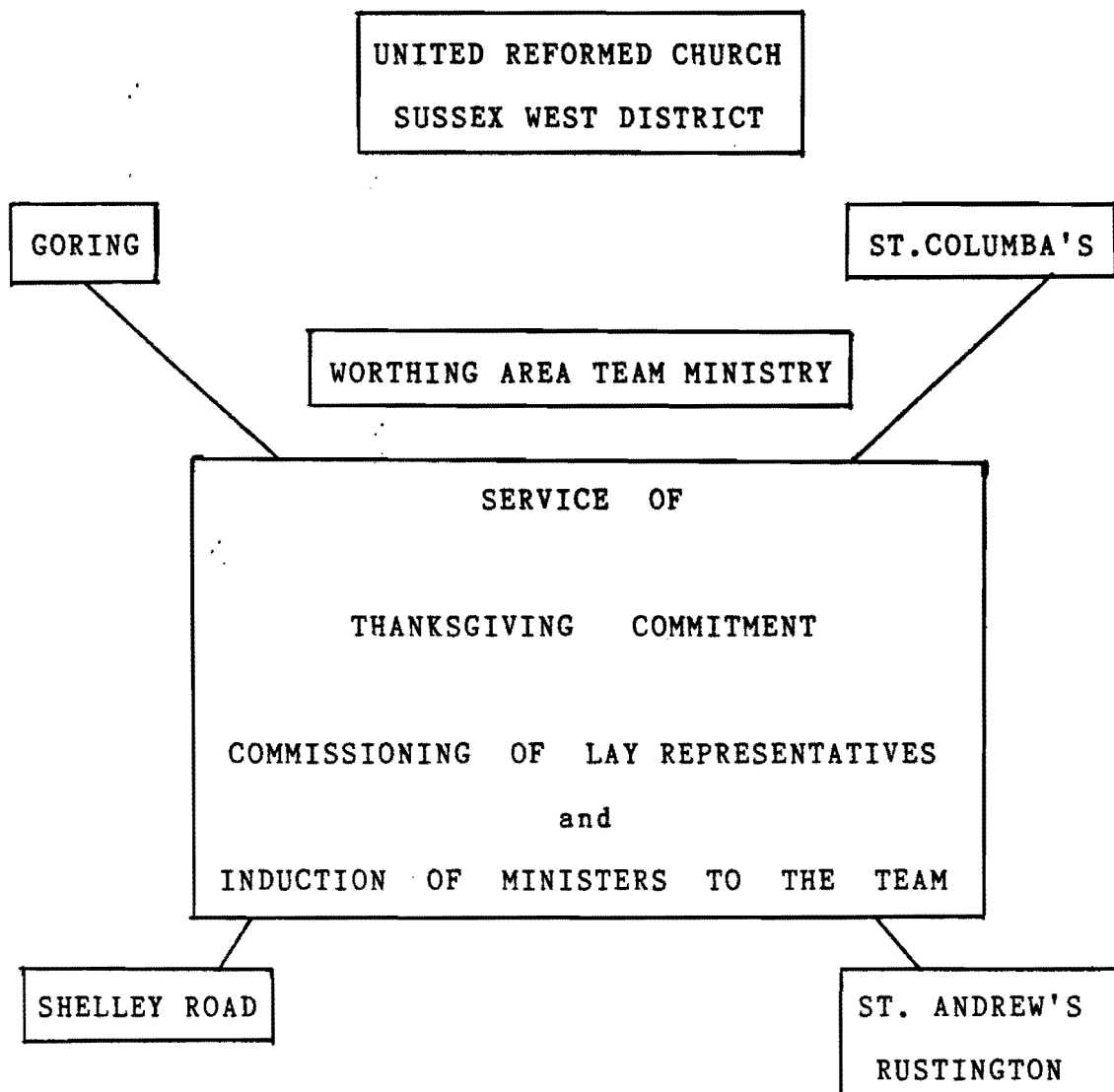
I hope that you have seen the article on Ukraine in last month's Chronicle and also the display on the Mission notice board. It is encouraging that we are able to help our Christian brothers and sisters in such need. They too, are most appreciative.

Now there is a wonderful opportunity to get up to date information and news from the person who kindly translates the letters that pass between us and the church in Nagyszolos. Martin Robb is a Scotsman who is based in Hungary, but visits Ukraine, and knows Pastor Czironk and the church at Nagyszolos.

Martin Robb is speaking at the URC Church at Petworth on Sunday 22nd. March at 3 p.m. It would be very good if we were able to support this meeting and hear the latest news from the Ukraine. If you would like to know more, or would like transport, please contact me.

Geoffrey Dearsley, Mission Secretary





with Rev David Helyar

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 1998

3 p.m.

at SHELLEY ROAD URC, WORTHING

followed by tea.

Everyone Welcome.

Women's Guild. Spring Session

President	Mrs Ivy Berry	Vice-President	Mrs Irene Dearsley
Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer	Mrs Joan Burrage
Committee	Mrs M Brown	Mrs L Collison	Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott	Mrs T Sanders	Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Walker	Mrs P Taylor	

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

Our Motto:- To have a friend is to be one.

Membership Fee: £1.50 per Session

Mar 3	Mr Toole Mackson Guild Care	2.30pm
Mar 17	Mrs Betty Hislop Visit to the Wild West	2.30pm
Mar 31	Easter Service	2.30pm

On January 20th Mrs Irene Tuley joined our meeting and spoke on The Lord's Prayer, how it ought to be seen as a pattern for the way we live, and how, when we accept Jesus into our lives, we become God's children here on earth. She stressed how important it is to pray daily for young people, the homeless, those who uphold the law, and those who offend. To know God, she said, can be a life-changing experience. Thank you Irene. Your talk gave us much to think about.

Mr Ian Donaldson, a retired Commandant of the Metropolitan Police, gave an interesting and, at times, amusing talk on Scotland Yard on February 3rd. 1298 saw the beginning of law and order with the Statute of Winchester. Justices of the Peace and Constables were in evidence by 1673 and were, over the years, followed by the Bow Street Runners, the Anti-Popery Gordon Riots, and Robert Peel, who became Home Secretary in 1821. He spoke of the changes in police uniforms, and how the 1914/18 war saw the beginning of women (unpaid) in the Metropolitan Police. By 1978 women were given full equality with men, and now held positions in the C.I.D. and as Chief Constables.

Men's Fellowship

President	Rev Ron Christopher	Chairman	Mr Tom Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr Ian Hennell(240560)	Committee Member	Mr Frazer Finlay
	We have one rule - Be friendly	Subs	£1 per session

Mar 3	Events in Germany 1933 leading up to 1939 (Video)	Harris Room	2.30pm
Mar 17	Visit to the Wild West. (Slides)	Mrs Betty Hislop with Women's Guild in Hall	2.30pm
Mar 31	Easter in the Hall with Women's Guild in Church Hall		2.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

Worthing Area Ministry

Vacancy Committee Representatives:- Mrs Jane Bond, Mr Paul Redman, Mr Norman Prattent

Notice:- Members articles will be considered for publication in Chronicle, subject to approval of Rev. Peter Heckels and/or the Editor. Remember the Chronicle belongs to us all. L.M.

The **MATERIAL** for the **CHRONICLE** SHOULD be in the **hands** of the **EDITOR** by the **15th** of the **PREVIOUS MONTH**. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES**. Thank you. **Editor**

WRITE AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE NEW WELCOME FORMAT.

1. I cried to you, right from the heart,
For help when in despair;
I knew that from the very start
That you would hear my prayer.
You gave to me that inner peace
A gift beyond compare,
When all at once my troubles ceased -
I knew that you were there.

2. You changed me from that moment on
To think with thoughts anew.
Your word I now began to read,
I prayed much more to you.
I do not have those awful fears
Which plagued my life each day
Until I came to you in tears -
You took them all away.

3. I thank you for your gift of faith
Which helps me on my way;
For all your guidance thank you, too,
It shows me how to pray.
I have a thirst for knowledge now
I never had before,
It leads me on to make a vow
To get to know you more.

4. My mind begins to ponder now
About the gifts so rare;
I never cease to wonder how
My God could put them there.
I know in you I have a friend,
A friend whom I can trust,
One who will never let me down
And who is always just.

5. I hope that in the years to come
That you will mould me too,
Just like your lovely image
So pure in all I do.
Believe in HIM and take HIS Word,
For HE is never wrong,
BELIEVE in HIM in ALL He does
And then you will grow STRONG.

8.6.8.6.

J.A. SKINNER



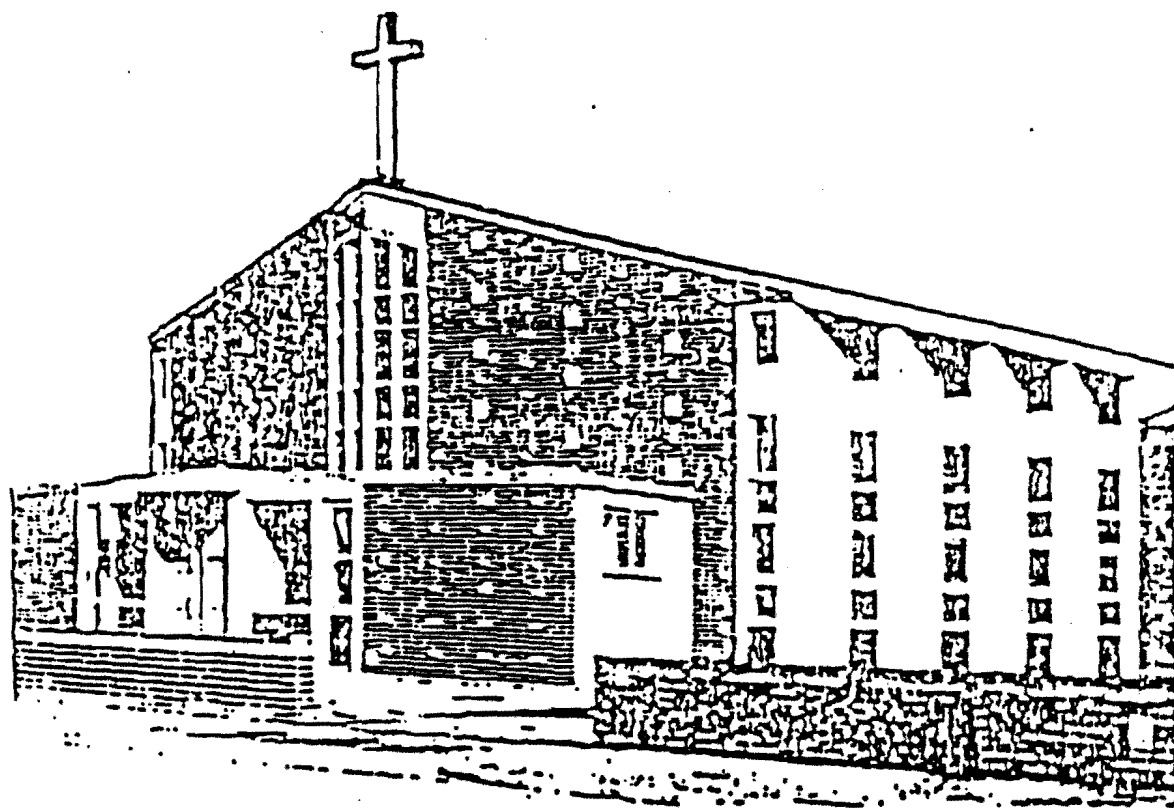
JUNE ELLIOTT.

Calendar for March 1998

1 Sun	St David's Day Lent 1		
	Service of Holy Communion		8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion		10.30am
	Evening Service		6.00pm
2 Mon	Monday Club, Boys 5 - 7 years of age	Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
3 Tue	Women's Guild in Hall & Men's Fellowship in Harris Room		2.30pm
	Girls' Brigade		6.00pm to 8.30pm
4 Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall		10.00am to 12.00pm
5 Thu	Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30am		7.30am to 5.00pm
	Ark Parent & Toddler Club		10.00am to 11.30am
6 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
	Women's World Day of Prayer	See inside Chronicle	
8 Sun	Lent 2		
	Service of Holy Communion		8.00am
	Family Service		10.30am
	Evening Worship at St Richard's (No service at GURC)		7.00pm
9 Mon	Monday Club Boys, 5 - 7 years of age	Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
	F.E.B.A. Mailing days to 11th		
10 Tue	Girls' Brigade		6.00pm to 8.30pm
11 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall		10.00am to 12.00pm
12 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club		10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room		2.30pm to 3.30pm
13 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
	C.P.A.S. Day	See inside Chronicle	
15 Sun	Lent 3		
	Service of Holy Communion		8.00am
	Morning Worship - Parade Service		10.30am
	Service of Holy Communion with Healing		6.00pm
16 Mon	Monday Club, Boys 5 - 7 years of age	Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
17 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship in Hall		2.30pm
	Girls' Brigade		6.00pm to 8.30pm
18 Wed	Painting for Fun East Hall		10.00am to 12.00pm
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25 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall		10.00am to 12.00pm
26 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club		10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room		2.30pm to 3.30pm
	Church Meeting		7.30pm
27 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
28 Sat	Summer Time Starts - Clocks go forward one hour		
29 Sun	Service of Holy Communion		8.00am
	Morning Worship		10.30am
	Evening Service		6.00pm
30 Mon	Monday Club, Boys 5 - 7 years of age	Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
31 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship in Hall		2.30pm
	Girls' Brigade		6.00pm to 8.30pm
Apr	1 Painting for Fun - East Hall		10.00am to 12.00pm
	Rowland Singers Easter Concert in Church		7.30pm
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APRIL 1998

The
CHRONICLE



GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Peter Heckels	17 Drummond Road	248259
Secretary	Mrs Hilary Redman	5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer	Mr Roy Gooderham	15 Harvey Road	506452

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	2 Miss Audrey Gerlack	501153
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
9 Mr Norman Prattent	240031	10 Mrs Carol Webber	690334

For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade Captain	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Letting Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Play Group	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Monday Club	Miss Jenny Compton	240219
	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Daphne Eames	268489
	Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey	784303
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund & Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Mr Norman Prattent	240031
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mr James Hope	248539
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary		
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

Dear Friends,

This month we shall celebrate Easter together and enjoy together the Good News of Jesus' victory over death as we come to rejoice in the joy of the Resurrection. Celebration is something which often happens and then fades into the mists of time as just a happy memory, but not so with Easter celebration, which goes with us day after day as the Risen Lord Jesus walks with us. Yet this annual celebration is a special time to come together as the followers of Jesus to remember His last meal with His disciples, to watch again the true cost of His love as we share in the events of Good Friday and Jesus' crucifixion, and to show our joy as we too discover the tomb is empty and Jesus has risen, Lord of all, standing in our midst. What are we to say? 'Hallelujah! what a Saviour!'

On Easter Sunday at our evening service we shall share together in the Paul Field celebration 'Breaking Bread'. We have had a special choir and others preparing to lead this service, which some of you may remember we used on Maundy Thursday a few years ago. This year we shall use this to conclude our celebration and look forward to sharing with you as we break bread with the Risen Lord.

Of course this will not be a conclusion, but a beginning of the celebration that is the Christian life, and the following week we shall celebrate again at a special service. That service will be at Shelley Road at 3.00pm when we shall meet with our brothers and sisters from Shelley Road, St Columba's and St Andrew's, Rustington for the inauguration of the Worthing Team Ministry. At this service we will recognise the ministry of those already ordained as ministers of word and sacrament to serve the team, and we shall recognise and commission those elected by the churches to serve as lay representatives. This is, of course, a major step for the churches and will demand much prayer and careful thought as the team develops, so this is a service we all need to support to acknowledge God's calling to each and every one and to take these first steps with our Risen Lord on this path that He has called us on. Recognising that 3.00pm is an unusual time for most of us to be at church on a Sunday, let us not make this an excuse, but move forward positively, and what more positive start than to have standing room only available at this service - although there will be chairs for those in need!

Team ministry brings great benefits, the benefits of the different skills and talents which God pours onto His people, and what a joy it is when these are used and recognised as part of a team serving the Risen Lord. Nineteen years ago when we married we agreed with our Lord that this would be a partnership of service to Him and that we would use our combined gifts in His service. So it is that things are prayed about and worked through so that God can use us both in the work of ministry. This is as well, as we both have different gifts which can be brought together to complete what we believe is God's hope in any single event. Such an event will be the Flower Festival planned for June, an event which, like most things we plan is designed to include as much of the whole fellowship as possible, so that it truly is a united event. So Eileen has been busy with those who are willing to give their flower arranging skills, while Peter is working on a Sunday Service to celebrate the theme of 'weddings'. Meanwhile others are concentrating on other 'musical' parts of this weekend. Again, this is designed to be a celebration, and while we recognise that many of you no longer have your partners with you, we do hope that we can all come to offer all that has been shared to the God who continues to love us in whatever situation we find ourselves. So this we pray is an event for us all to work in and celebrate together, upholding and supporting one another and those who may come that they may find God's love working in His people.

Please continue to pray for us and our family as we exercise ministry together.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The following persons were taken into full membership of our church on the first Sunday in March:-

Mr & Mrs Butcher; Miss Tonia Hale; Mr Stewart Higgins

March 9th - REMOVAL Leslie Montford has moved from Flatlet 5 to Flatlet 2 in Hayward House. The house telephone number is the same.

THANKS

Pete, Sue, Daniel and Ricky Mitchell would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards and flowers that they received due to the very sad and sudden loss of Sue's much beloved father. Thank you.

AN APPRECIATION - MRS MINA DONNE

Moving house can be a daunting experience for many of us, not least for Mina Donne. With her frailty and advancing years there was concern for her well-being. After many years living in Ferring, she moved to Drumconner Rest Home in Lancing last August. She soon relished the kind attention from the nursing staff, and made friends with the other residents. She was of a quiet and sunny disposition, had an endearing nature, an asset that won her a place in the hearts of those who were privileged to know her. Her companion and friend, the late Miss Beryl Stutter, had much in common in that they, amongst other things, shared their interests in the life of Goring UR Church, and in the activities of the Women's Guild. Her husband pre-deceased her many years ago, and is buried in Ferring Parish Churchyard. Mina is now dwelling in her Father's house, a place prepared for those who live and love and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Pheniah Taylor

TO REMEMBER A QUIET LADY

Mina Donne was born in Islington, a district of London, which she spoke of with great affection. It was there where she gained her accomplishments - both in music and dressmaking.

Mina joined our church and Women's Guild in 1980, and remained until her last illness, loyal and faithful.

Quiet ladies have quiet friendships, and it was, therefore, not surprising to find Mrs Donne among those who enjoyed friendship with the late Miss Beryl Stutter.

We gave thanks for a life of quiet grace and beauty at her funeral service on February 24th last.

A Friend

HAYWARD HOUSE - 2 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

TWO very pleasant FLATLETS are vacant at the above.

HAYWARD HOUSE, established by our church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of church members, primarily for the benefit of our own church members and friends.

Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity and use of the common room, laundry room and gardens. Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden.

For further information, please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin or Mrs Jane Bond.

Eric Bond (Chairman)

DON STEWART

The death of Don Stewart on Thursday 19th March 1998 has come as a great shock to many people of all ages. Don's service for Jesus through Goring U.R.C. as B.B. Captain, Junior Church leader, warden and Pastoral Elder has touched many lives young and old, and he will be sadly missed throughout the fellowship. On the Sunday morning following Don's death I was handed the following poem by a young man who had been in B.B.:-

*People say the good die young—the rumour isn't wild,
Because although Don Stewart was past his youth,
He had the spirit of a child.
He laughed and smiled and joked around, he earned our respect and love,
But now it seems a bright star has fallen from above.
He didn't have huge muscles or hair spun out of gold
But for those lucky few who got to know Don Stewart
He was a great man to behold.
It had to happen one day, we all have to depart
I don't know about the rest of you but he's left a hole in my heart.
I'm glad that he went peacefully not in hurt or pain
Though to us Don's death is a terrific loss it's also heaven's gain.
To most he was just another face who walked amongst the crowd
To those who knew and loved him, have reason to be proud.
Don wasn't just my B.B. leader but a very special friend
I still cry every night thinking how it had to end.
When Don was born God must have been looking for someone to bless
But now he's gone he's left our lives in a mess—
For who will make us smile when we are in our darkest hour?
Because we can't talk to Don any more we can only lay down a flower.*

Don would, I am sure, have been grateful for all expressions of the warmth that has been expressed about his life and for the care and concern offered to Audrey and Amanda. Having spent a lifetime sharing his faith Don would also want those who mourn at this time to know that he is in the safe hands of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He would want them to turn to Jesus to receive the love and peace which Jesus alone can offer and which Don turned to so many times in his own life. For Don there is now the promise of life with his Lord and for him there will be no fear or sadness only the fulfilment of Jesus promise. To quote the hymn :-

'In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear
My Saviour has my treasure and He will walk with me.'

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1998

1	Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
		Rowland Singers' Easter Concert in Church	7.30pm
2	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion at 10.30am)	7.30am - 5.00pm
		ARK Parent and Toddler Club	10.00am - 11.30am
3	Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
		Little Fishes Term Ends	4.00pm
4	Sat	Working Party	9.15am
5	Sun	PALM SUNDAY	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
		Time for Tots Service	9.15am
		Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
		Evening Worship	6.00pm
6	Mon	Monday Club Boys 5-7 years of age, Church Hall	5.00pm - 6.00pm
		Serendipity Club	7.30pm - 9.00pm
7	Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm - 8.30pm
8	Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
9	Thu	ARK Parent and Toddler Club	10.00am - 11.30am
		Praise and Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room	2.30pm - 3.30pm
10	Fri	Good Friday Service (No Kestro)	10.30am
12	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
		Family Service	10.30am
		Evening Worship 'Breaking Bread'	6.00pm
13	Mon	Bank Holiday	
14	Tue	Women's Guild in Church Hall	2.30pm
		Men's Fellowship in Harris Room	2.30pm
15	Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
16	Thu	Elders' Meeting	
17	Fri	Worthing Stroke Club	2.00pm
19	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
		Morning Worship	10.30am
		Evening Service with Holy Communion and Healing	6.00pm
20	Mon	Little Fishes Term begins	8.30am
		Monday Club Boys 5-7 years of age, Church Hall	5.00pm - 6.00pm
		Visitation re-starts with Elgin Road homes	6.00pm
21	Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm - 8.30pm
22	Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
23	Thu	ARK Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am - 11.30am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room	2.30pm - 3.30pm
		House & Fabric Committee Meeting in Choir Vestry	7.30pm
		Church Meeting	7.30pm
24	Fri	Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St Laurence Church	10.30am
		Worthing Stroke Club	2.00pm
25	Sat	JUMBLE SALE - Girls' Brigade, Church Hall	2.00pm
26	Sun	FEBA RADIO SUNDAY - Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
		Family Worship	10.30am
		Evening Service	6.00pm
27	Mon	District Ladies' Day URC	10.00am - 2.30pm
		Monday Club Boys 5-7 years of age, Church Hall	5.00pm - 6.00pm
28	Tue	Women's Guild in Church Hall	2.30pm
		Men's Fellowship in Harris Room	2.30pm
		Girls' Brigade	6.00pm - 8.30pm
29	Wed	Painting for Fun in East Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
		Sale of Cakes on behalf of Little Fishes	
		Blood Donors' Session in Church Hall	
30	Thu	ARK Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am - 11.30am

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

EXPLORERS	5- 8 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 7.15pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 7.45pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 8.30pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 8.30pm

Staff:- Captain Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley,
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Amanda Nash Janet Dean

Session: OUR NEXT FUND RAISING EVENT WILL BE A JUMBLE SALE HERE IN OUR CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25th at 2.00pm.

As I write this I look back at this Session since January and say 'My word, we've worked hard!' Girls and staff - completing badgework and Brigade Week. I am pleased to report that we have just about covered our annual fee subscription with the combined income from the coffee morning, church envelopes, and parental contributions. Thank you. I have just organised the Badge Markers for the end of this Session and must now think of next Session. Each year it becomes harder to find original and interesting subjects to teach our girls with their 4-fold Badge Programme. Could I ask - do any of our church members have a hobby/interest or special knowledge that they could share with us over a few weeks??? PLEASE??

This Session has brought great pride and pleasure with Tonia Hale. Tonia has been in the 5th Worthing Company since September 1986. In January we joined with our church friends to celebrate her 21st birthday, and on Sunday, March 1st Tonia was received into church membership. Her Christian witness is to be seen both in Company and the outside community - Tonia works at Methold House and Parkview, a WSCC Unit for disabled people, and it was my privilege to call there to get her Brigader Book signed for voluntary work in the community, and they told me she is always happy, willing and talking about her friends at Girls' Brigade, and church, and what she learns there. Tonia has now completed her Brigader Book - a real achievement - she has completed 40 points in the Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Service Sections, and had her badge presented at March Parade Service - in spite of Headquarters mislaying her book twice!!! Tonia has been on a Young Leaders' Training weekend with Rachel Hood, for her Grade I, and will now help in the Company.

The last evening of the Session was a fun evening with all sections joining together to make Easter Gardens and Easter Bonnets, and share together with the Easter story, and enjoy hot cross buns.

JUMBLE SALE If you have any jumble for us please ring Amanda (Nash) on 717762 to arrange for its collection on Tuesday, April 21st. If you could help with collections for us, or help on the day itself, we would be most grateful.

Wishing you all a happy, joyful and blessed Easter.

Margaret Craghill (Captain)

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

April 17 Talk on The Camelia Botnar Centre by Mrs Sue Aldred - 2.00pm
24 Pencil and Paper games - 2.00pm
May 1 Call my Bluff - 2.00pm



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ROY WEBB. £400 has been sent to the WISHING WELL APPEAL at Great Ormond Street Hospital in memory of Roy Webb. Jean, Glenda and Lorna are delighted to think of the help this will give to children at the hospital, and wish to thank all those who contributed to the appeal.

Christian Aid Week this year will be from MAY 10th to 16th when people from our church, together with friends from other local churches, will be carrying out house-to-house collections in our area for the annual Appeal.

I shall be approaching those who helped in this work last year, but we were not then able to cover all the roads which had been allocated to us, so more VOLUNTEERS WILL BE WELCOME! All that is required is to spare two or three evenings that week, first to distribute the Appeal Envelopes through the letter boxes, and then to call back towards the end of the week to collect the envelopes, hopefully with something in them by then.

If you can help, please contact me at church, or at home by phone (240560), but please note I shall be away from April 13th to 21st. Or put your name on a list which is on the Mission Notice Board in the church vestibule.

I do hope we shall be able to improve upon the result obtained last year.

Ian Hennell (Rep)

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OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

The leaflets we wish to produce to place in church for weddings and funerals are now to include baptisms. We have been given some ideas for designs, but we believe there are some other people who just have not got around to it yet, so before we make a decision could you let either Rev Peter Heckels or me have any contributions. The size is to be a quarter of A4.

Lent Course. Both Lily (Collison) and Ron (Christopher) are running groups, and have full complements, and 22 people from our church are attending groups. There is to be a service in Holy Week at St. Mary's church, Goring bringing the course to a close. We believe the date to be Monday, April 6th.

Our visitation to Elgin Road will start in the week beginning April 20th, and in May and June we visit Robson Road. NOW is the time for us to start prayer-walking these roads. If you can commit yourself to this, and the visitation itself, please let me know. We propose having a meeting on April 15th on church premises for people taking part in the visitations, and delivering the initial notes. We need people who will pray for this outreach in church whilst others are out knocking on the doors. We propose introducing an additional question to the Questionnaire - HAVE YOU A HOLY BIBLE?

Flower Festival. Eileen has had meetings with prospective flower arrangers, but on the preparation day people will be needed to fetch and carry, and clear up afterwards for these artistic people, so if you can help in this way, please let me know. The date is Thursday, June 25th. On the Friday evening The Rowland Singers, with guests, perhaps, will give a concert lasting about an hour, in the church, and on Saturday, Rev Peter Heckels will be conducting a Songs of Praise. As you know, the theme of the Flower Festival is Wedding Anniversaries, and we are asking people to let either our Minister, or me, know your wedding hymns. We hope to have a wide selection.

Rev Peter Heckels said that the Nativity Pantomime to take place in December has 8 substantial roles and 21 other parts, some of which have small speaking parts. He has already approached some people to take part, and we are optimistic. We shall, of course, need people to help with the wardrobe, and back stage, so if you think you can help in any way do not be afraid to volunteer.

There is to be an Evangelism Training Day on April 25th from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Rochester - cost £5.

There is to be a 'Form a chain-age' at the G7 Summit in Birmingham from May 15/17 when Jubilee 2000 will be discussed. Rev Beryl Chatfield will be going, and has information.

On Palm Sunday, April 5th, there will be a Time for Tots Service at 9.15am and on Easter Sunday evening, April 12th, we shall repeat 'Breaking Bread'. We would like to produce a leaflet advertising our EASTER SERVICES, similar to those at Christmas, and distribute them to the houses we visited last autumn.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule. Please do not leave it until the last day, and DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES. Thank you. Editor.

WOMEN'S GUILD - SPRING SESSION

President:	Mrs Ivy Berry	Vice-President:	Mrs Irene Dearsley
Secretary:	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer:	Mrs Joan Burrage
Committee:	Mrs M Brown	Mrs L Collison	Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott	Mrs T Sanders	Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Taylor	Mrs P Walker	

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

Our Motto: To have a friend is to be one. Membership Fee: £1.50 per session.

April 14th	Open Meeting - Your war reminiscences, please	2.30pm
April 28th	Mr G Love - Jill's Fashions	2.30pm

Mrs M. Campling returned on February 17th to talk on the start of Royal Maundy Money - a commemoration of Maundy Thursday, the day before Jesus was crucified, had the last meal with His disciples, and washed their feet. This was taken up by the early church all over the world. It became more of a ceremony in the 15th century when clothing and money were distributed by Kings and Queens. Our present Queen decided to take the money around the country and present it to those people who had devoted their time to the community. It was amusing to note that Elizabeth Tudor was not prepared to reveal her correct age, and over the years became younger - not older. As Mrs Campling remarked 'nothing changes!'

We had a welcome return visit from Mr Toole Mackson on March 3rd. He is a Trustee and Director of Worthing Area Guild Care, the largest local Charity in the south of England and now 60 years' old. The CAB was started by Guild Care, and in 1990 the first home for the homeless. The Charity provides a large number of services, such as help for the elderly in their own homes, shopping, etc. There is a voluntary home-visiting scheme, and day care, and this is the only organisation whereby a carer can get any respite. We were reminded that unwanted furniture, etc. can be collected and sold in the community shop.

£50 was handed to our speaker from a collection.

Betty Hislop

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

President:	Rev Ron Christopher	Chairman:	Mr Tom Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mr Ian Hennell (240560)		
Committee Member:	Mr Frazer Finlay		

We have one rule - Be friendly. Subscription: £1.00 per session

April 14th	Members' Meeting
April 28th	Subject to be announced, but we hope to show another video
	Both Meetings in the Harris Room at 2.30pm

Come and join us for a pleasant afternoon, with a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

THE NEW 'WELCOME' FORMAT

We do not like this - there is a lack of information - especially for the Stewards who have to collect the offerings. Also the names of the Stewards are not listed. Audrey Stewart and Peggy Kean.

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING, WORKING IN SERVICE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, SUPPLY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES FOR OLDER PEOPLE
CONSISTING OF NUTRITIOUS 3-COURSE MEALS.**

TUESDAYS New Life Church Hall, Durrington
 West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
WEDNESDAYS St Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring
 Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring
FRIDAYS Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater
 Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

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YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight, but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Hilary will have David's and Geoffrey's addresses. Please remember those at home who also need our prayers.

David SIBLEY	North London University
Kirsty CRAGHILL	The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey
Geoffrey REDMAN	Chichester College
Lisa JACKSON	Reading University

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IN THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CRUCIFIED THERE WAS A GARDEN. (John 19 v 41)

Have you been on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? I have. It can be the most wonderful experience of a life-time. For me, one golden experience stands out from all the others, and I would love to share it with you.

In Jerusalem they show you two possible sites of our Lord's tomb. The first is in the bazaar, where the Church of Holy Sepulchre is built, which has some 700 years of tradition behind it.

The second is so much more attractive, and true to the gospel description. There is a green hill outside the present city wall, a green hill shaped like a human skull and, at the foot of the hill, just across a narrow path, there is a beautiful garden in which there is an ancient empty tomb. I have knelt in that garden, with 40 other pilgrims, in silent prayer before the empty tomb. During that time the garden seemed to blossom and glow with the very presence of the Holy Spirit among us. One could almost hear that Voice lifted in triumph 'He is not here, He is risen', even as He said. One could imagine the return of the women, and that electric moment when Jesus met Mary in the garden. Then there was the breathless rush of Peter and John to tell the other disciples - 'He is risen! The tomb is empty!'

While our Lord was being crucified He made that dreadful tree to blossom. Here is one of the blossoms. 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do'. Here is another, handed to a dying thief. 'Today thou shalt be with me in paradise'. Here's another, handed to a broken-hearted woman. 'Woman, behold thy son'. Blossoms that will never die. Praise be to God.

Elia G Robertson

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP. REST IN PEACE.

19 MARCH

MR. DONALD 'DON' STEWART DIED AFTER A STROKE

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ATTENTION CAKE BAKERS!!

To raise funds for Little Fishes Playgroup there will be a **CAKE SALE** during the Blood Donors session on April 29th. We would love to receive lots of cakes from our Church family to sell. * Please leave all cakes with Mrs. Sue Mitchell in the week before. Many thanks. Gaynor Anderson-Easey.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WORTHING

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St Laurence's church, Friday, April 24th at 10.30am

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DANIEL'S BAND

Standing by a purpose true, heeding God's command,
honour them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel's Band!
Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!

Many mighty men are lost, daring not to stand,
Who for God had been a host, by joining Daniel's Band.
Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!

P.P. Bliss

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April 25th - St Mark's Day O Almighty God, who has instructed Your holy church with the heavenly doctrine of Your Evangelist, St Mark, give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Your holy Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SERENDIPITY

All ladies will be welcome to a fun evening on April 6th - 7.30pm to 9.00pm - when Val Gill will be giving a lesson in accordin playing. She has TWELVE spare accordians, so notice of your attendance will be appreciated.

Gaynor Anderson-Easey

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NOTICE Members' articles will be considered for publication in the Chronicle, subject to the approval of Rev Peter Heckles and/or the Editor. Remember, the Chronicle belongs to us all.

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SNIPPETS

KAZAKSTAN 'The Kazak Bible Storybook Project has distributed 250,000 copies in the Central Asian nation schools, according to Interdev. As many as 100 people per month are coming to Christ in the Country.'

From World Prayer News

Think about this:- 'Do you love me because you want to follow Christ, or do you want me to follow Christ because you love me?' This challenging question was posed by a Muslim woman to her Christian woman friend, and is quoted in AISHA MY SISTER, a new book by Sally Sutcliffe of Interserve.

'Here thou art but a stranger travelling to thy country where the glories of a kingdom are prepared for thee. It is, therefore, a huge folly to be much afflicted because thou hast a less convenient inn to lodge in by the way.'

Jeremy Taylor

A Christmas Cracker 'We shall be meeting on Wednesday, April 11th, when the subject will be 'Heaven, how do we get there?' Transport is available from the 'bus stop opposite the Harewood Arms at 7.55pm.'

From a Parish Magazine of Collingham with Harewood

EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER. Five year old Philip was travelling with his mother by car when it broke down. Mum examined the engine and got in to try again. Philip, with his eyes shut, was saying 'Please, God, help mum to start the car, and if you can't come, send my dad.' The car started with no more bother so dad was not needed after all!

The Friendship Book 1986 - Francis Gay





Present

The Dream of Gerontius

by Edward Elgar

with

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. HOLY COMMUNION.

You are warmly invited to share in a short service of Holy Communion in our church on Sunday 26th April 1998 at 3.00 p.m.

The Church will be warm and there will be a number of comfortable chairs available. Following the service tea will be served in the hall.

Transport can be provided if necessary.

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

Eileen M. Rhodes

Tel:- Worthing 248263

TIME FOR TOTS



9.15 AM



SUNDAY 5TH APRIL



A SHORT SERVICE FOR PARENTS
AND YOUNG CHILDREN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

THE OPEN BOOK

The Open Book project set up by the Bible Society and Churches Together in England is a project born out of the Decade of Evangelism. It is a project which we will all hear about and wish to be involved in. It is a project committed to bringing Scripture back into its place in society. It is a project which aims to educate society in the values which it holds which are born out of Scripture and which form the basis of our every day lives; values which are not self evident to reason but which are rooted in God's story.

In February, Norman (our Bible Society Rep.) and Alma Prattent and Graham and Hilary Redman joined the Southern Provincial weekend conference in Eastbourne the theme of which was **The Open Book**. Of course we had a lot of fun and found tremendous fellowship, but we were also involved in many activities centred on the theme. We were able to listen to Rev David Spriggs the Co-ordinator of **The Open Book** and to Rev Colin Green from churches Together in England.

We were reminded that the Bible has been replaced in society by many other stories which people hope will answer the questions, "Who am I?", "Where do I come from?", "What is the purpose of my life?" These other stories include the Scientific story, the Economic story, the story told by Astrologers, the story of Individualism, of Destiny. These alternative stories are beginning to crumble and we move into a 'post modern' time when people who are unsatisfied are looking for yet another alternative.

We, who have the key to the answers in Scripture, also have a responsibility to make opportunities for society to share our treasure. Many many people have Bibles in their homes but they remain unopened and forgotten.

The Open Book takes five key stories to help people understand the answers to their questions.

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| 1 The story of CREATION | the theme of IDENTITY |
| 2 The Story of the EXODUS | the theme of FREEDOM |
| 3 The story of the EXILE & RETURN | the theme of JUSTICE |
| 4 The story of the NATIVITY | the theme of HOPE |
| 5 The story of the CROSS & RESURRECTION | the theme of FORGIVENESS |

The Bible is a BIG story; a collection of stories not just for a few, but for EVERYONE. Not just for Christians - God so loved the world; God created the Universe; Adam was the father of the human race; we should pass it on.

HOW?

The Open Book has produced all sorts of resources for passing the message on, Goring URC has a Resource pack and will be using some of the ideas contained in it. We are already getting out into the Community in our neighbourhood, knocking on doors and inviting people to take time to learn more about the Christian faith. We would like to give away copies of St. Mark's Gospel. We have already planned a flower festival to draw people in to our building, and we are planning to put on a pantomime at Christmas with several performances so we can invite all our neighbours. There are many other ways in which we can begin to expose the Bible in our society. Please look out for more material connected with **The Open Book**, and make the project a subject for your prayers. More ideas will be circulated from other churches, and we are invited to share our ideas too.

Although this was a subject for the URC Southern Provincial weekend **The Open Book** project will be taken up by all denominations and the other Churches in Goring and Worthing, and throughout the country.

"No one will deny the need to give back to the people of this land the book on which our faith is based. It has become for many a closed book. It needs to be re-opened, and its riches, its teaching, and above all God's love for the whole of His creation, fed back into our culture by all the means of communication at our disposal, including art, music, drama and all the tools with which modern technology equips us." CTE Evangelism group.

Isn't it wonderful to see so many children in Church on a Sunday morning. We give thanks to God for each one of the children he gives us the privilege to teach. We are greatly encouraged by the arrival of new children, some who have just moved into the area but mostly coming from the 'Little Fishes' playgroup. Each one of the children who come to Junior Church is 'special' to Jesus.

As I write this the Trailblazers and G.A.S. are approaching the end of their study of this year's Bible Exploration which is based on the life of Peter. We meet Simon the fisherman, boisterous and over-enthusiastic one minute and fearful and hesitant the next. Under Jesus' influence we see him gradually become Peter, the firm 'rock'. The change is not an easy one, but the mistakes Peter makes along the way offer hope to us all as we journey in faith and fellowship. The youngsters will be sitting their exam on Friday 27 March and will share in an outing to the aquarena on Saturday 28 March..

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Norman Prattent, Irene Dearlsey and Chris Byerley who agreed to teach during the Bible Exploration, without your help we would have found it difficult. You have all given of your time and shown your love for our Lord to the children, may He bless each one of you.

We do still need some more helpers/teachers among our children. As the numbers of our children increases so does our need. If anyone is interested why not visit us on a Sunday morning? See what we get up to with the children, what fun we have, how responsive the children are. Have a word with Peter or myself and it can be arranged.

We value your interest and prayerful support.

Wilma Smith

DON'T FORGET OUR DISTRICT URC LADIES DAY AT GORING

On MONDAY 27 APRIL 1998 10 am. to 2.30 pm.

'THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS'

Speaker: Mrs Chris Cox, a Mother and Grandmother and member of a local Baptist Church, and involved in leading Women's work for nearly 20 years.

Please bring packed lunch, Bible, notebook & pen.
CRECHE and bookstall available.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO BOTH MEETINGS.

Irene Tuley.

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Thousands of multi-coloured vests have been knitted by ladies throughout the UK for ECHO. These go out as soft packing around delicate medical equipment and drugs at no cost to either us or the recipients. They are always greatly appreciated by missionary nurses and midwives as sometimes it is the only article of clothing belonging to the baby of a poor family and therefore plays an extremely important role in infantile health care in the Third World. **THANK YOU KNITTERS!** Patterns and further details on request.

URC WOMEN'S DAY



"THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS"

Led by Mrs Chris Cox

MONDAY 27 APRIL 1998

10am to 2.30pm

**at Goring United Reformed
Church,
Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing**

CRECHE AND BOOKSTALL AVAILABLE

Please bring a packed lunch, Bible and notebook. Drinks provided.

Mrs Cox is a mother & grandmother and member of a local Baptist Church and involved in leading women's work for nearly 20 years.

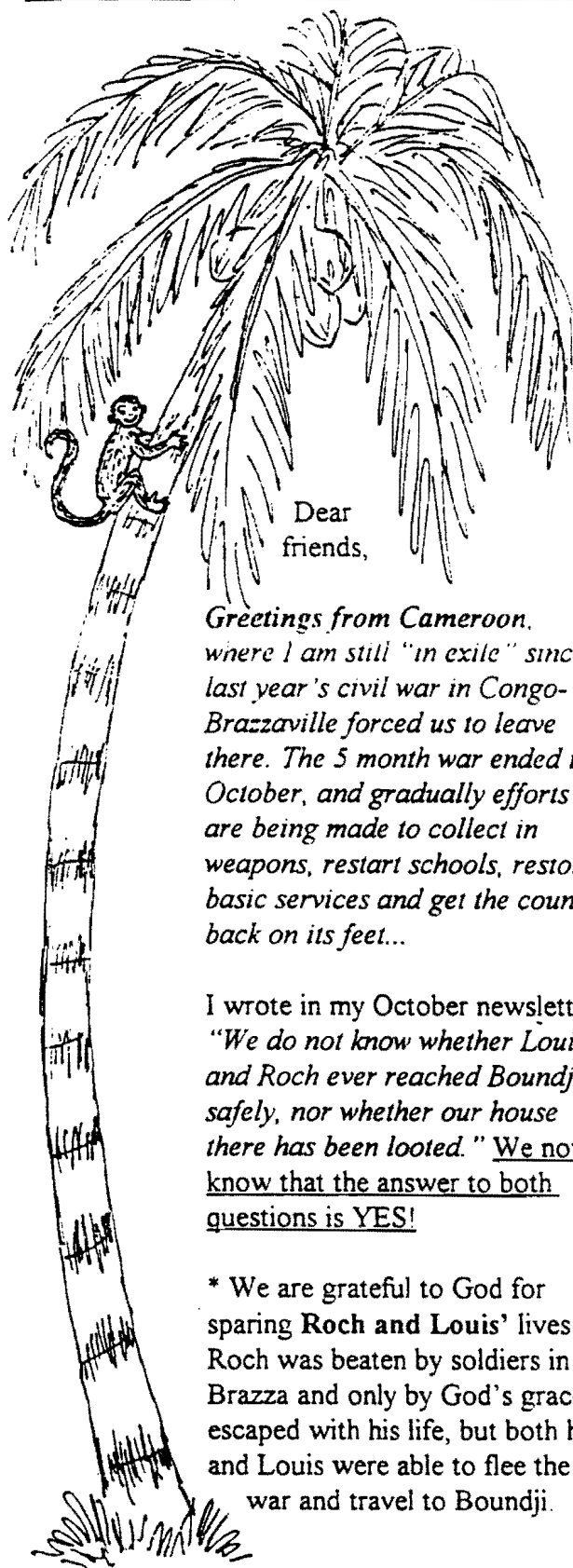
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.

RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

No. 15

February 1998



Dear
friends,

Greetings from Cameroon, where I am still "in exile" since last year's civil war in Congo-Brazzaville forced us to leave there. The 5 month war ended in October, and gradually efforts are being made to collect in weapons, restart schools, restore basic services and get the country back on its feet...

I wrote in my October newsletter: *"We do not know whether Louis and Roch ever reached Boundji safely, nor whether our house there has been looted."* We now know that the answer to both questions is YES!

* We are grateful to God for sparing **Roch and Louis'** lives! Roch was beaten by soldiers in Brazza and only by God's grace escaped with his life, but both he and Louis were able to flee the war and travel to Boundji.

* We finally heard that our house has been looted, but we don't know whether they took the entire contents or just some of them! Other foreigners' houses and the poorly equipped hospital in Boundji were also pillaged. It's disappointing, but it also helps us not to be too attached to material possessions!

It is a miracle of God's grace that so far we have not heard of anyone we knew well who was killed during the war (10,000 are thought to have died), although many have been traumatised.

SO WHAT ARE OUR PLANS NOW???

Actually, this new year is still full of uncertainties. Although it has been possible for colleagues to visit Brazzaville, we are not yet sure when is the right time to move back and start re-furnishing and equipping our centre. Not all weapons have been handed in and we still hear of isolated incidents of looting.

Some of the SIL Congo group will shortly be moving to Congo's second city, Pointe Noire, to continue working from there. It is, however, too far from Boundji to be a useful option for us, and so at the moment we plan to continue with our work on the Mboshi language here in Cameroon.

HOWEVER, Andrea and I have a tentative plan to visit Boundji for a couple of weeks around April/May. We would like to travel first to Gabon to collect and have work done on our Daihatsu truck (it needs new brakes!), and then drive it back across the border into Congo. We want to spend time with our Boundji friends, find out what needs replacing in our house, and assess how soon we might return to live there. There are various possible reasons why this trip might not happen and there are potential difficulties - but we know God can work it out in His timing...

Belated thanks for all your Christmas greetings! Pauline (another SIL Congo member) and I spent the holiday season visiting the **far north of Cameroon!** It was very hot, dry and dusty! No more humid rain forests, but instead a stark, rocky landscape. Most of the river beds were dry, but fortunately the water table is high enough for wells and irrigation systems to be widespread.



Typical village housing in the north of Cameroon

We visited some SIL teams who work in the far north, and also the Waza Game Reserve where we were able to observe a pair of lions at close range from the safety of our vehicle. (Happily we were not at such close range when our vehicle got a flat tyre...!)

Apart from the physical features of the landscape, another lasting impression from northern

Cameroon was of the mosques and the Muslim calls to prayer. "**Prayer stops**" were a regular feature of our bush taxi journeys! Just imagine coaches in England making stops to give Christians the opportunity to get out and kneel down by the roadside to pray!!

Here in Yaoundé, the Mboshi-French dictionary is slowly taking shape with the help of **Michel and Jean de Dieu** (both from Boundji, and both students of philosophy!). We are also slowly progressing with grammar analysis. Michel has still heard nothing from his family who were in Brazza when the war started 9 months ago. We are praying that during this difficult time he will come to know the Lord in a real way!

***THANK YOU** if you prayed for my American friend, Deb, who I told you about in my last newsletter! Having broken her neck in a swimming accident, she is continuing to make an excellent recovery, although she still has some pain and disability. She has been given a computer which she talks to and it writes down what she says!!! However, she has just heard that her Mum now has a broken back caused by cancer...*

PRAISE & PRAYER TOPICS:

- News received of Louis & Roch's safety!
- A good Christmas vacation for Pauline & I!
- Endurance & healing for Deb & her Mum
- Michel, still awaiting news of his family...
- Healing for our traumatized Congolese colleagues & friends!
- Andrea & my proposed trip to Boundji in April/May
- That I will increasingly know Jesus to be the true anchor for my life!

**"We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure when the billows roll
Fastened to the rock which cannot move
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's
love!"** (Priscilla J. Owens)

May 1998 be a year when we are firmly "anchored" to Jesus! Thanks for your prayers and for keeping in touch!

Ruth



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This letter is kindly distributed in UK by Miss Helena Hopiavaara, Flat C, 10 Valley Road, Streatham, London SW16 2XN. Please inform her of UK address changes.

ROWLAND SINGERS CONCERT The Rowland Singers' Easter Concert is on Wednesday, April 1st in our church at 7.30pm. The works to be performed are Poulenc's 'Gloria' and Handel's 'Messiah', Parts 2 and 3. The soloists will be soprano Anne Robinson, contralto Jacky Emery, tenor John Watkin, bass John Polwin. At the time of writing this note, the organist has not been appointed. You will be pleased to know that Geoffrey Redman will be playing his trumpet and making his first appearance with the choir. There will be a retiring collection to offset the costs of the choir, and it is hoped to make some money for our church funds. Refreshments will be served in the interval. If you are unable to make this date, another performance will be taking place on April 4th at 7.30pm at St John the Divine Church on the corner of Elm Road and Ripley Road, Worthing, and they have tickets for sale at £3 each which I can obtain for you.

Please give any comments you may have on the above to Rev Peter Heckels or me.

Sheila Gooderham (O & E Committee)

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LITTLE FISHES

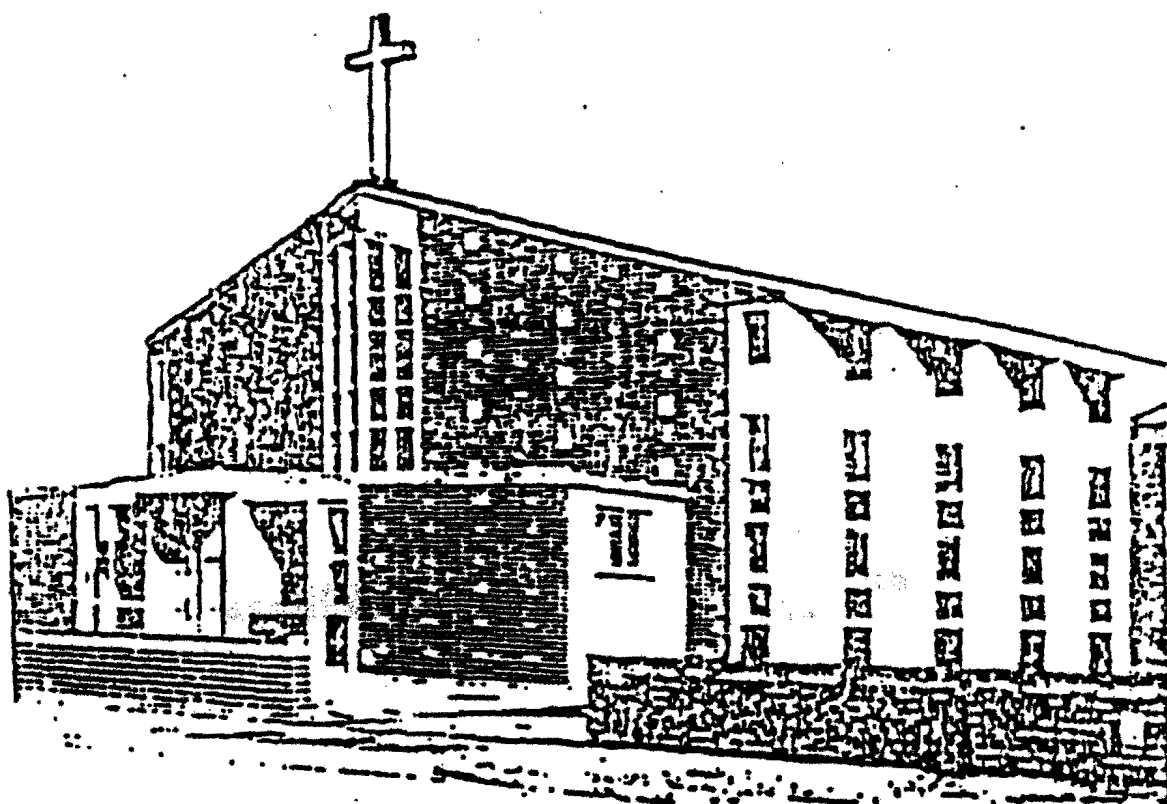
As Chair-person of the Little Fishes Playgroup I would like to apologise to anyone who felt left out of the Little Fishes Nativity Show last December. * As there was going to be many parents, grand-parents, siblings, etc., of the children attending the performances it was felt that any more would have been a squash, and perhaps, overwhelming for the little ones, so big notice of the event was not raised. * However there will be a Leavers' Concert in July where all will be welcomed.

Gaynor Anderson-Easey. Little Fishes Committee.

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MAY 1998

The CHRONICLE



GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

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5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
9 Mr Norman Prattent	240031	10 Mrs Carol Webber	690334

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Dear Friends

'Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples'. With these words Matthew draws his gospel towards its conclusion, but what do they mean to us now - in Goring in 1998? The words were originally spoken to the disciples of Jesus who had witnessed the Resurrection of the one who they believed dead and buried, yet who they knew to be God's Son. The words of Peter when he affirmed 'You are the Christ' now took on a new meaning and significance. Jesus had triumphed, the victory was complete and the way to everlasting life was now open - no wonder the disciples wanted to tell the whole world the Good News of the Gospel. They could hardly wait to get started.

A similar urge and enthusiasm has come to the church on many occasions when either individuals or groups have sought to stir the church from its lethargy and moved it into action. Often this has been over some particular issue where it is felt that the church should have a voice or it has been on a general conviction that the church should be spreading the Gospel to those who have not heard it. The church on these occasions has been able to mobilise its forces certain that Christ is calling it into action.

We live in an age of a spiritual famine. Not only do people generally not go to church, but they are ignorant of what church is all about. The church is a place where a few 'do gooders' who love all God's creatures gather together to sing hymns and meet each other. This is unfortunately the impression we give most people who come to a church for christenings, weddings or funerals, and then, perhaps, only because they are invited guests. What a sad reflection of the church of Jesus Christ, the Living Lord, whose victory we have just celebrated. Most people are ignorant of what we are because we have not made the effort to tell them - unfortunately we are too often concerned with running our own little part of the church or with organising fund raising events, just to keep everything going as it always has. 'Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.'

The whole reason for the church being here is to proclaim the Gospel - that is what Jesus calls us to do, and we must look at all our activities to ensure that through them this is what we do. Our age cries out for an alternative way of living which is spiritually rather than materially based, and we must respond. Of course, we need to be clear what we are proclaiming, but as God calls us so we know He will be with us as our help and guide. We can, of course, talk and talk about these things and sit back and wait, but Jesus calls us to action. 'Go' He says, and we can all respond. As individuals we can talk and share with friends and neighbours, at home and at work, and as a church we can be responsive to those who come to seek and learn and go to those who are waiting to be challenged. Now this is not easy, and no-one should ever tell you it is, for such a viewpoint of going and doing challenges us as a church and as individuals. Yet it is through this that we will all grow for we go dependent on Jesus and Him alone and all that is done is done through Him.

We are called to go, to bring others to Jesus, to welcome them in His name, to make them feel part of the family, to make them comfortable. We are given this challenge by Jesus who offers us His Holy Spirit to enable and equip us. This is the challenge of Easter as we await the Spirit coming at Pentecost. Continue please to pray for us as we face this challenge with you.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

News of The Fellowship

Audrey and Amanda wish to thank you all for your prayer support, and the sympathy, cards and letter, and for all attending at Donald's Service on Monday March 30th. Please continue praying for us. We much appreciate it.

I would like to send my warmest thanks to my friends at Goring URC who have been kind enough to send cards, good wishes and prayerful remembrances during my enforced stay in hospital. It has been an unexpected and frustrating experience, but there has been a slow improvement and I look forward to seeing you all again before long. Meanwhile, love and best wishes to you all. 4.4.98. I have just received a beautiful bunch of flowers from our Church, following the Easter Sunday Services. They are really lovely. Many thanks indeed.

Ian Hennell 14.4.98

I should like to thank most warmly those who prayed, visited, sent flowers and cards, gave gifts, and provided hospitality during my recent indisposition. Such kindness is really heart-warming. 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.'

Phyllis Wheeler

Sweet is the solemn voice that calls the Christian to the House of Prayer;
I love to stand within the walls, for Thou, O Lord, art present there.

5. Bryan Jupe has left the district

Hayward House - 2 Shaftesbury Avenue

Two very pleasant west-facing **Flatlets**, each with a small kitchen, are available from January. **Hayward House**, established by our Church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of Church Members primarily for the benefit of our own Church Members and friends.

Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity, and use of common room, laundry room and gardens. Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden. For further information please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin or Mrs Jane Bond.

Eric Bond (Chairman)

Easter Concert - The Rowland Singers

There was an audience of about 60 people who came to listen in our Church on April 1st, and there were many kind remarks made about the music and Geoffrey Redman's trumpet playing. Because of the meaningful introduction by Rev. Peter Heckles the retiring collection amounted to £150.17. After taking out the Choir's expenses £30 was given to our Church. Thank you for coming. The singers can be heard again, with different choice of music, on **Friday June 26th at 7.30pm** as part of our Church's Flower Festival. Please make a note of the date.

Sheila Goooderham

June 21st Wycliffe Bible Translators Sunday - with visiting team and tea.

Thursday 7th May 7.30pm House and Fabric Committee Meeting

Serendipity

There will be a Games evening on Monday May 11th at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.

Gaynor Anderson -Easey

FEBA Radio Mailing - May 9th (1 day) 9am to 5pm

For more details please contact Jenny on 01903- 237281

Christians Together in Goring

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at New Life Church Goring May 17th at 10.30am

'Goring Together' Meeting Saturday May 2nd 7.45 to 9.15 pm at Bury Drive Methodist Church

Dates for your Diaries - Church Family/Fund Raising Events

Monday	May	4	Church Ramble 2pm
Saturday	May	30	Church Coffee Morning
Saturday	July	11	Beach Bar-B-Que
Saturday	Sept	26	Harvest- American Supper
Saturday	Oct	31	Church Bazaar
Saturday	Nov	21	Jumble Sale

Little Fishes Playgroup

Many thanks to all who supported our Cake Sale on March 27th. We raised a total of £56.62

Gaynor Anderson -Easey

Women's Guild. Spring Session

President	Mrs Ivy Berry	Vice-President	Mrs Irene Dearsley
Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer	Mrs Joan Burrage
Committee	Mrs M Brown	Mrs L Collison	Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott	Mrs T Sanders	Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Walker	Mrs P Taylor	

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

Our Motto:- To have a friend is to be one.

Membership Fee: £1.50 per Session

May 12	Annual General Meeting in the Church hall	2.30pm
May 26	Outing with Men's Fellowship	

Our Guild Easter Service took place in the Church Hall on March 31st, and once again we have to thank Peggy Mott for a fresh presentation of the Easter Story, which was much appreciated by all.

B.Hislop

On Tuesday March 17th we were transported by our own member Mrs Betty Hislop, to join her on her recent holiday to America. The slides were beautiful - we really felt we were there, sharing Betty's adventures. Here's a few - round-up in Ranch Country, an interesting visit to a Mormon Temple, a helicopter trip over Grand Canyon, spacious, beautiful parks in Denver. We avoided the rattlesnakes in another park, and shuddered as we travelled by coach along a very narrow, rocky path journeying up a 4,000 metre mountain, with steep slopes on either side, our sail on the lake so close to the mountains and glaciers. Thank you, Betty, for a most enjoyable afternoon.

The earth belongs to anyone who stops and gazes.

Lily Collison

Men's Fellowship

President	Rev Ron Christopher	Chairman	Mr Tom Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr Ian Hennell(240560)	Committee Member	Mr Frazer Finlay
	We have one rule - Be friendly		Subs £1 per session

May 12	Harris Room, Annual General Meeting
May 26	Outing with Women's Guild

Come and join us for a pleasant afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

I love to tread the hallowed courts where two or three for worship meet;
for thither Christ Himself resorts and makes the little band complete.

W.Hurn



Flower Festival.

June 26th -28th 1998

Plans are already under way for the flower festival. We have a team of arrangers who will be, even as you read this, working out what they plan to do. We need your prayers that all we seek to do can be achieved to God's glory.

Our theme is 'Wedding Anniversaries' and it is hoped that many of you will have an anniversary this year that will correspond with one that we are featuring in our display. If this is the case and you would like to sponsor us, i.e. pay for that arrangement, then I would be pleased to hear from you.

Many people have asked if they can give money towards the festival even if they do not have an anniversary to celebrate and I would say, 'Yes Please!' We have approached the shops and small businesses around the church to ask for their help and we wait with anticipation for the replies.

The anniversaries we are covering are:-

1st -- paper; 2nd -- cotton; 3rd -- leather; 4th -- books; 5th wood;
6th -- sugar, candy; 7th -- copper; 8th -- bronze; 9th -- pottery; 10th -- tin;
11th -- steel; 12th -- silk; 13th -- lace; 14th -- ivory; 15th -- crystal;
20th -- china; 25th -- silver; 30th -- pearl; 35th -- coral; 40th -- ruby;
45th -- sapphire; 50th -- gold; 55th -- emerald; 60th -- diamond.

So you see it is not only the very special ones but plenty of scope for all of us.

If you have any containers or materials that you think may be useful to us in making up the arrangements please get in touch. Flower Festivals are times when the periphery items that are used are as, if not more, important than the flowers themselves so please look around and help us. Whatever you do don't decide for yourself whether something will be useful or not, it may be just what the arranger is looking for to complete the project.

At various times on the Welcome you may find requests for articles so please keep looking.

Can I thank those people who have already committed themselves to this venture in whatever way. It will be a busy weekend and we need you all, those who will arrange flowers, those who will clear up, those who will help with refreshments, bakers, stewards, and prayers, (something that we can all do.) Please begin to pray about this weekend now as in our own strength we will not achieve our goal which is, as I said at the beginning, to bring glory to God and to his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I would love to hear from you, Eileen Heckels (248259)





I am sure you enjoyed our TEARFUND Sunday. I thought the Services were great, and brought us a challenge to put Christian love into action. Thank you for your response in the envelopes of £144.50 which I have sent off to Tearfund. Please go on using the prayer cards to remember Thailand, Sudan, and the cancellation of Third World debt.

If you would like to know more I have a VIDEO which you can borrow. It has 8 interesting sections of about 7 minutes, each featuring different aspects, and each is introduced by Jonathan Edwards - champion triple jumper !!

LET'S USE IT !

I would also be pleased to add your name to those taking "TEAR TIMES", the quarterly Tearfund Magazine.

This year our Women's Guild is also giving part of their project fund to Tearfund's meal programme "Bread for Life", and so providing hungry children with ONE nutritious meal a day, because TONIGHT 1,000 MILLION PEOPLE WILL GO TO BED HUNGRY !!

Thank you for your caring and giving.

We are not the only ones supporting Tearfund as the following story shows.

'Inmates at Mount Prison near Hemel Hempstead have raised an impressive £3,322 for Tearfund's work with street children after hearing about the work from a prison visitor. 95 men each walked over 10 miles around their football pitch, a grand total of 1000 miles !'

Keep doing your part.

Irene Dearsley

P.S. If anyone has our two photographs of a Refugee Camp in Sudan we would be pleased to know. Thank you.

LETTER FROM UKRAINE

Written by Pastor Czirik's wife, Eva

'Our son, Bela, is at home now and he can translate the letter to English; that's why we are writing.

God's love is wonderful. He makes that our small church has brothers and sisters in England and they help us.

It was a privilege that you write about us in your church newspaper.

The building of the church centre is going well. We have a room finished and we do the Bible Study lessons there.

Our church is not too big. It has 1150 members and on every Sunday 280 - 350 people attend the service.

Please come and see our church if you can.

Please pray for us. We are praying for your too.

Thank you for sponsoring our work.

We wish a nice Easter to you.'

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- New members are most welcome. The Friendship Centre provides a good meal and a happy atmosphere
- More volunteers are needed to help with driving, welcoming etc.

Please contact Pam Stower (237050) for more information.



Miss Amanda Stewart, 209 Kathleen Drive, West St. Paul, Minnesota MN 55118
United States of America February 1998

Extracts from her letter to her dear parents reproduced by kind permission.

'Well, I can hardly believe that it is already the middle of February. I must say I'm really enjoying the winter weather here, and I guess I've been very fortunate in as much that it has been a very mild one compared to the sub-zero temperatures they usually endure. There was really only one weekend, when the temperature plummeted to minus 50 degrees with the chill wind. I caused everyone a lot of merriment when I rushed off to try to find somewhere that sold a hot water bottle! Over here that's more difficult than you can imagine! Some one made me laugh a while ago when they said, in all seriousness, that they could always tell when the temperature was 20 or more degrees below because, when she breathed in, her nostrils would stick together! I'm very glad to say that this rather charming piece of information hasn't been my experience at all! Everyone certainly makes the most of all the snow that's around, and at every possible opportunity I take my class of children out, with their sleds, to go racing down 'killer hill', which is just by the school. The children are really fearless in the manner in which they zoom down at breakneck speed, and I have got totally addicted! I've also gone snow shoeing - one night following a candle-lit trail - which was really fun trying to walk with what looked - and felt - like a pair of tennis racquets strapped to my feet! All the lakes here are well and truly frozen, and it does seem a strange sensation to walk across a huge frozen lake, watch people ice fish, using huge drills to break through the ice; other people ice skate or snow mobile across. This is one thing I haven't been persuaded to try. I went skiing for the first time last week - with older children from the school. It was supposed to be cross-country skiing. I was horrified to see the trail included several steep slopes. The children made it appear effortless, but I spent more time on my bottom than standing up on my skis, but it was a lot of fun, and I guess I just need a lot more practice! They're going downhill skiing next month, so I can't resist the chance to try my hand (or my bottom) at that!

For 10 days during January St. Paul has it's annual winter carnival where everything wonderful about the cold and the snow is celebrated big time! This includes crowning a snow King and Queen, a very impressive carnival, every float, band and entertainment imaginable, through the streets, and what I enjoyed seeing most - ice sculptures. Unfortunately they didn't build an ice castle. It wasn't cold enough this year. (in 1992 they built one 166 feet high). They still built huge ice thrones that you could sit on, and amazing statues of windmills, dolphins jumping out of surf, huge ice musical instruments, etc. I found it amazing watching them sculpt the ice, using all manner of tools, and then, finally, using a hot iron to smooth off rough edges and make the ice glisten! It really was an incredible 10 days, and I don't want Spring to come just yet because I'm far too busy enjoying the Winter!

Last weekend some teachers invited me out for a meal and we all agreed to meet at one house, and from there proceed to the restaurant. Everyone arrived looking smug and pleased with themselves, and I had the definite feeling that they all knew something that I didn't! Shortly after, I was told to go and open the front door, and to my utmost surprise I saw, waiting outside, a great big white stretch-limo, which they'd hired to drive us around the sights of Minneapolis for an hour, before taking us to the restaurant! I couldn't believe my eyes - it was amazing! Inside there was champagne to drink, and we ended up toasting everyone we could remember (including the Queen Mum and her new hip!). The chauffeur drove really slowly, so that we held up the traffic behind us, and it was fun seeing people turn and try to look and see who was inside this amazing car! Will my little Ford Fiesta ever feel the same again I wonder, after this star treatment!

School is still going extremely well; my little children who couldn't read at all when I got them in September are reading really well now, and surprising me on a daily basis! I must say I've grown very fond of all of them, and am very proud of them!

This week-end Marion, a friend from the school back in London, is coming to visit for a week, and I'm really looking forward to that. I think the mandatory visit to the Mall of America is called for, and it will be fun to show her around the twin cities now that I know where most things are!

Well I think that's all the news for now. I hope reading of all this ice and snow hasn't made you feel too cold! I hear back home daffodil shoots are already beginning to appear. We have to wait until May for that!

Take care, and do drop me a line some time. It would be really great to hear from you. Much Love. Amanda. xxx

Why not drop her a line - even on a postcard. Editor.

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FEBA RADIO - JUNE MAILING

We would be grateful if a note regarding the next Feba mailing could please be included in the May edition of your church magazine:

A Feba mailing will take place at our offices in June. Help is needed to collate the information and put it into envelopes. We love to see new faces and would value as many folk as possible to come along and help us.

The dates are:

Monday 8th June - Wednesday 10th June
between 9am and 5pm

You are invited to join with staff for office prayers from 12-12.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out up-to-date news about Feba's ministry and pray for current needs.

A number of friends bring sandwiches; some enjoy a full day with us, others drop in for an hour or so. Tea, coffee, and biscuits are supplied during the day.

It's a time for fellowship, meeting folk from other churches in Worthing and, at the same time, helping this missionary radio outreach which is bringing the good news of Jesus' love to the peoples of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

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Calendar for May 1998

1 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
2 Sat	C.T. in Goring at Bury Drive Methodist Service	7.45 to 9.15pm
3 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
4 Mon	May Day Bank Holiday - Church Ramble	2.00pm
5 Tue	F.E.B.A.	
	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
6 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
7 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30am	7.30am to 5.00pm
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Cornwall Room	2.30pm to 3.30pm
8 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
10 Sun	Christian Aid Week	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Worship	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
11 Mon	Monday Club, 5 - 7 year olds in the Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
	Serendipity - games evening in hall	7.30pm
12 Tue	Women's Guild in Hall & Men's Fellowship in Harris Room	2.30pm
	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
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	Morning Worship	10.30am
	Goring New Life Church Ecumenical Service	6.00pm
18 Mon	Monday Club, 5 - 7 year olds in the Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
	Visitation with prayer walking, Robson Road homes	6.00pm
19 Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
20 Wed	Painting for Fun - East Hall	10.00am to 12.00pm
21 Thu	Ascension Day. Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer Meeting - Little Chapel	2.30pm to 3.30pm
	Elders' Meeting	7.30pm
22 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro) - Outing	10.30am
24 Sun	Whit Sunday Pentecost Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Morning Worship	10.30am
	Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.00pm
25 Mon	Spring Bank Holiday - Half-Term	
26 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship - Outing	
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28 Thu	Church Meeting	7.30pm
29 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
30 Sat	Church Coffee Morning	
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	Family Worship	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
June 1st	Monday Club, 5 - 7 year olds in the Church Hall	5.00pm to 6.00pm
June 7th	Trinity Sunday	

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week this year will be from **May 10th to 16th** when people from our Church, together with friends from other local Churches, will be carrying out house-to-house collections in our area for the annual Appeal.

I shall be approaching those who helped in this work last year, but we were not able to cover all the roads which had been allocated to us, so more Volunteers will be welcome! All that is required is to spare two or three evenings that week, first to distribute the Appeal Envelopes through the letter boxes, and then to call back towards the end of the week to collect the envelopes, hopefully with something in them by then.

If you can help please contact me at the Church, or at home by phone (240560). Or put your name on a list which is on the Mission noticeboard in the Church vestibule, I do hope we shall be able to improve upon the result obtained last year.

Ian Hennell Rep

God makes a home for the lonely. Psalm 68:6

The government has recently made provision for poorer families, but many of the poorest people are young, single or old and often homeless. Even here in Worthing our 'nightshelter' accommodation for these people is not sufficient.

Worthing Stroke Club (KESTRO)

May 1	Call my Bluff	2.00pm
May 8	Worthing Grasshoppers Dance Group	2.00pm
May 15	Word Games	2.00pm
May 22	Outing to Paradise Gardens	10.30am
May 29	Beetle Drive	2.00pm

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Junior Church Bibles

After constant use for some years the Children's Bibles are wearing out! Altogether about twenty Holy Bibles are needed, and soon, we hope, even more. Of what they have **seven** are serviceable, **five** repairable, and the rest are beyond repair!! Between five and eight Holy Bibles are needed. They cost £13.00 each. It is hoped to be able to loan a Holy Bible to those without one in their home for their use during Bible Exploration, and then to present them with one of their own with their first certificate so that they are equipped for the next year - and for life!

Donations to Junior Church for this specific purpose will be most gratefully received by their treasurer, Mrs Audrey Ebeling.

What better than to be able to give, and 'Open the Book' to our children.

Jane Bond (Church Family Committee)

5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

Juniors	8 - 11 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45 pm
Explorers	5 - 8 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.15 pm
Seniors	11 - 14 years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 plus years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill.

Lieutenants: Linda Gray, Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

At the time of writing we have just finished the winter session. We started again on April 21st. We had an enjoyable last evening before Easter - I hope you noticed the Easter Bonnets and Easter Gardens we made. They were on display in the vestibule of our Church. After that we were treated to the Brigaders doing an entertainment like a fashion show. The younger Senior Section did a very good imitation of the Spice Girls. We certainly have some talent among the Girls!! They were all very good. We also enjoyed some hot cross buns, We hope you had a happy Easter. Our thoughts are with Audrey and Amanda Stewart. May God Bless you all at this time..

Advance Notice of District Sports Day & Swimming Gala - June 20th

Janet Dean (Auxiliary Worker)

Marmalade

You will be pleased to know that from the beginning of March until Easter £15 has been given to our Church from the sale of marmalade. Please continue to give me your orders for either orange or lemon

Sheila Gooderham

It was for freedom that Christ set us free. Galatians 5:1

Remember our brothers and sisters in Bulgaria, their fight to keep their church building, and to be Evangelical Christians.

Outreach and Evangelism

There is to be a 'Form a chain-age' at the G7 Summit in Birmingham from May 15/17 when Jubilee 2000 will be discussed. Rev Beryl Chatfield will be going, and has information. By the time you read this edition of Chronicle the visitation to Elgin Road will have finished and we will have started prayer walking Robson Road. The visitation there will take place the week beginning Monday May 18th. Please continue to remember this outreach in your prayers, and take part in the prayer walking. You only need to walk along the road, committing the residents to God, and ask that their hearts will be receptive to our visit. Praise God, too as you walk - not out loud though, as this might have a contrary effect!!

Sheila Gooderham (Chairman)

The life of continual rejoicing - by Rev G.B. Duncan

I remember years ago, hearing Rev L.F.E. Wilkinson say that he had heard of a Frenchman who became an Englishman because he so admired our British way of life. He had lived in England so long that he decided to take out papers and become an Englishman.

Somebody asked him, 'What difference did it make?' 'Well, among other things I find that now, instead of losing the Battle of Waterloo, I've won it!'

He stepped into the heritage of all that Britain had fought for, and all that Britain had won, and it was now his.

When you and I step into Christ, we step into a resurrection life, and all that Christ has achieved, and all that Christ has won becomes ours - if we care to use it.'

Notice:- Members articles will be considered for publication in Chronicle, subject to approval of Rev. Peter Heckels and/or the Editor. Remember the Chronicle belongs to us all. L.M.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

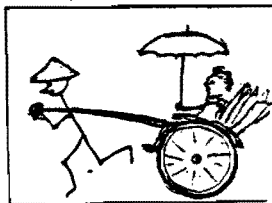
We face a difficult financial forecast for the beginning of 1998. The LOGOS II crew must renew a sizeable area of steel on deck, as well as installing a new freezer and fire doors. The cost for these renovations are US\$ 450,000 and US\$ 400,000 respectively. It is unfortunate that these projects come so close together. Due to legal requirements we are unable to delay this work. According to our best projections, the ship ministry will incur a significant cash-flow deficit early in 1998. Later in the year, DOULOS should again be in the black, though it is predicted that LOGOS II will end the year with a deficit. However, a special opportunity has been presented:

a German businessman has set up a matching fund to help with the LOGOS II renovations. For every two dollars given for this project, he will give one dollar up to US\$ 57,800 (DM 100,000). Gifts in any currency can be sent to any OM office, marked "LOGOS II renovation".

Dale Rhoton, General Director

YOU DID IT!

You reached the target for the fuel project. All 2,800 tons, at a cost of US\$ 462,000, to keep the LOGOS II and DOULOS sailing in ministry through 1997 were covered by donations made by churches and individuals from around the world. A very big THANK YOU to each one of you!

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Late on Sunday 11th January, the Bunga Cempaka Dua, a Malaysian container ship, struck and damaged the DOULOS while at anchor off Pair Gudang, Malaysia. Thankfully, no injuries were incurred, however, the ship itself will have to undergo structural repairs in Singapore before being able to carry on her passage to India. The DOULOS had been delayed, and was waiting to receive final written permission from India before sailing.

THE DOULOS STORY

Elaine Rhoton's new book, *The DOULOS Story*, an engaging look at the DOULOS ministry from various angles and in different parts of the world, is hot off the press and now available through bookshops in the UK.

ISBN: 1-85078-269-5
Paperback at GB£ 6.99

Beatitudes for the years

*BLESSED are they who understand
my faltering steps, unsteady hand.
Blessed those who know my ears to-day
must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed they who seem to know my eyes
are dim and wits more slow;
Blessed are those who look away.*

*Blessed are they with cheery smile
who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say
'You've told that story twice to-day.'
Blessed are they who know the way
to bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it known
I'm loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who ease the days
on my journey home in loving ways.*

ANON.

Try and change tomorrow



Women in Madagascar demonstrate that community development begins with them.

In the spare room of a family house, Lanto is busy embroidering a wildlife design on to a blouse. Her mother and friends today are hawking their wares in town.

Welcome to "Anjarasoa", which means "Precious Gift", a thriving six-women cooperative in Moramanga in western Madagascar. It began last year when a handicrafts exhibition came to town and inspired them to set up their own cottage industry. They bought sewing machines and basic tools through a charity grant and the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar's development department, SAF, loaned them MGF3 million (UK£380) for raw materials. One year on, each person in the cooperative is earning around MGF60,000 (UK£7.50) a month.

In the next town of Andasibe, one room of a wooden two-storey house by the railway line is a pharmacy. It has a basic stock of antibiotics, anti-malaria drugs and pain-killers.

Ten women run the service – it sells at a lower cost than other drug-gists and is open to the whole community. Although they invest time and work in maintaining the accounts and buying in new stock, those 10 women gain nothing financially from the project.

Women shoulder the burden of work in Madagascar. According to the United Nations Development Programme 48% of people in all kinds of employment are women. In agriculture, women account for a massive 78% of the total work-force. What they do for their families and commu-

nities should not be underestimated.

In the hill villages around Moramanga, men clear the forest, but planting and cultivation is women's work. Traditionally, the greeting when



Learning embroidery skills.

a baby girl is born is "Congratulations! You have someone to fetch the water and transplant the rice!" Unlike most of Madagascar's rural poor, male villagers here can turn to local indus-

tries such as graphite mining, logging and the railways for cash but families still rely on women's extra earning capacity. The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) realises that developing communities depends a lot on developing women.

Tsoa dropped out of secondary school after her father was killed in a cyclone and her mother, a linen maid, could no longer support the family. Both were recruited by SAF's MIORA project – an apt acronym for "Try and change tomorrow" – and received nine month's training in embroidery and sewing. Now they have a reliable export sales outlet for their goods.

In July this year, however, SAF called a halt to the PROFEM programme responsible for the successes in Moramanga, Andasibe and MIORA. What, SAF has wondered, is the long-term effect of women-only projects? Ndranto Razamanarina, SAF Technical Officer and one-time field worker in Andasibe, fears that they actually aid rather than lessen discrimination against women. So, the new policy is to integrate women into all community groups and projects (and men into women-only projects).

"We believe women should be involved at all levels of the community" says Ndranto, which also means decision-making: as a result, SAF have made sure that at least 25% of people in its committees are women. ♦

"DO WOMEN-ONLY PROJECTS ACTUALLY AID DISCRIMINATION?"

Some in the church believe that women need the encouragement they get from women-only projects. Perline Razafitrimo, President of the church's Dorkasy department, thinks "women can take responsibility in church and in the community, but they are reluctant because they believe decision-making is a man's job". Dorkasy (the women's department of FJKM) will soon open its own handicraft sales and training centre in the capital, Antananarivo, to help rural women. Administration and management skills' training will feature strongly.

Whatever the right and wrongs of the different approaches, women are saying "Don't ignore us". Recognising their role is long overdue.

Perline Razafitrimo: "Women can take responsibility."

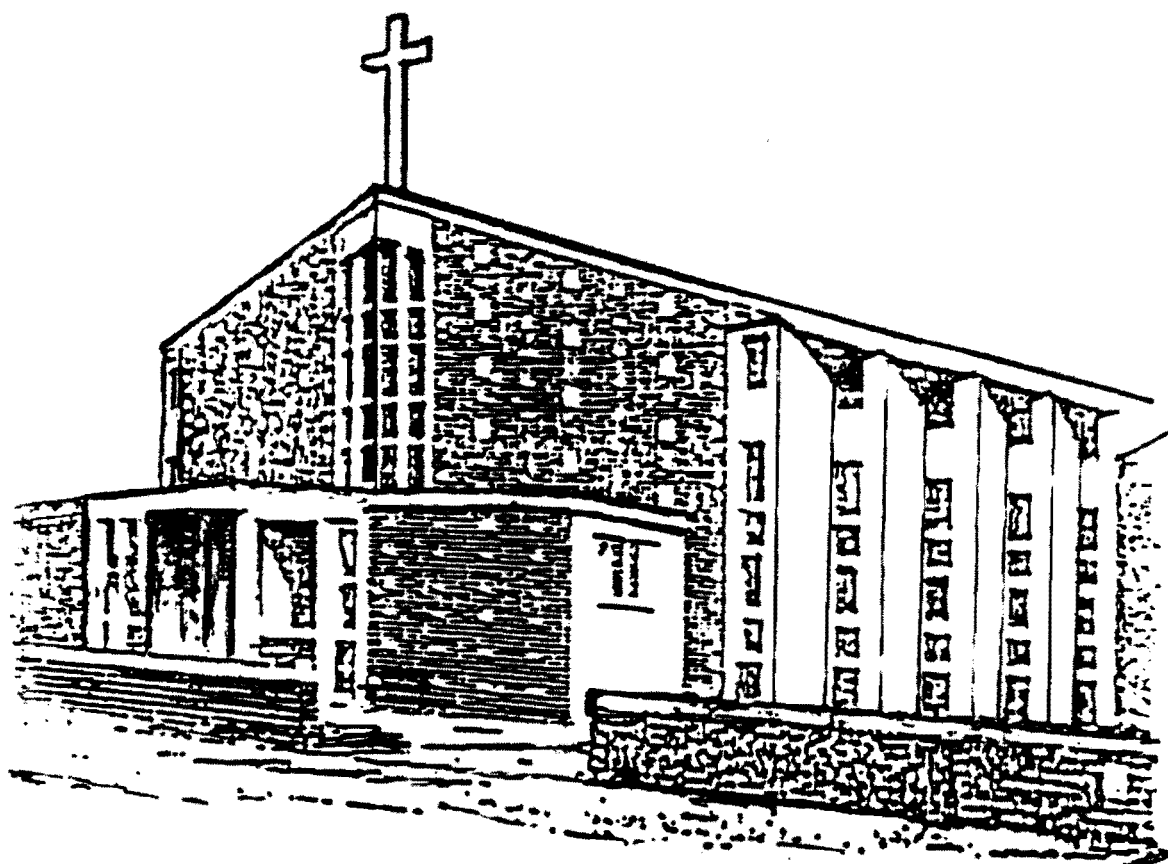


S. Andrew Morton

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young Peoples Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Sunday Evenings |
| Monday Club | Monday Evenings |
| Girls' Brigade | Tuesday Evenings |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Every weekday |
| Men's Fellowship | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| Womens' Fellowship | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| Serendipity | Monthly. Monday evening |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club | Friday afternoons |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Various times and days |

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of the year, it was decided that we would engage in two major events, a flower festival and a pantomime. The first is now on us and the second we will be exploring in some depth over the next few weeks. If it has passed you by may we draw your attention to the fact that the theme of our flower festival is 'Wedding Anniversaries'? Much hard work has already gone into the planning and preparation of this event by a small team of people who are especially skilled in arranging the natural beauty of those flowers God has made into expressions to speak of a particular theme. Everyone knows that to be married 50 years is a golden celebration, 25 years silver, but what about 14, 6 or 2? The answers to these questions will be found in the midst of the arrangements. Few people are privileged to celebrate their golden anniversary, and in contemporary society, few will reach 10 or even 5 years of celebration, indeed many do not even consider marriage as a worthwhile institution. However, for those who marry in church and seek God's blessing in their new relationship this is a new beginning in which both parties pledge themselves to one another in the hope that God will bless their love.

Marriage of course is a commitment. The day you get married, you commit yourself to your partner no matter what may happen. At one time, for richer or poorer usually meant poorer would bring the most pressure to the relationship. However ask any lottery winner about the pressures brought by richer and you get an insight into the changes that go on in many relationships in today's materialistic society as both partners pursue earthly riches. On your wedding day you make the commitment with no idea as to what the future will hold, it is a step into the unknown no longer only yourself to consider but a step into a future as a partnership. It is into this unknown that we seek to step with God at our side as those sharing in Christian marriage. It is this journey that we will celebrate over the weekend of our festival whether that journey has lasted 1, 5, or 50 years.

For many in our church fellowship there will be a looking back at a life shared with a partner now in the Lord's presence, and although celebration may be tinged with sadness there should still be the opportunity for thanksgiving for all that was shared. For many of us who made our commitment some time ago, whether a number of years ago or more recently, there will be an opportunity to re-affirm that commitment before God as we rededicate our marriages at our evening service to conclude the festival. Of necessity, this will need to be a shared act rather than a series of individual acts.

Commitment is not a popular word in today's vocabulary and just as many people are no longer willing to make a commitment in marriage neither are they willing to make a commitment in any other area of their life. Our Lord, however, calls for His people to commit themselves to Him in response to the commitment He has made to us in Jesus. Jesus who gave His life that we may live deserves our fullest commitment as we place him first in all that we are and all that we do. Our celebration of marriage is an opportunity for us to witness of God's commitment to those who seek His blessing and to share with the world the principle of putting God first even in the most important area of life, those who we love. Let us then encourage those who we know to come and share in all aspects of this weekend that we may speak of God's commitment to us and our putting of Him above all else in our lives.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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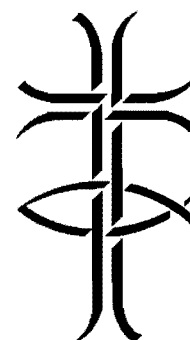
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RECENT WEDDINGS:

Sandra Grievesly
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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES:

Susan Jane De Courcy to
Mr Gerald Colin Rainger on 4th July 98

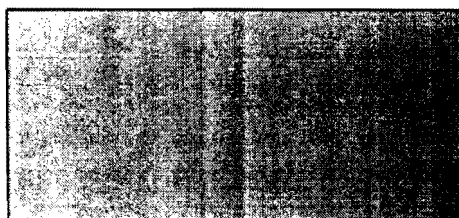
DEATHS:

Mrs Audrey Hider on the 6th May 98

Mrs Susie Stredwick on the 16th May 98

Mrs Gladys Hoy on the 20th May 98

We give thanks for the life of those who
have died and pray for peace in the hearts
of their family and friends

**Editor - The CHRONICLE**

For many years now our church magazine has been edited by Leslie Montford who many of you will also know as an author of novels of some repute. Leslie feels that a younger person should now take over the role of editor and therefore, with reluctance, is laying aside his heavy involvement with Chronicle. We shall all miss Leslie's editorial involvement and thank him for all the time that he has devoted to the magazine in the past and wish him well and look forward in his future literary endeavors. We will record our thanks in our church records but perhaps you would personally like to thank Leslie when you see him.

Graham Redman is taking over the reins at present and at our July church meeting, we will formalise the appointment of a new editor for Chronicle. If you have anything you would like to include in the magazine please see Graham on a Sunday or contact him on 260568.

Peter Heckels

Stepping down

I believe that the time is now right now for me to step down from Editorship of the Chronicle and allow a younger person to take on the role. It is difficult for me to grasp that about a 100 issues have passed through my hands since I started as Editor about eight years ago from Eric Popplestone. I wish Graham well in his new venture.

Leslie Montford

Mrs. Audrey Hider - an appreciation

The passing of Audrey Hider on May 6th has brought an end to a time of loneliness often with uneasiness since Sidney's death in November last.

Audrey and Sidney met at a Church Youth Fellowship Group. They were a devoted couple and Audrey found life without him difficult. After the war Sidney worked for BOAC in Cairo. During their time there Audrey was organist at St. Michael & All Angels in Heliopolis. Returning to England they lived in Hook, Hants and were instrumental in re-establishing the tiny Congregational Church in the village.

Audrey provided the musical input while Sidney played a major role in organising the visitation of lay preachers, or leading services himself. On their retirement to Goring, Audrey looked forward to two things - playing the piano and long walks by the sea. Unfortunately these activities were soon curtailed by her arthritis. They had two children - Neale who died exactly one year before Sidney, and Alison. Alison is extremely grateful to their loyal Church friends who helped them so much during their ill health and who continued to visit them at Leaholm Nursing Home.

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Pheniah Taylor

Flower Festival is drawing near

The day is drawing near and although the background work is well planned, we will need everyone's help over the weekend period.

Various lists will appear in the vestibule for people to be in the church, giving out programmes, welcoming those who come in, answering any queries etc, and also those who will be available to help with the refreshments.

Please can you put your name down at an early stage of the list going up so that there will not be panic and those responsible for each part will be at ease?

If we all do a little then a few will not feel burdened.

Please continue to scan welcome for anything that we may need to help to make this weekend a time for everyone to remember.

Eileen Heckels



Flower Festival.

Theme: Wedding Anniversaries.

June 26th -28th 1998

**Goring United
Reformed Church**

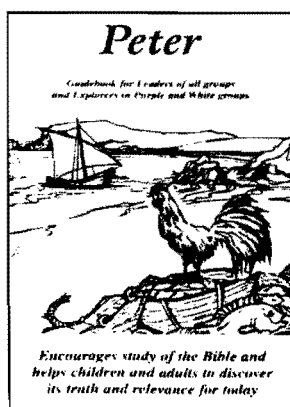
Friday 26th June 10.00am - 5.00pm
7.30pm Concert by Rowland Singers

Saturday 27th June 10.00am - 5.00pm
7.30 Songs of Praise

Sunday 27th June 10.00am - 7.00pm
Services Family Worship 10.30am
Evening Worship 6.00pm

(There will be an opportunity to rededicate marriage vows at this service.)

Refreshments available all day.
Ploughman's lunches will be served
on Friday and Saturday between
12.00 and 2.00pm



Junior Church Bible Exploration 1998

As I write this, preparations are taking place for the Anniversary Service at which the children will receive their certificates and shields. We are all delighted with the results of the Bible Exploration this year, the children have all worked extremely hard and achieved very good results. I trust and pray that the teachings and study of Simon Peter will stay with each of them. My thanks go to everyone who helped with the Bible Exploration, whether it be as teacher, examiner, invigilator or producing the lovely certificates which we present to the children..

On a personal basis I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been kind enough to send cards, good wishes, flowers and most of all for your prayerful support during what has been for me a very difficult time. I am glad to say that I am progressing, even if it is slowly, after my operation. I hope to be back with the children soon. Again my thanks go to Annette Shand and Karen Higgins for taking over Trailblazers section in my absence. Most of all I would especially like to thank Irene Dearsley for picking up the pieces, as it were, and organising Junior Church in my absence, God Bless you all.

Looking forward we have arranged an outing for the children in June to the Littlehampton Sports Dome and also, in July, we are looking forward to the Family B.B.Q. to be held on the seafront.

For anyone interested in the 1998 Bible Exploration Results they are listed over the page.

Wilma Smith

Junior Church - Bible Exploration examination results

ORANGE GROUP	Class	YELLOW GROUP	Class
Louise Courtnadge	Hons	Kate Byerley	Hons
Elizabeth Hibbs	Hons	Gemma Parkinson	Hons
Gareth Coombes	Hons	Kevin Gill	Hons
Craig Parkinson	Hons	Jason Tilley	2 nd
Elizabeth Fordham	Hons		
Stacey Buckland	Hons	GREEN GROUP	
Georgie Curtis	Hons	James Tilley	Hons
Richard Brackenbury	1 st	Kerry Gill	Hons
Joanne Courtnadge	1 st	Dean Renolds	1 st
Nathan Tilley	2 nd	Siobahn Smith	1 st
PURPLE GROUP		BLUE GROUP	
Daniel Mitchell	1 st	Ricky Mitchell	Hons

Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) 19 - 22 May 1998

Never having been before we - that is Hilary, Graham and myself - did not know what to expect when we visited the above exhibition, but we were most impressed with all that we saw and had a really enjoyable day. Nine of us in total went, and I am sure the others felt the same.

Sandown Park is in a wonderful setting and the incredible number of stands (all under cover) showing so much of interest to those of us who are Christians was a joy to behold.

The whole thing was very well organised and despite the number of people, did not at any time seem crowded - just comfortable - and happy! Next time the CRE comes to town I commend it to you wholeheartedly.

If you would like to know more, please ask.

Doreen Norris

Reporting for

The CHRONICLE

If you think that reporting is
something that you might like
to occasionally do please speak

to Graham Redman

01903 260568

The WORD brings love

Nagamma, a widow in her eighties, works as a voluntary street sweeper in Bangalore. She was known as a bitter woman, always reviling people for leaving rubbish in the road. After one violent outburst, a Christian couple invited her into their home where she began to learn of God's sacrificial love. The old street sweeper suddenly

stopped abusing people. But then things took another turn - a group of men were trying to bury a half dead new born baby, but ran off when disturbed. Nagamma lifted the baby from its would be grave and carried it home. She still cares for the child and says: "If God could spare His son to save all people, why can't I spare the rest of my life to care for this discarded child? (from a Bible Society leaflet 'The Bible changes people's lives'.)

Phyllis Wheeler

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Visitation Scheme:

Over the past 2 months we have been visiting the people in neighbouring roads to our Church.

In April we went to Elgin Road, May to part of Robson Road and on the 15th of June we shall visit the remaining houses.

At the time of writing I do not know what reception we received from the residents in Robson Road but we did have enquiries from people in Elgin Road and arrangements are in hand for a further meeting.

Please continue to pray for those of us who take part in this visitation, for there are many people who are dissatisfied with their lives and feel there should be something else. We believe we know what that something else is!!

The Flower Festival :

The Rowland Singers have been asked to give a short concert lasting about an hour on Friday 26th June at 7.30pm as part of our Flower Festival. The music will be light-hearted and appropriate for the evening. Please keep this date free and bring along your friends and family. There will be no charge, but donations will be very helpful to offset some of the expenses of the Festival. And

On Saturday 27th June as part of our outreach within the Flower Festival we will be holding a Songs of Praise also starting at 7.30pm which will be based on the Wedding Anniversary theme.

Do not forget to give Peter, one or more, of your wedding hymns to be included in the service.

Sheila Gooderham

VACANT FLATLETS

Two very pleasant flatlets are vacant at Hayward House, 2 Shatesbury Ave.

Hayward House, established by our Church in the '70s, is a charitable housing association managed by a committee of Church Members and friends. Modest rents cover all heating, hot water, electricity and use of the common room, laundry room and gardens.

Although providing sheltered accommodation, residents need to be independent as there is no resident warden.

For further information please contact:

Mrs. Bobby Hitchin or Mrs. Jane Bond

St Barnabas the Apostle. O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Contributed by Leslie Montford

A Hymn by H L Mammond & P P Bliss

Up with thy hands to Jesus. He walks upon the sea;
up with thy hands to Jesus. He stoopeth now for thee.
Say not thy hands are feeble, thy fingers cannot cling;
His mighty grasp shall hold thee, and sure salvation bring.

Up with thy hands to Jesus, he ruleth wind and wave;
up with thy hands to Jesus, His love now yearns to save.
Oh, if thou wilt but trust Him, His help He'll quickly give;
haste then, no longer doubting, up with thy hands and live!

Contributed by Leslie Montford

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**CHRISTIANS
TOGETHER IN
GORING**

PRAISE AND HEALING SERVICE

This will be held on **WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 1998** at 7.30pm, **ST. RICHARDS C of E** in Collingwood Road.

All are warmly invited to come to this service.

E Bond & I Tuley



Christians together in Goring



Sunday 19th July at 3pm
on the

Greensward
at the bottom of
Alinora Avenue

--- Bring Garden Chairs ---
(If wet - in St Mary's Church, Goring)



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'DER LILA DOMINO'
BY EMMERICH V. GATTI AND BELA JENBACH

MUSIC: CHARLES CUVILLIER LYRICS: H.F. MALTBY
ADDITIONAL MUSIC: HOWARD CARR

9th - 13th June 1998

7.30pm

United Reformed Church Hall
Shelley Road, Worthing

Tuesday & Wednesday: £4
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Ticket Bookings 01903 872640 & 01903 367193

**London
Emmanuel
Choir
at St Andrew's URC**

Saturday 13th June 1998 at 6.30pm

Further information from Mrs C Lewis

01903 775 313



Sussex West District - Meeting 14th May 1998

The meeting was opened with devotions led by the President Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley.

Personalia: the meeting acknowledged the death of
Rev. TER Langridge of Clermont URC.
Rev. W. Purvis celebrates 50 years in the ministry.
Mr. Philip Burroughs to be ordained and inducted at
Lewes Road on 4th July 1998

In matters arising from the minutes Mrs. Christine Meekison, Synod Clerk, explained that the questions raised by Resolution 19 would only be considered by Assembly if 75% of Synods had expressed a wish to rescind. As this was not the case, and Assembly Officers do not think there is any new material to be considered, the only way the matter could be heard is if it is raised from the floor at Assembly.

Report from the Executive Council.

Notice was given of the inauguration of the Worthing Area Team Ministry at Shelley Rd. on 19th April.
The meeting accepted the recommendation that Mrs. Diane Franklin become District Youth Secretary. Thanks was given to Mrs. Daryl Sinclair for her many years of service in this post.
Notice was given of General Assembly to be held in Nottingham July 11th - 14th 1998. The Executive will meet shortly to consider recommendations for future District Appointments. Suggestions should be sent to the District secretary.
President elect - for 1999 - 2000 is Rev. Marie Roe.

Report from Pastoral Care Committee. From the Churches.
Clermont: since Mr. Andi Camper, who offered some leadership to this church, has undergone 2 replacement hip operations, and has now left the church, scoping for Clermont was discussed. It is hoped that Clermont will be able to be fully incorporated into the Brighton Team Ministry.
Lewes Road: Will ordain & induct Mr. Philip Burroughs on July 4th

Report from Evangelism, Training & Mission Committee.

'The Blessing of Jesus' was the subject of the Women's Day on April 27th at Goring URC (see Chronicle p.9)
Other events to plan for - a spring event in 1999, and provisionally 18th September 1999 Southern Province and Wessex Province to share a day at Christ Church UM Chichester, with Rev. Peter Southcombe.

Report from Church & Society, Ecumenical, & World Church.

Church & Society: The day conference on Religious Education held at Caterham was successful. Grave concerns over repression in Turkey, where prisoners are tortured in prisons and police stations. Windrush Sunday, 21st June celebrates 50 years since the pioneers of the Black Majority Churches arrived on SS Windrush.
Ecumenical: Churches Together groups are urged to think about celebrating the Millennium. there may be a rally in the summer of the year 2000. A Provincial Ecumenical Officer has been appointed - Rev. Janet Sowerbutts.
Handbook "Together Locally" by Jenny Carpenter now available with many ideas for Churches working together. →



Basis

Promoting the authority of the Bible within the URC

Please continue to pray for:

- the unity of our denomination in the midst of emotional conflict.
- those in our Church who feel discouraged and confused by the present situation.
- the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to bear our witness to the authority of the Scriptures.
- those engaged in the groups set up by Assembly last year:
 1. Biblical authority
 2. Authority of General Assembly, other Councils and the role of personal conviction.
 3. Ordination and human sexuality.
 4. Reflection on the wider issues of sexuality.
- the Core Group report by March 99.

Synod Resolutions

Results of the 12 Synods. (To rescind R 19)

Analysis:

Passed - 3	Equal	- 1
Failed - 4	Not on Agenda	- 4

Next public meeting -

Sat 20th June at The City Temple

Sussex West Report Cont'd -

World Church: A paper "Belonging to the World Church" was produced at the World Church & European Links Consultation at Windermere in February. Copies available from Mrs. Nancy Welsh, Bognor URC.
CWM has new premises in Great Peter Street, Ipalo House (Blessing House). Anthology by Geoffrey Duncan, "Seeing Christ in Others" now available. The CWM magazine "Newshare" has been renamed "Inside Out".

District Youth Committee.

Event for 11 year olds & over to be held under canvas at Coldwaltham June 19th - 21st.
Under 11's welcome for day on Saturday.
The day at Sompting in March "Worship with Children" was well attended. →

District Women's Day

Monday 27th April was a very special day when women came together to learn about and experience 'The Blessings of Jesus.' The teaching based on Psalm 103 was ably led by Mrs. Chris Cox who from her depth of experience touched each one of us at different stages.

We learnt more deeply that Jesus LOVES us - body, soul and spirit - and 'soul', so difficult to define, embraces 'mind, emotions and will.' We are held in the circle of God's love - being loved, healed, redeemed, crowned, forgiven, satisfied and having youth restored - all from Psalm 103.

We divided into groups and shared some of the real truths about ourselves. We faced up to the barriers we put up to God's blessing, like - hiding within ourselves, the lack of forgiveness, different loyalties, doubts, difficult relationships and self centredness. Yet Jesus, who is the TRUTH, understands us - and as we yield to Him we come to know the TRUTH and the "Truth sets us free." John 8 v 36.

We experience true FREEDOM encircled by His love, as we let His wounds heal our wounds. We can then JOIN HANDS with one another even across barriers. John 17 v 19 in the Living Bible says 'I (Jesus) consecrate myself to meet their need for growth in truth and holiness.' We left with a deep sense of wonder and gratitude. 'Praise the Lord, O my soul.' Psalm 103 v 1.

Make sure you join us next time !

Irene Dearsley

Sussex West Report Cont'd from page 8

SACRE Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education. Revs Bob Murray and Peter Elliott presented Council with an interesting account of their work with SACRE. Bob Murray works with West Sussex, and Peter Elliott with East Sussex, in the revision of the syllabus for Religious Education in schools.

A daily act of worship, and a broad based Christian teaching taking other faiths into account is still law. SACRE receives OFSTED reports, and teachers come to SACRE to share their difficulties. There are many, i.e. the question of how to educate pupils about ethnic alternatives in their community from very small children to school leavers, the question of collective worship. It is no longer possible to concentrate on Christianity.

Many teachers have to teach this subject without specialist training. How can we help? There are opportunities for Christians to become school Governors. Christians may be welcomed to lead assemblies, or spend time in school prayer groups. We can all pray for our teachers.

Holy Communion was celebrated at the close of the meeting and the induction of Rev Charles Martin as President 1998 - 1999. Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, the retiring President was thanked and assured of Council's prayers as he and Irene move to the West Country in the Autumn.

Next meeting 15th October. If you would like to come you would be very welcome.

Hilary Redman, District Rep

The day was attended by 74 women, from 18 United Reformed and 5 other churches, with 6 children in the crèche, (organised by Diane Franklin from Portslade). There had been much prayer for the day and it was well hosted and organised by Goring URC. Rev Jenny Martin led the opening worship based on Psalm 103, assisted by Eileen Heckels with Elsie Flack on the piano, which lifted us into God's presence.

The speaker was Mrs. Chris Cox, a mother and grandmother and member of a local Baptist church, involved in leading women's work for nearly 20 years. She serves on the national team of a Christian prayer ministry organisation. Chris led an excellent day, speaking ably from God's Word and the reality of her own experiences, using acetates to illustrate some points. The BLESSING of Jesus is the LOVE of God in our lives and God longs to have a personal relationship with each one of us. Jesus restores our relationship with the Father. We are precious to God as His children and are held securely in the sphere of His love, which takes away all fear.

In the afternoon we learned of the blessing of the FREEDOM that Christ came and died to give us. We are redeemed, forgiven, healed, crowned, satisfied and God has restored our youth. God has prepared good works for us to do and He wants us to live in that freedom and therefore Chris concluded by praying over us all. The day ended with worship and we went on our way rejoicing in God's goodness.

My sincere thanks to all who helped in many and various ways. A profit was made of £53 which will be sent to ECPAT, (End Child prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking) which the URC supports.

Truly it was a wonderful day when the blessings of Jesus flowed into many lives and into our churches, for which we thank and praise God. To Him be all the glory.

Irene Tuley

Greetings from Half Assini, Ghana



Pastor Samuel with Congregation



Worship inside the Wooden Church



Building the Church Office next to the Manse.

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

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GIRLS' BRIGADE

A big thank you to everyone who supplied items for our jumble sale in April. We had so much jumble that we had to use both halls! The magnificent sum of £425 was raised for Company funds. Our thanks to everyone who came to support this event, and special thanks to all the helpers and girls who worked so hard.

Are you enjoying this hot weather? On Sunday the Officers, helpers and over half of our girls attended our District Church Parade at Goring Methodist Church. We roared in our uniforms as we marched from Goring First School to Bury Drive! Never has a glass of water been more welcome! The girls enjoyed the service and the time of fellowship afterwards. The Church was full! It was good to see so many girls, all part of Girls' Brigade, mixing together.

We are pleased to announce that Tonia Hale and Rachel Hood have passed their Grade 1 young leaders exams and look forward to seeing them working within the Company.

On June 20th, our girls are participating in the District Swimming event at Horsham. We will keep you informed of their progress.

LT Linda Gray

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meeting on 28th April saw a return visit of Jill's Fashions when members took advantage of being able to replenish their wardrobes! Our AGM was held on 12th May when reports were read by the officers and members of the committee. The new session will commence at 2.30pm on September 8th with a visit from our Minister. There will be a very warm welcome for new members, so do come along and join us. A reminder that our 'cream Tea' will be held on the 7th July at 2.30pm in the Church hall. Tickets £1.50, will be on sale from members of the committee.

Betty Hislop

SERENDIPITY

All are welcome for a walk on Highdown Hill on Monday evening 22nd June.

If you would like to come please join us in the Highdown Car Park at 7pm.

New members are always welcome.

Gaynor Anderson-Easey

Enjoying a ramble through parts of Goring and Ferring on Spring Bank Holiday Monday.



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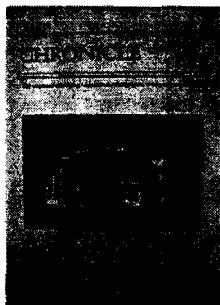
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7	Sun	Normal Sunday Services
9	Tue	Lilac Domino - Shelley Road
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13	Sat	London Emmanuel Choir. St Andrew's Lilac Domino - Shelley Road
14	Sun	Normal Sunday Services
15	Mon	House to House visitation in Robson Rd
17	Wed	CTG St Richards. Praise & Healing. 7.30pm
18	Thu	Church Meeting. 7.30pm
21	Sun	Wycliffe Bible Translator's Sunday - afternoon tea in hall
22	Mon	Serendipity Walk on Highdown. 7pm
26	Fri	Flower Festival -
27	Sat	Flower Festival - See display advert page 3
28	Sun	Flower Festival - Normal Service times

JULY

5	Sun	Normal Sunday Morning Services Sunday Evening. Rev Bob Murray
7	Tue	Womens' Guild Cream Tea
9	Thur	Elders' Meeting
11	Sat	Beach Barbeque
12	Sun	Sunday Morning. Rev Norman Croft United Service St Laurence's evening
13	Mon	House to house visitation
19	Sun	Normal Sunday Morning Services CTG Song of Praise - 3pm - (Bring Garden Chairs) No Evening Service
23	Thu	Church Meeting. Elders' Election
26	Sun	Normal Sunday Services

* Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices for any possible changes to the above diary of events.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am

Holy Communion Service

10.30 am

Family Worship,

- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young Peoples Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche.

6.00 pm

Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on third Sunday in month.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Fellowship United Reformed Youth

Monday Club

Girls' Brigade

The Ark for Parents and Toddlers

Little Fishes Play Group

Men's Fellowship

Womens' Fellowship

Serendipity

Kestro (Stroke) Club

Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups

Sunday Evenings

Monday Evenings

Tuesday Evenings

Thursday mornings

Every weekday

Alternate Tuesday afternoons

Alternate Tuesday afternoons

Monthly. Monday evening

Friday afternoons

Various times and days

Dear Friends,

We really do live in a small world especially in these days of jet travel. Recently we have entertained a family from Australia and know that many of you have family and friends in many parts of the world who come to visit with an ease that once upon a time was unimaginable. Last summer we were privileged to be able to go to the Gambia for our holidays, which in our Grandparent's time was still part of the unexplored continent. Here we saw a different part of the world and a totally different lifestyle to that we are used to. Our television sets bring us not only documentary films about different parts of the world but also the news as it is happening with live pictures of cities and countries which when we were at school were merely names on a map.

We are no longer isolated either as people or as nations for we are all part of this shrinking world. We all have responsibility for each other and for the environment in which we live. There are those that would want to see an increasing movement towards a system of government that binds nations together so as to avoid any conflict. There are also those who see that the world can only know true peace through the power of Jesus and the establishment of His Kingdom here on earth, a prayer offered daily as Christians meet together in His name. How good it is to remember that we are united as God's people throughout the world.

One of the most common complaints that I hear is that we become too concerned about the church overseas when there is so much to do on our own doorstep. Of course if we had 3 or 4 times the number of people willing to engage in our door to door survey we could achieve more. If we had more people willing to give up their time to engage in youth work or the nurturing of new Christians we could do even more but we do as much as people's time and commitment allows us. The same is true of support overseas. We can only do as much as resources enable us, but we should be doing this work from a real sense of thanksgiving. When you last read your Bible, did you read it in a language that you understood and spoke or was it in a second language? Let us remember this as we support the work of Ruth Chatfield and the Bible Society. The next time you are enjoying a meal either in your own home, in a restaurant or hotel this is perhaps the time to remember those who will not eat that day or even the next and to rejoice for the work of Tearfund and Christian Aid. The next time you pick up something you have dropped or you burn your fingers perhaps this could prompt you to remember the work of the Leprosy Mission. We have so much to be thankful for and really riches beyond the understanding of so many.

The reality of the world in which we live is that our neighbour, although far away, is very close at hand. What a joy it is for us to be part of the Christian family joined together with our brothers and sisters be they in North Africa, Nigeria, Greece, Belgium, Poland, Japan, Indonesia, Peru or anywhere else even just round the corner here in Goring! We are assured that we can talk to any other Christians through the wonders of technology, either on the telephone or the Internet within minutes and we do know that we can write and they will receive our letter within a few days. Yet, we are assured through the promises of Jesus that His Father hears our prayers even before they are spoken and that to support Christians in all sorts of situations through our prayers is a real privilege. So let us, in real thanksgiving for all that we have, even if we don't think it's very much, pray for and support the work and witness of God's people wherever they may be.

Please continue to pray for us.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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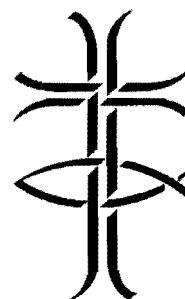
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RECENT WEDDINGS:

Susan Jane De Courcy to
Mr Gerald Colin Rainger on 4th July 98

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES:

Anne Wheeler to
Mr Danny White on 12th September 98

DEATHS:

Mrs Edith Sapsford 22 June 98

We give thanks for the life of those who have died and pray for peace in the hearts of their family and friends

PANTOMIME

With the Flower Festival behind us, it is time for a good rest. Ha! Ha! Ha! Such is the standard of humour you can expect.

In order that the Pantomime can happen we need people willing to commit themselves to be involved in large and small ways in acting, singing, costume making, stage preparation, advertising etc. etc. etc. To enable us to discover the viability of this event we will meet, somewhere on the church premises, on Tuesday 14th July 1998 at 7.30 p.m. Please see Welcome for details nearer the time and come along even if you think you only want to do a little as we shall discuss at this meeting all that is involved.

Will it happen? Oh yes it will! Oh no it won't! OH YES IT WILL!!!!

Peter Heckels

THANK YOU

I am very grateful for all the prayers, messages, telephone calls, cards, books, flowers and visits received during my recent search for two new legs, and I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your kindness.

Alma Prattent

EMMAUS Study Groups

At this time last year we were setting up this new venture in our church, and decided at church meeting to adopt the Emmaus programme for as many friends and members who could be involved.

After a year we have seven groups and more than sixty members actively involved. We have found the material interesting, informative and stimulating in our Christian discipleship. The groups are quite distinctive and have found room for flexibility to meet individual needs.

It may be that there are others who would like to participate and either join a group, or start a new one in the next session starting in September.

The list of existing groups is in the church vestibule. If you are interested, or just want to know a little more, please talk to one of the group leaders or let me know.

Jane Bond, Church Family Committee

SUSIE STREDWICK - AN APPRECIATION

We who knew and remember Susie Stredwick were privileged to have an insight of a person with a great personality. Susie was born at Leith Hill in Surrey. Her father was minister of Caterham Hill Congregational Church. He was also Free Church Chaplain to both the Guards Depot and at St. Lawrence hospital until he died in 1943.

Susie sang in the choir at Caterham Hill Church where her brother Ralph was organist and choirmaster. Her husband Sidney, served in North Africa during the war in the Royal Tank Corps. She was very proud of a photograph of him in uniform which was always on display in her room. After the war they lived at Woodside Green, near Croydon and attended Purley Congregational Church. In the early sixties they moved to Orchard Rd., East Preston. Sadly, after a few years of retirement together Sidney died in 1969. Susie continued living in the bungalow until the time came to move to 'The Green Willow Rest Home'. She remained there until a short time before she died. She is affectionately remembered by her friends and neighbours and of her associates who knew her at Goring U.R.C Choir. Her favourite TV Programmes were 'Songs of Praise' and Emmerdale Farm.

A very gentle lady who in her own way all things were bright and beautiful. Psalm. 100.

Pheniah Taylor

The Flower Festival

We always find our church an attractive place but we have never seen it look so well as it did today.

Outside the rain was lashing down and yet inside there was brightness and, it seemed, sunshine. Our Flower Festival was something to behold.

Each item illustrating a wedding anniversary was well worth closer inspection - did you notice the bars of plain chocolate on the ruby display? (Carefully counted we were told).

Such a show reflects an enormous amount of imagination, preparation, hard work and talent and our thanks should go to all involved.



We particularly liked the wedding photo of the young couple on the Golden Wedding display. (see below)

Gladys and Bill Marshall



Do you recognise this couple?

- see bottom of inside rear cover for answer.



May I say a huge thank you to all who have been involved in any way large or small over the preparations for the Flower Festival.

God has been extremely faithful to us and richly blessed us as we have worked together. It has been a joy to feel the warmth and the love flowing through us, uniting all in the purpose of bringing glory to our Lord.



It is also a joy to share with those of our fellowship who have special anniversaries this year and have helped sponsor the particular arrangement for their celebration

We share with
 Caroline & David Hibbs (10th)
 Gaynor & Alan Anderson-Easy (11th)
 Rosemary & Alan Terry (20th)
 Pheniah & Charles Taylor (25th)
 Carol & Steve Webber (25th)
 Irene & Richard Tuley (30th)
 Eileen & Wilfred Rhodes (40th)
 Sheila & Roy Gooderham (40th)
 Irene & Geoffrey Dearsley (45th)
 Joan & Les Burrage (58th)
 Doris & Bob Edwards (63rd).
 The last two couples sponsored the diamond (60th) arrangement.

Once again, thank you each one of you for your hard work and let us together raise our voices in praise to our Lord.

Eileen Heckels



CHURCH JOB VACANCIES FROM SEPTEMBER

At our July Church meeting we shall elect Elders to serve for a period of three years. We have two candidates :- Mrs Jane Bond who is to stand as a Pastoral Elder and Miss Denise Elliott who is to stand as an administrative Elder. We shall also be electing people to other vacancies as set out below.

TEARFUND SECRETARY Involves receiving and relaying to our church, information and prayer requests for their varied Relief Projects. It includes being responsible for the two main events namely the Tearfund Sunday in March with the envelope collection and the Autumn Event, usually in October, promoting interest and the Tear Craft sale.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER REPRESENTATIVE Involves mainly working with the nine other Church reps. in Goring/Ferring area to work out the details of the WWDPA Annual Service (first Friday in March) and a Bible Study preparation meeting in two committee meetings per year and bringing notice of these events to our church.

WORLD CHURCH & MISSION SECRETARY Requires an interest in the work of the Gospel overseas to co-ordinate and promote the Missionary interests of the church. Working with the Chairman of the World Church & Mission committee assisted by the secretaries of The Bible Society, Tearfund and Christian Aid - main links are with Ruth Chatfield, Ghana and Ukraine.

AUTHORISED PERSON When the Senior Authorised Person is not available at weddings, to attend and be responsible for the signing of the register ensuring that the authorised legal wording of the vows is adhered to.

LEADER IN 'THE ARK' Vacancy for leader in The Ark. Please see Jane Bond for details.

FLOWER SECRETARY Person required to be responsible for the flowers in Church each week.

CHURCH WARDEN

Please speak to the Minister for further details and application.

SALE OF CARDS

Someone needed to oversee the cards/stationery carousel at the back of the Church.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Someone needed to co-ordinate the social events arranged for the year.

CHARITABLE

Someone to oversee the collection of used stamps and foreign coins donated to charity.

CHRONICLE EDITOR

To be responsible for the collection, sorting and editing of material for monthly Church magazine and to organise the printing of such.

TRAID CRAFT

To make sure stock is replenished as necessary and to be available to 'man' the table at church meeting nights.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING

A new representative is required to serve with Eric Bond on CTG from August 1st. It involves attending monthly evening meeting (10 per year) together with the representatives of the six other churches of all denominations in Goring.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

A person to make sure that the local press are aware of times and dates of our Church services and that they are kept informed of coming events.

INTERESTED? If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies please give your name to Hilary Redman.



£135 was raised here at the Church coffee morning held on the 30th May.

Bring and buy, books, bric-a-bac plants and cakes.

Thank you everyone who made it a success.

Outreach & Evangelism

During the month of June we have completed the visitation to Robson Road and enjoyed the Flower Festival, the concert, Songs of Praise and the special services, but at the time of writing this article we have no idea of the outcome. We did have two enquirers from our visit to half of Robson Road in May and arrangements are in hand to follow them up.

Please continue to pray for this outreach and please Prayer Walk the roads we shall be visiting this month - Walpole Avenue and possibly Wellesley Avenue. Remember that as Christians, our commission is to make disciples (followers) of Jesus; and this is one of the ways we believe we should be doing it. Without the continual support by prayer, in whatever way we can, we will not be successful. We shall meet on Monday 13th July at 6pm at the church for both prayer and door knocking with our questionnaire.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman.

MY TRIP TO SOUTH KOREA

- by Lily Collison



I was very privileged to attend the 34th Convention of the World Women's, Christian Temperance Union from May 5th - 11th.

The long journey was very enjoyable - and we passed through a marvellous dawn - a most unforgettable experience. On arrival at Seoul airport, we could have been at home: the rain in torrents!!! But we were quickly driven to our hotel - The Swiss Grand Hotel - THE HOTEL in Seoul.

The Korean people are charming and very helpful in all ways - very efficient in all their duties, and they work hard and appear to work long hours. The leader of the Korean Convention is a theological teacher at the university - so there were many students around to help us when we needed them. Koreans love to sing at every opportunity, and four young students played and sang to greet us every day as we entered the hall where the conference was held - beautiful music, creating a wonderful atmosphere.

On the Saturday morning we had all age groups of children to entertain us, and tiny tots came onto the stage with action songs (reminded me of our little Fishes entertaining our Kestro members) and one of the favourite songs they sang was (Sunday School days) "Jesus loves

me this I know, for the Bible tells me so". We heard this several times from all ages - primary children, junior school children, and harmonised by the students - they all loved to sing and dance with fans and sashes.

We are a Christian movement and it was a great joy to meet with members from so many different countries, who love our Lord and working for our temperance cause. We all have the same difficulties with alcohol abuse, and drugs, and how to reach our young people - some made me feel I do so little. In England, we concentrate on our Education Van - very well equipped - taken to shows, etc. all over the country. I hope it will be in Worthing sometime when interested in this project.

can get permission from authorities) - countries were most My highlight of the whole visit was the church services we attended on the two Sundays. The first Sunday only six of us went - others had not arrived. The second week, five coaches left the hotel - 252 delegates from 27 countries all over the world - from Australia, Argentina, China, Egypt, Taiwan, Fiji, Guatemala, Japan, India, W. Samoa, Philippines, Indonesia, Mongolia, all European countries, Canada, USA and all Scandinavia.

We entered this large church, full with 7,500 people - five services held each Sunday, the first at 7.00am; chair of about 500 young people, already singing praises (seats had been reserved for us). The service was quite simple and although the first week it was all in Korean, it was surprising how much I could understand, and was able to join in with familiar hymns - the first, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty". What a joy to worship with that large congregation - a church full of praise and joy.

Korea is a Buddhist country, but so many in that land are turning to our Lord and Saviour, and joining the church - up to now there is tolerance between Buddhists and Christians. The Christians are so full of joy and long to tell you of their love for Jesus Christ.

I could write so much more, it was altogether a wonderful experience, but I will close now and thank all those who were praying for me while I was away.

I know you were praying, I was so uplifted and everything went so smoothly - journeyings, etc. I know my Lord was there by my side.

Thank you.

Worthing Area

PHATFISH.

(A concert organised by Nucleus, a group of youth workers working in Worthing churches.)

On Friday 29th May, Nucleus presented Phatfish. The fresh sounds of acid jazz coupled with the fabulous vocals of the lead singer made it a great night.

The music was fantastic and I would highly recommend any fan of acid jazz to go and see Phatfish at every opportunity. The 29th May was however the last time the current members of Phatfish were playing together so the audience was privileged. The lead guitarist and the percussionist were leaving the band



after the gig to pursue different musical ventures. As an evening of musical entertainment, it was fabulous and I couldn't have asked for better music. The vocals of the female singer were excellent although at times difficult to hear and when the band began to jam together in the middle of the gig there was no stopping them.

However, as a Christian I was a bit disappointed that there was no clear Christian message throughout the evening. The Nucleus representatives made no

religious comment and although I'm sure the lyrics to Phatfish songs had a Christian message, they were, at times,

difficult to hear.

All in all though a very enjoyable evening. I would strongly advise people to attend any evening organised by Nucleus and I would certainly recommend Phatfish who were fabulous.

Ruth Heckel

The following appeared in the weekly news sheet of the church where I used to worship when I lived in Horley and was sent to me by the Church Secretary. I thought that it was very good and may be of interest to you. Janet Dean

PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Ephesians Ch.6, verses 13-18)

"I put on the whole armour of God

The Helmet of Salvation - Thank you Lord for dying for me. Thank you Lord that I have a place in heaven reserved.

The Breastplate of Righteousness - Forgive me lord for all I have done wrong. Cleanse me by the blood of Christ. I give up my old sinful nature & put on Christ's righteous nature: that Satan may have no foothold in me. And I praise you Lord that there is no condemnation now for those of us who are in Christ Jesus.

The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace - Thank you lord that you are my loving heavenly Father and that I can walk through this day holding your hand. Help me to walk in your footsteps this day, doing the things you want me to do, and keep me from walking into sin or danger.

The Belt of Truth - Help me to spot Satan's lies today and not to be deceived by them.

I take up the Shield of Faith - Believing & trusting in you Jesus as my Saviour and lord; that you can defend me from all the attacks of the enemy.

I take up The Sword of The Spirit - which is the Word of God. Thank you lord for the truths in the Bible. Help me to use them this day to counter attack Satan and his lies.

I claim your protection this day around myself, my family, my relations & friends from all attacks of the enemy & I praise you in expectation of what you're going to do. Thank you Lord Jesus! Amen".

EVERY DAY AND HOUR – F J Crosby/H Doane

Keep me as the apple of the eye (Psalm 17 v8)

Saviour more than life to me. I am clinging close to Thee;
Let Thy precious blood, applied, keep me ever near Thy side.
Refrain: Every day, every hour, let me feel Thy cleansing power;
May Thy tender love to me bind me closer, closer, Lord to Thee.

Through this changing world below lead me gently, gently, as I go;
Trusting Thee, I cannot stray, I can never, never, lose my way.
Refrain

Let me love Thee more and more, till this fleeting life is o'er;
Till my sole is lost in love, in a brighter world above.
Refrain

Contributed by Leslie Montford -

Grant, O merciful God, that as Thine Holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him: so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.



Basis

What is happening about Resolution 19 at Assembly ?

As reported in our May Newsletter, a motion is going to be proposed by two members of Assembly, that Standing Order 3 e (iv) be suspended, so that R19 can be reconsidered.

This will be proposed by Mr John Ellis, Secretary of Medway District, and seconded by Dr. Graham Campling, who together proposed the successful Southern Province resolution at their Synod in March. If this enabling motion is successful (and that will require a three quarter majority of Assembly), they will then propose the Southern Province resolution:

The Synod of Southern Province, recognising the diversity of views on the matter of ordaining to ministry persons in a homosexual relationship and the hurt caused to many individuals, local churches and district councils by the passing of R19 and believing that the 1998 General Assembly should reconsider R 19 on the grounds that it does not promote the unity of the Church during the period in which resolution 18 is being implemented.

- a. requests General Assembly to rescind R19 so that the procedures for candidating and call to ministry may return to those followed prior to the 1997 General Assembly until work under Resolution 18 is complete;
- b. supports in prayer those who are now responsible for doing the further work outlined in R 18,
- c. encourages all local churches and district councils prayerfully to await the presentation of the work being undertaken under R18 and not to take further action which would destroy, the concern for the unity and fellowship of the United Reformed Church as expressed in Resolution 17.

*PLEASE PRAY THAT THIS
COURSE OF ACTION MAY BE SUCCESSFUL.*

ASSEMBLY DELEGATES AND OFFICERS

That R19 will be revisited and God's voice heard.

THE CORE GROUPS as they prepare their reports for the next Assembly.

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

In all the Courts of our Church

Sussex West District URC Children's Day

Led by:-

Rosemary Johnston (National Children's worker)
with Paul West and Daryl Sinclair.

We began the day by sharing our own experiences of being children in church and comparing them with today's children.

We then talked about All Age Worship - problems and successes. How can we cater for all ages? What do we need to consider?

In groups we discussed a)music, b)Bible reading, c)visual aids, d)movement ie. how often up and down etc. e)prayer, f)sermon/talk.

After lunch we did Problem Sharing - write down a problem you have in your work with children, swap papers and in pairs discuss the problem on the paper, move around the circle and discuss again.

We then spent more time in a large group talking about children and communion. We shared our present positions in each church and any future plans for change. The URC has no set policy so each church has to decide its own.

NB We are due to discuss this at Church Family Committee soon.

The rest of the afternoon was spent preparing for and taking part in closing worship. It was based on the story of Bartimaeus (Mark 10 vs 46-52).

We divided into groups again to prepare a) Bible, b) Music, c) Prayer, d) Glue and stick, and e) Other senses.

The service included an introduction by Daryl, songs, prayers and a Bible story acted out.

Denise Elliot

General Assembly 1998.

The representatives from District Council for 1998 are: -

Rev Simon Franklin (01273 240268),
Rev Geoff Haig (01798 872625),
Rev Peter Elliott (01273 208458),
Mrs. Nancy Welch (01243 825494),
Miss Kate Ramirez (01273 820330) and
Mr. Desmond Curry (01273 771493)



Twin blessing

MAF's fleet of Twin Otter aircraft are still involved in a vast display of flying for life

In a massive operation, MAF aircraft have delivered over 650 tonnes of food to help the beleaguered islanders on drought-stricken Papua New Guinea and neighbouring Irian Jaya.

So far, it is a six-month logistical marathon in an area three times the size of England to beat drought and disease, the results of little rain, and the scorching flames which swept through huge tracts of jungle. At first, bush fires and smoke severely hampered the early relief flights.

British pilot Michael Duncalfe, in charge of MAF's drought-relief team, estimates from reports that even now in some areas one person in two is sick with a variety of diseases such as malaria, diarrhoea and respiratory infections, made worse by malnutrition.

In Papua New Guinea the delivery operations were briefly handicapped by engine trouble in one of the Twin Otters, leaving only four Twin Otters to take the strain of the enormous challenge of carrying vital supplies to isolated communities. Each aircraft can carry 1.5 tonnes at a time.

In Indonesia's Irian Jaya province, MAF USA's fleet of 15 light aircraft and helicopters are working seven days a week delivering food supplies. Other mission work has had to be relegated to lower priority levels.

Food shortage

In some northern areas of Papua New Guinea, gardens have been replanted, but despite consistent rain there is a shortage of the energy-giving foods which provide the normal staple diet. Other parts of the country, however, have had little or no rain while some districts in the Highlands have had too much too quickly - washing away growing crops and flooding large areas.

Even when rivers begin to flow again, the stocks of fish - another vital food source - are much reduced, fellow-victims of the drought. Stocks of aviation fuel at the MAF base at Kawiito became very low when the poor river level prevented barges arriving. In

January the river levels rose sufficiently to allow transport to flow once again.

In the capital, Port Moresby, power cuts last several hours because of the lack of rain.

MAF aircraft have been delivering rice, flour, oil and other vital commodities for a number of organisations, including the Lutheran, Anglican and Brethren Churches and World Vision, as well as carrying supplies bought by MAF with donations from the Swedish government.

Relay flights

During February and March, Twin Otters from Mount Hagen, Goroka and Telefomin worked in relays over several days to deliver food to communities north-west of Tari. In all 90 tonnes of food were flown to Agali, Auwi, Koplago and Wanakipa, staging posts for even more isolated villages, in an operation organised by World Vision. Now crops are beginning to grow there again, so no further aid flights are anticipated.

At Owena, the aid cargo of an MAF Twin

Otter was being unloaded when men from a different village arrived with bows and arrows and stole some of the supplies - and aimed arrows over the nose of the aircraft.

As arrows flew, the pilot took off with two passengers for their next destination.

But while that hostile reception was going on, supplies paid for by school children in northern Australia were welcomed with open arms and smiling faces in Wiawia - a remote community in the Eastern Highlands. Several loads were flown into the village by Cessna 206 in a single day.

Elsewhere in Telefomin, Michael saw hillsides once covered with lush green jungle, burnt brown and black by fires which have ravaged the island. 'The remains of the trees stand either lifeless or lie as so much useless timber on the ground,' he comments, 'and now the rain is washing away the fragile top-soil.'

From the air, the full devastation is visible. Yet another incentive for the pilots to keep their busy aircraft flying and bring relief. ■



Urgent food supplies being delivered in Irian Jaya



The Zion Gate in Jerusalem still bears the marks of earlier conflicts but today it is Israeli soldiers who carry the guns

the broken promised land

WITH ISRAEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS A MODERN STATE JUST CELEBRATED, PETER BRAIN REFLECTS ON THE CALL TO A TRUE JUBILEE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Jubilee is a word that now means little more than anniversary, silver or golden. But it originated in the Bible as a loaded term with very radical implications. The teaching on Jubilee (mainly in Leviticus 25) meant that land and property should be restored to the original owners, serious debts remitted and slaves freed, to mark the passing of 50 years (a 'Sabbath of Sabbaths'), the period of living memory in an oral culture. In this spirit, for example, the contemporary calls for Third World debt remission to mark the coming Millennium invoke the Jubilee principle, a campaign strongly supported in the United Reformed Church. So it is troubling that Israel, of all peoples, should be celebrating its own 50th anniversary as a nation state in 1998 with too little sense of that Biblical call for liberation and renewal at a time of Jubilee. Their celebrations mark an anniversary but is that enough?

The language of Middle East discussions is full of subtle contradictions. But it is the fundamental ambiguity of the term 'Israel' that undermines every effort to offer calm or logical analysis of the current Middle East crisis. This is the key to the acknowledged inconsistency in US policy. Israel, whatever that means, is the key.

As a persecuted people, the Jews needed this homeland and they deserved it. Only a very few of those who resist some of Israel's current policies are so extreme as to deny that. Certainly none of the Palestinian Christians with whom I spent time recently would deny that Israel as a state not only does exist but should exist.

Whether you hear echoes of *Child of our time* or *Fiddler on the Roof*, anti-Semitism is simply evil and can be truly horrendous.

But can we distinguish between the language of religious rights and that of secular liberal democracy to get at the truth of what the term 'Israel' means today? Apologists and opponents of Israel alike are forever confusing the categories. There are religious overtones and undertones affecting all political comment. Critics of what the state of Israel is doing are met with accusations of anti-Semitism as though such criticism was anti-Jewish. Supporters of the oppression of the Arab Palestinians, including the religious Right in the USA, are bolstered by the sense of divine destiny. How many British Christians, too, instinctively cheered the result of the 1967 war when 'the Jews came home' and find the Biblical promises to 'Israel' hard to ignore when reading their newspapers even now?

It is the shadow of the Shoah that clouds both religious and political analysis. That was the awesome event which welded the two adjectives together. It was the persecution to end all persecutions – itself a term which signifies that something deeper than politics is happening. To call it a holocaust (meaning 'whole burnt offering') reveals it as a quasi-religious act – a profoundly blasphemous one. No wonder that Israel can never be a normal nation state.

With such birth-pangs, it is understandable that no effort is spared by Israel to achieve national security, whether by developing a strong economy or through ubiquitous lobbying in western capitals or, of course, by sustaining a top-rate military machine which is superbly

equipped, well led and highly motivated. The need to assert the state's right to life was tested from the outset against invasion and terrorism, as the marvellous documentary series, *The Fifty Years War*, on BBC2 demonstrated. A 'settler' instinct characterises the Israeli national mood, not simply in the designated settlements which will soon occupy every strategically important hilltop across the land. Americans subconsciously warm to this settler instinct which touches their own deep roots. It was this, too, which presumably led to the sense of kindred spirit with white South Africans with whom Israel shared nuclear programmes. Sadly, that connection may also have led them to a policy for the Palestinian lands which seeks to reduce them to home-lands or 'bantustans'; examine some of the maps used at the Oslo talks and you can discern a clear clustering of easily controlled areas, delimited by fine new roads from which vehicles with Palestinian number-plates are forbidden.

But what of the religious message? Who will tell Israel that what grows out of the barrel of a gun is power, not security and certainly not peace? Who will call for a true jubilee? Maybe their own military leadership who are making this point will be heard. It must be accepted that no European Christian leader can bring that word, since it was Christian Europe which allowed centuries of pogroms leading to the Shoah. But must the Palestinians forever pay the price of the suffering that Europeans inflicted on the Jews? Sharing the land is actually a religious as well as a political challenge – and that is precisely what is required.

Peter Brain is Secretary for Church and Society.

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RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

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Congo/Cameroon

May 1998

RUTH & ANDREA'S TRIP TO CONGO



We flew into

Brazzaville on May 1st. The city

was quiet - no May Day celebrations this year! It was good to spend the night at our centre. The apartments are empty, but a mattress on the floor and a bucket of water for washing were all we needed.

The shells and bullets have left their mark everywhere and there are more armed soldiers on the streets, but many markets are functioning normally and life seems to go on much as before.

The next morning we set off with Mac, our assistant director, for Boundji. Since our truck is still in Gabon (we were advised not to drive it back yet) we took public transport. After a six-hour coach ride, we got in a small truck to take us the final 90kms to Boundji. Having paid the fare we then realised that it was a stolen vehicle (no ignition keys!), and after about 20 minutes it broke down decisively! The driver clearly had no idea about mechanics, so we camped out overnight in someone's living room in a nearby village. Next morning we were on another truck by 6.30am, and this time made it all the way to Boundji.



The Sunday morning market was in full swing as we drove into Boundji and there were shouts of surprise as we were spotted and people came to greet us. It was good to be back!

Our house was in good shape, apart from a leak in the ceiling caused by a stray bullet which came through the roof during some shooting in the air! All our furniture and many of our possessions were still in place. Missing was the gas stove, paraffin lamps, much of our kitchen stuff, dictionaries, sheets, mosquito nets, cassette player, etc. But many other things were rediscovered as we sorted through the various boxes and trunks we had left.

Even our cat was still hanging around our house and seemed none the worse for wear (just slimmer, like many of the people!).



Mac stayed with us for two days so that he could talk with the local authorities and be assured that the security situation posed no threat to our being there. Andrea and I stayed for a further 6 days, and we were able to meet many of our friends, make an inventory of the remaining house contents, and even do some work on a few bible verses in Mboshi for next year's calendar.

Our friend and co-worker, Roch joined us in Boundji for the week and his commitment and vision for God's work among the Mboshi people were a big source of encouragement to us.

Some of the church leaders in Boundji have moved on and the churches are limping along, suffering from lack of mature/stable leadership and direction. Since it will no longer be possible to produce a Gospel for the centenary of the Catholic church, the plan is now to publish the Mboshi-French dictionary (and perhaps a couple of Bible stories) for the year 2000.

After the week in Boundji we had a few days in Brazzaville, tracking down our friends there - many have been displaced by the war. Both the evangelical church I attend and Andrea's house church are currently planting new churches and neither suffered any casualties from the war! We visited some of the Mboshi community in Brazza and we were even able to show the "Jesus" video in Mboshi to a handful of people.

We had a difficult meeting with co-worker Louis. He is accusing us of treating him unfairly, and not giving him enough money for his work. Sadly, this attitude has been apparent for some time, and it is now clear that we will not be able to continue working with him.

Much to our delight, we found in the middle of a lot of papers left at our centre, copies of the word lists from the different Mboshi dialects which we collected on our survey trip last year!! This was a special encouragement to Mboshi student, Guy, who had given up hope of doing his masters degree based on this data, since he believed it all to be lost.



We finally flew out of Brazzaville on 18th May, and returned to Yaounde. Michael, the Mboshi student here who had no news of his family in Congo, finally has a letter saying they are well!!

Thanks to all who prayed for this trip! We did see God's hand on our daily activities and meetings with people. We stayed in good health (even when a plastic bag of duty free bottles fell on my head out of the overhead locker on the plane!), and had no problems with the authorities/military.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

VEHICLE??

We praise God that we were able to get all our money back on the Toyota truck we ordered just before the war. It was not desirable to ship it into the country whilst all the looting was going on! We are now considering selling our old Daihatsu truck in Gabon and buying some other vehicle for our journeys to Boundji.



We continue to pray for the on-going stability and recovery of Congo, and also for Guy and Guy (one of whom mentioned above) who both made decisions to follow Jesus a year ago. One has since fallen back into his old lifestyle and the other does not seem to have "taken root" in God. Prayer changes things ...

WHAT NEXT??

I plan to stay in Yaounde until September. As well as helping again with the "Discover your language" course for

Cameroonians. I hope to produce some write-ups on Mboshi tone and phonology, and, with Michael's help, to finish going through the dictionary so that we can have a first draft available soon.

In September I expect to come home to England for a few months! The details of how I will spend the time have yet to be worked out, but I'm looking forward to seeing some of you.

Andrea is hoping to leave for a visit home sometime in June. She will then return to Cameroon around September and attend literacy courses and workshops which will be taking place during the autumn. Our return to Congo is therefore likely to be in January 99.

Have a good summer! We've been enjoying mango season in Yaounde!

Blessings,

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TEARFUND UPDATE:

FOR THE COST OF A DAILY NEWSPAPER YOU CAN BE A CHANGEMAKER

We hear of so many disaster areas that often our response is that we can't do anything about it, BUT with Tearfund we can. Recently the emergency in Sudan, with 700,000 people facing starvation, is uppermost in our minds. Tearfund has Christian partners already working there, as well as sending in "disaster response teams", who will actually supervise the distribution of food, seeds and tools.

Now through the "Changemakers Programme" they are asking individual Christians or groups to commit themselves to giving £12 a month (or a single donation) for a specific area of Tearfund's work.

There are pamphlets available in the church vestibule.

You could save a child's life and share the love of Jesus.

Talk to Irene Dearsley - Tearfund Secretary

LITTLE FISHES



staff, families and friends are going on an outing to Butlin's on Saturday 25th July. We are sure that we will all have an enjoyable day. We look forward to a busy and happy term.

Sue Mitchell

Goring little Fishes have forty-five children on roll at present, and we are very booked for the next year. We are so grateful to the lord for leading us in the decision to open the group, and for all your prayer support.

The cake sale made £56.62 profit. Thank you, and we have purchased a toy garage and a few smaller items with it. We will not hold a separate cake sale in future, but will use a suggestion of Peter Heckles, and target the blood donor sessions and halve the profit with the church. We will remind you of dates as they come up.

On Saturday, 4th July 10.00am to 12 noon, we held a table top sale. Sellers booked a table with me at £5 per table. Sellers set their tables from 9.00am on the day. Any profit of course, belonged to the table holder. The playgroup,

GIRLS' BRIGADE

It was with great pleasure that we are able to present our two new young leaders, Tonia Hale and Rachel Hood with their Grade I chevrons and certificates at the last Church Parade. The girls attended a District training weekend near Guildford at the end of February where they worked hard but shared much fun and fellowship with the other young leaders from the District.



Smiles for Tonia(left) and Rachel showing their certificates with Captain Margaret Craghill

Rachel and Tonia were then tested during the Company night on their knowledge and on working within the Company.

Well done girls - and we wish them many blessings as they work within the Girls' Brigade.

Captain Margaret Craghill

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

It seems a long time since I last wrote about the group, so here is a little update. We have been saddened by the fact that Brooke Quinteros, our Speech and Language Therapist, has moved on to pastures new, but she is doing a wonderful job as a specialist with voice and throat impaired parients, and we wish her well.

The group - now called a Communication Support Group - continues to thrive in the care of our dedicated volunteers, and we are working towards an Intensive Project in October. Also coming up is another coffee morning on September 12th. Please put the date in your diary NOW - but don't worry, I'll be reminding you!

Despite a very dismal start - on Wednesday, 10th June a coach load of us had a wonderful cruise on Southampton Water and the three surrounding rivers - Itchen, Test and Hamble. The sun shone, someone "ironed" the water, and even I, the World's worst sailor, had a thoroughly good time!

Doreen Norris

WOMEN'S GUILD

It's Cream Tea Time again - Tuesday, July 7th is the date - 2.45pm onwards, the time - the Church Hall, the venue. Tickets at £1.50 each are available from committee members, and someone will be outside the church on Sunday, July 5th, after morning service, if you still haven't bought one by then. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall on July 7th, and an opportunity for you to choose birthday cards from the well-stocked card stall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jean Webb



JULY CALENDAR

5	Sun	Normal Sunday Morning Services Sunday Evening. Rev Bob Murray
7	Tue	Women's Guild Cream Tea
9	Thur	Elders' Meeting
11	Sat	General Assembly 11 th - 14 th Beach Barbecue
12	Sun	Sunday Morning. Rev Norman Croft Evening worship at St Laurence's - CTG United Service
13	Mon	House to house visitation. See page 5
19	Sun	Normal Sunday Morning Services CTG Song of Praise - 3pm - (Bring Garden Chairs) No Evening Service
23	Thu	Church Meeting. Elders' Election
26	Sun	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley 11am Rev Norman Croft 6pm
Sun 2 Aug		Rev Graham Sturton 11am Mr Stuart Nixon 6pm

* Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices for any possible changes to the above diary of events.

CTG - Christians together in Goring



Sunday 19th July at 3pm
on the
Greensward
at the bottom of
Alinora Avenue
Please bring chairs
(If wet - in St Mary's Church, Goring)

CTG

ALL CHANGE

Graham Loader, of The Pocket League, found a seat in a railway carriage alongside three sailors who were playing cards. One sailor offered Graham his book to read. It was pornographic, with appropriate cover! Graham declined and offered to lend his book: "World Aflame", by Dr. Billy Graham. The sailor then said: "I could do what Christ did, work out a belief, preach it and start a church". Graham then reminded him that he would need to do two things if he were to be believed - die for his faith and rise again! The sailor became interested and went off at Plymouth pushing his "porn" into one pocket and "World Aflame" into the other.

Graham met the sailor again at a conference, holding a big Bible! He had become a Christian. The Navy paid for his Bible College training and he became a Probation Officer and a fine "impromptu evangelist". (from Vision and Venture)

Phyllis Wheeler



The next issue of *The* CHRONICLE will available on Sunday 2nd August.

Please hand material for the August CHRONICLE to the Editor by Wednesday 15th July.

Please remember to include a pink form when submitting items for inclusion in The CHRONICLE. These forms may be found next to The Chronicle box in the Vestibule.

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON PAGE 3

The newly married couple in the photograph is Vera and Ken Irvine. They were married at Bournemouth Park Congregational Church (now URC) in 1944, and earlier this year therefore celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship.
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth
Monday Club
Serendipity
Women's Guild
The Ark for Parents and Toddlers
Prayer & Praise
Kestro (Stroke) Club
Little Fishes Play Group
Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Wednesday Evenings
Monday Evenings
Monthly Monday evening
Alternate Tuesday afternoons
Thursday mornings
Alternate Thursday afternoons
Friday afternoons
Every weekday
Various times and days |
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Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have been, to say the least, 'interesting'. In some churches life drifts on Sunday by Sunday without any interruption happily this is not so for us. Since last writing to you, we have been on the usual roller coaster that being a member of Goring URC seems to imply. While it is always lovely to welcome people into our buildings it is probably better to be there to receive them and to be able to guide them around and open the doors to the facilities that we offer. It was therefore disappointing not to be around on the night of 10th/ 11th June when those who came found it necessary to remove a door from the wall and prise others open causing considerable damage. It was even sadder that on their return 10 days later they still thought it would be easier to find their own way round. These two break-ins and the distress and heartache they caused could have resulted in a low point within the life of our fellowship. However, we can be grateful in a real sense that they brought us to a high point as we turned to the Lord.

Those who were able to come together on the evening of the second break-in were the first to experience a real sense of being at one in adversity and a sense of the Lord's hand upon our work for Him here. So it was that what could have been a really depressing time turned into a time of fellowship, one with another, and praise for the fellowship we shared in our Lord.

So it was we moved that week into the Flower Festival (reported in last month's Chronicle) and to the excitement of collecting vast numbers of flowers two days before only to be handed two bunches! This administrative mix up was another real body blow that fortunately brought us once again to our knees. The result, once again, of many prayers was seen in another time of everyone pulling together and turning a potential disaster into a challenge that spoke of the Lord's hand very much on what was being done. Yes, the event may have been financially encouraging but how much more encouraging were the people who came and especially those who on the Sunday evening were able to rededicate their marriage before the Lord. The event was conceived in order that we should have the opportunity to draw people to a deeper understanding of the Lord's desire to be in their life, and here was the real reward for all the hard work.

This turning of disappointments into challenges is being reflected in many areas of our life together and we believe that the two things that we have highlighted are but a small part of an overall pattern. We were all disappointed when B.B. closed and when we heard that G.B. also was having to close due to lack of leadership. However, we have seen a real growth since Easter of youngsters between the age of 5 and 7yrs who have come to Monday Group where there are now 15 children on the register. It is also good to report that we are looking forward to starting a group for 8-11 year olds in September on a Tuesday evening. The pattern of being able to develop through the week the work done in Junior Church on a Sunday is proving very enjoyable and exciting for both leaders and children. An interesting note is that one Monday evening with 13 children present only 4 had been around on the Sunday (about ½ the children usually come on a Sunday and Monday). That week therefore, 9 children did not miss the scriptural teaching that our teachers and mid week workers are co-operating to share with them.

We are also sad when people choose to worship elsewhere and, of course, we miss them and the gifts they take with them. However, in our releasing of them do we stop and recognise how the Lord uses these opportunities too as He draws others into the fellowship who are willing to use their gifts and so enrich us in our work for His Kingdom. Perhaps the challenge in this disappointment therefore is to recognise the Lord's hand on the work that He wants to do and the direction in which He is moving us. We continue to believe that as a church we are called to reach out into the community around us and we can only do this with a real sense of unity and love of one another

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but above all in the Lord turning to Him in our times of need and also in thanksgiving.

Perhaps it is because we are willing to stand in the front line of the Kingdom's work as we seek to share the Gospel that there are so many opportunities for us to be brought low. However, we have been through so much together over the last 5 years (doesn't time go quickly?) that now is the time to build on all that the Lord has done in our midst.

We must continue to learn to draw closer to Him and to remain obedient to His commission to us all to share the Good News of Jesus entrusted to us.

Please continue to pray for us.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to

Mr & Mrs G. Rainger (Gerry and Susan)
Who were married on 4th July 98



FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES:

Susan Walker to
Mr Alan Stevens on 22nd August 98

Anne Wheeler to
Mr Danny White on 12th September 98

DEATHS:

Mrs Jean Mitten on 20th July 98

We give thanks for the life of those who
have died and pray for peace in the hearts
of their family and friends



Junior Church

"Thank you very much for donating money so we can buy some new clean Bibles. We will look after them so that lots of children can enjoy the stories for years and years".

*Love from
Elizabeth and
the Junior church.*



"These are the Bibles we bought with the money"

Elders' Election

At the July Church Meeting Mrs Jane Bond and Miss Denise Elliott were elected as Pastoral and Administrative Elders respectively. Changes and additions to Church Committees and representatives will be published in the September Chronicle.

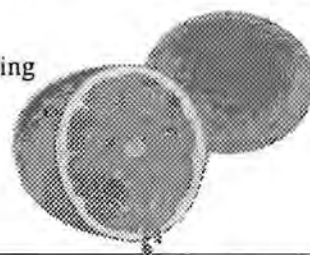
Thank you everyone

Audrey and Michael Ebeling would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards and flowers on the sudden death of Audrey's mother.

Marmalade making still goes on in aid of Church Funds. Cost for either orange or lemon is 80p/lb and half the proceeds go to the church.

Thanks go to Bett Swierk for supplying Goring First School so that £22.60 has gone to Church Funds.

Sheila Gooderham



The Outreach & Evangelism Committee.

Neighbourhood Outreach

We visited Walpole Avenue on the 13th July but the statistics are not yet known. We shall not visit in August but in September we shall visit Wellesley Ave. and the remainder of Marlborough Road to Clive Ave. Prayer requests from the visits are being put together and Hilary has copies for anybody who would like one. We discussed the possibility of participating in the Rent Guarantee Scheme being put forward by Worthing Churches Homeless Project. This will be discussed at a future Church Meeting but I have leaflets on the subject for anybody who would like one.

The Flower Festival

A report on the Flower Festival was in the July Chronicle but you might like to know that over 300 programmes were printed and that the donation and gifts received amounted to £1113.00 which after expenses leaves a balance of £756.00. Photographs have been on display in the church, but if you haven't seen them and would like to, please see Paul. Selected photographs and an article have been sent to 'Reform' for publication.

Sheila Gooderham

Bill and Eileen Searle

There are some members of our Church who will remember Bill and Eileen Searle who worshipped with us before moving to Birchington. Bill was called to be with his Lord on the 14th of May this year.

During his time with us he, with John Beckerton and Betty Barnett's late husband, could often be found on the Church premises carrying out maintenance work. Bill was a violinist and, with Lionel Knight, would entertain us at Church functions. He was a member of the Men's Fellowship and at the Birchington Church founded a similar meeting.

The day after Bill was taken into hospital was his and Eileen's sixty-eighth wedding anniversary.

Our prayers are with Eileen and the family in their loss. May God give His blessing to them.

Joan Burrage

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE. AUGUST 24TH

O Almighty and everlasting God, who did give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Thy word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NO OTHER NAME P. P. BLISS.

One offer of salvation, to all the world made known:
The only sure foundation is Christ, the corner stone.

.Refrain: No other name is given, no other way is known:

'tis Jesus Christ the First and Last: He saves, and He alone.

One only door of heaven stands open wide today:
One sacrifice is given, 'tis Christ, the Living Way.

.Refrain:

My only song and story is - Jesus died for me:
my only hope for glory, - the Cross of Calvary.

Refrain

Contributed by Leslie Montford

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY GROUP

Worthing Branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Group needs your help. If you have a few hours to spare there are many ways you can help. Help is required to man the stalls at various fundraising events, to help with street collections and various other fundraising events.

If you have time to spare on a regular basis the Muscular Dystrophy Charity shop, 20 South Farm Road, Worthing is in urgent need of volunteers. Help is needed either mornings or afternoons on all weekdays.

Muscular Dystrophy covers a large number of different conditions affecting different people and different muscle groups. In most cases, adults and children with muscular dystrophy become weaker over time. Individuals lose their ability to do everyday tasks. Parents with children affected by muscular dystrophy have to raise them knowing their lives may be cut short.

The MD group raises funds to finance pioneering medical research and to provide a network of family care officers to help and support affected families. The group receives no public finance and relies entirely on the support of volunteers to raise the funds required to be able to continue with this work.

If you have a few hours to spare and think you can help please contact the Group chairman Mr John Banks on 01903 501058. Thank you.

Exploration into God.

(Excerpts-1)

What does one mean by "God?" Is He the sum of our ethical strivings, the goal of our moral aspirations? Are we speaking about our moral and spiritual goals? Theology & Science are, after all, specialized fields. William Temple acknowledged God as the source of all ethics - which are derived from God.

In Genesis one reads, "A man's God is that which has over-riding authority in his life." Our Minister (in New Zealand) said that every man has his own conception of God. Some call Him "The Voice of Conscience." Our values are, derived from God. Who speaks through Christ. He said, "God is a Spirit and must be worshipped in Spirit & in Truth.

All I have to lean on are the Teachings of Christ, Who for me is a window into God. Schweitzer said, Jesus had simply taken him prisoner since childhood. Jesus has had a compelling attraction for countless others of us. Karl Gibrán wrote "Even as each one of you stands alone in God's knowledge, so must each stand alone in his knowledge of God. Those who try to solve Him seldom have the full answer. He comes only in answer to the heart's cry, the soul's desire - then is felt as a Presence. One has to make 'A leap in the dark, trusting Him,' He that planted the ear shall He not hear? He that planted the eye shall He not see? God must be greater than we imagine. Paul said, "In Him we live and move and have our Being for we are also His Offspring!" We must follow in Jesus's steps and be led thus to God. Here we see through a glass darkly but then Face to Face!"

The above are excerpts from an article written by Joy Blackford for her church magazine whilst she and Alex were in New Zealand.

CTG SONGS OF PRAISE

On a warm sunny Sunday afternoon on the 23rd July on Goring sea front approximately 400 people joined together in a Songs of Praise. Praise the Lord!



Worthing Area Team Ministry

A meeting was held on Tuesday 21st July at St Andrew's.

Some time was spent considering the best procedure for dealing with prospective candidates for the Team Ministry. This highlighted our need to produce a more stimulating and relevant church profile for the area which outlines more clearly the challenges and opportunities involved for the Team, and some idea of future plans.

This in turn requires more discussion and consideration from the Team members so that any new minister can identify their role. This we hope to do at an early opportunity. In the meantime, we are to invite the Provincial moderator, Rev David Helyer, to our next meeting so that we can exchange with him our ideas and progress since the inauguration of the Team, with a view to forwarding further prospect of a candidate.

We also discussed the planning of the preaching rota, hoping to ensure that the needs of the churches are best met, particularly St Columbas at present. Being aware that sharing of the Sunday services is only part of the Ministry, we have still to consider the further implications of how resources and time can be spread. As a church we must not necessarily expect that Peter will be available at all our meetings and committees. It is desirable that each of the Ministers is present at the other churches.

Goring also needs to consider appointing a reserve for the Vacancy Committee, should one of our representatives be unavailable at short notice.

Jane Bond

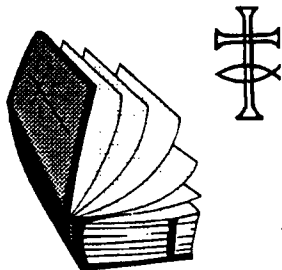
Editor's note

The information regarding non-stipendary Ministers in the June Chronicle is of a general nature, and was added to Jane's article after submission. We apologise for any undue distress this may have caused.

The Elders of Shelley Road URC write,

"We write to correct a note in the June issue of this magazine concerning the work of Revd. Norman Croft. Revd. Croft has been appointed by our District to work half time, about 20 hours each week, at Shelley Road U.R.C. He has no paid secular employment, and we doubt if any weeks go by with him not just working the hours required but substantially more than that.

The members feel that we are very fortunate to have the help of such a dedicated minister, and as the concept of the Worthing Team Ministry progresses, we feel sure that the other churches in the team will come to appreciate the quality of his work for the Lord among us."



Basis

Promoting the authority of the Bible within the URC

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July 1998

Dear Members of Basis,

The Basis committee met on July 13th at the Assembly and decided that it was important for us to communicate with you without delay, to make sure that you know what happened at the Assembly, and what we propose to do as the next steps.

Our attempts to have the 1997 Resolution 19 rescinded at the 1998 Assembly have failed. Three March Synods passed resolutions calling on the Officers of Assembly to allow R19 to be reconsidered at the 1998 Assembly. The Officers ruled that this was out of order on the basis of Standing Order 3e(iv). They suggested that a way forward was for 2 members of Assembly propose a motion that Standing Order 3e(iv) be suspended, so that R19 might be reconsidered. Such a motion was proposed on Saturday, July 11th. After some discussion someone proposed that the motion 'be not put' which was allowed by the Officers of Assembly and carried by 258 votes to 202. Naturally we are all very disappointed.

Basis was formed with the main aim 'to restore and promote the authority of the Bible within the URC' and with the short-term objective 'to rescind R19 at the General Assembly 1998'. Our short term objective has failed but our main aim stands firm. We need to consider new strategies to ensure the ultimate success of our primary aim. This we will do at our **next Basis meeting on October 3rd, 11.30 - 3.30 at the City Temple in London.** We are aware that some had already decided that if R19 was not rescinded at the Assembly, they would start the process of separating from the URC. Others have said that they intend to withhold money and to withdraw from councils and committees of the URC in order to protest at decisions made. Still others intend to remain committed to the councils and committees of the URC but wish to belong to some association of dissenting churches so that they can remain within the URC with some integrity. On October 3rd, we intend to explore these and other options and to plan the organisation which will best serve our purposes over the next few years. A battle may have been lost but the war is far from over. One thing is certain, the work of Basis will go on.

Please book the date in your diary, please study the Basis of Union for yourself, please continue to pray for guidance, and come to the meeting on October 3rd if you can. **If you are unable to attend please write to us and let us know what your present position and plans are.**

We do not intend to send out further newsletters until after October 3rd.

Thank you for your support so far and please continue to encourage others - individuals and churches - to join Basis.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Scopes

Revd. Dr. Roger Scopes



PARTNERS IN MISSION IN MALAWI

Window on the World, 1995 at Swanwick, celebrating 200 years since the London Missionary Society was founded. I chose an Art workshop – relaxing I thought.

'Make something connected with the work of the Council for World Mission.' I looked round for inspiration. Sitting across the table was a woman looking dejected. She hadn't any ideas either. 'Shall we do something together?' 'Let's make an African woman'.

I still have that piece of art that brought me together with Catherine Nkosi, the Chairperson of the Women's Executive in the Churches of Christ in Malawi. As we constructed the paper, fabric, wood and paint into our woman, complete with baby on back and hoe in hand, Catherine and I talked about women in our different countries. She said 'I wish you could come to Malawi to meet our women'. My reply was 'If you invite me I'll come'. And I thought I would never hear any more.

Eventually, after a long delay an official invitation arrived, not from Catherine, but from the Revd Nixon Chiwala, the General Secretary of the Churches of Christ in Malawi. A further delay because of their church programme and my diary, but April

1998 was to be the time.

I didn't really know what they wanted. Ten days before departure, Catherine wrote, asking me to teach them about the partnership of women and men in mission. Christian family life and leadership skills. Yes, I can teach, but what presumption to think that I could communicate with women, whose life and culture I do not share. The outline programme indicated four seminars, three of them covering two full days, and I had little time for preparation.

The CWM 1998 campaign material was appropriate. 'Women taking control of their livelihoods so that their families may benefit'. The five topics are education, health, economic empowerment, domestic violence and the partnership of women and men in ministry. I went armed with Campaign T shirts, shopping bags, paper clips, postcards and two action sheets on Work and on Partnership in Ministry.

The seminars went something like this. We explored the skills needed in the domestic day of Malawian women whether they lived in town or a village. We heard what the women did every week in their Women's Guild. In the home we recognized the skills of money management, making decisions, developing personal relationships, conflict resolution and

problem solving, training techniques involving speech and demonstration, time management, ensuring health and safety, setting high standards. In the Guild, committee experience, preaching to one another, praying in public, counselling the bereaved and tending to the sick.

These were women whose men thought they had no leadership skills. Some men who attended these seminars confessed that they had never thought of women having all these skills. The church does not have women elders or ministers, though women deaconesses are members of the church session. Women have very recently been allowed to pray in church services and to preach, though it was news to some of the participants. They are also allowed to sit down with men at church meals, after they have done the preparation.

The campaign supplied a well structured Bible Study on 1 Corinthians 12. One body, different members, varied gifts, many roles to play in the church. The women's and men's groups concluded that there must be change if their church could be in accord with that scripture.

We explored the nature of mission. It was interesting to me that we had to go back to the motives of the white missionaries in order to convince the women that the work they do with their church is indeed mission in their villages.

Former Assembly Moderator Ruth Clarke is an elder Curver LRC, Windermere and President of Churches Together in Cumbria



The above is an extract from the August issue of Reform

Responding to the crisis in Sudan



The crisis currently facing Sudan has many causes, but chief among them are the continuing civil war and failed harvests.

Thousands of people have fled from the fighting and are constantly on the move. They cannot stay in one place long enough to plant, let alone harvest, the crops they need to survive.

FOOD SUPPLIES

It is estimated that up to 1.2 million people in southern Sudan are in immediate danger of starvation. The most pressing problem for aid agencies trying to reach the areas most affected by hunger is how to deliver the urgently-needed food supplies.

Limited air access has now been granted by the government, which previously prevented humanitarian flights

SPECIAL DELIVERY: Opening the contributions sent by supporters in response to the Sudan Appeal.

as a military strategy against the south. However, there are still many problems to overcome in transporting the food.

Even when the planes do fly in, it is difficult to deliver food to people who are on the move. Access by road to the neediest areas is also beset by problems – with landmines, heavy rains, expensive fuel and a shortage of vehicles all hindering the movement of supplies.

APPEALS

Various organisations have launched appeals for financial support, including Tearfund. Our supporters have responded with characteristic generosity to our appeal, and we have been tre-

mendously encouraged by the large amounts of mail arriving at all the Tearfund offices.

At the time of going to press, a total of more than £2 million has been given towards our relief operation in Sudan, together with £110,000 which we received before the appeal.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), a coalition of agencies of which Tearfund is a member, also launched an appeal on 21st May, and the money raised through this appeal is being shared by all the agencies. The DEC believes that to stabilise the situation in Sudan, they will need 12 flights a day to 14 destinations, flying in seven days a week for six months.

Tearfund has to date received an extra £160,000 from the DEC for our Sudan appeal.

ON THE GROUND

Early in June, our Disaster Response Team began a programme in Rumbek County, which is in one of the most severely affected regions, Bahr-el-Ghazal. The team is setting up a supplementary feeding project at Billing.

Tearfund's partner, ACROSS, is already working with people in Rumbek, where it has an established community healthcare programme. They are providing seeds, tools and other equipment to 5,000 families through local authorities, churches and community leaders. ACROSS is in an excellent position to help, and was able to respond at an early stage to the present crisis.

Please continue to pray for the people of southern Sudan and for the work of ACROSS and the Disaster Response Team. And please encourage the churches in your area to remember Sudan in their prayers.

Extract from Teartele July 98. Tearfund's News Supplement

Turkey

Evangelical Christians, still a tiny minority seem to be generating publicity out of all proportion to their numbers. The full Bible in modern Turkish is nearing completion and the number of Christian books available grows by three or four titles per month.

In this secular state the propagation of the Gospel though regarded as undesirable, is not illegal, with an unprecedented degree of freedom for media coverage. A local Christian radio can now reach most of the ten million inhabitants of Istanbul. Pray for wisdom in planning for Luis Palau to visit next February.

From 'World Prayer News' - Phyllis Wheeler

It is with deep regret that we announce that our company closed after Church Parade on Sunday 19th July, with the formal 'Laying up of the colour' Tuesday the 14th was our last Company evening and saw the presentation of awards, presented by Mrs Jean Webb who was our Captain for over 20 years. We are to have an outing to Legoland, Windsor on the 15th August when we shall share fun and fellowship together.

Our Company was affiliated on 23rd November 1953, over 44 years ago, so I am pleased to say all but two girls are transferring to either 2nd Worthing or 1st Goring Companies, so they will not be lost to Brigade. Leslie Hood and Amanda Nash will go to 2nd Worthing. I am sure you will all join me in wishing each and every girl in our Company every Blessing for the future and much happiness in their new Companies. Our prayers go to Marilyn Mann and Jean White of 2nd Worthing and Brenda Goddard of 1st Goring as they open their Companies and welcome our girls and that the amalgamation will go smoothly.

Margaret Craghill (Captain)



Farewell to 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade

Just a few people gathered together in the church hall on Tuesday evening, July 14th, to witness the last Company meeting of 5th Worthing, after 44 years. During those years, 6 Captains have led numerous girls through from 5 years old to adulthood - and beyond - and in turn, their children had begun to know the joy of belonging to such a



special Company. It really was a very very special Company and it achieved so much. In its heyday some 400 elderly and housebound folk were visited and given gifts at Christmas - and at Easter. All too had cards from summer camps, how they really were special times - Bexhill, Edenbridge, Woodford, Bath, Bournemouth, Bedford, Felixstowe, Weymouth, Dorking, as well as Austria, Holland and France. Wonderful memories that now keep some of us old 'uns going!

Fund raising was such fun Money raised went to two Guide dogs for the Blind, Katie, a horse for Ferring Riding for the Disabled, hearing aids, loop system and microphones for the church, to name but a few. Our coppers cared for Santhi, an Indian girl, until she was 16 years of age and left school.

The August carnival was entered twice. We came second in 1973 and first In 1974. Exhibitions of work were frequently staged in the church and Awards Evenings were always quite wonderful with such fantastic support from parents and church friends.

Church Parades were the envy of West Sussex District, and many folk remember us filling 9 or 10 rows with girls and Officers on those occasions. It was also a joy, for many years, to conduct the June Parade services and it was always a good 'singing Company'. We loved to sing - company nights, party nights, award evenings, and always at camp, especially when out on long walks. The hours of preparation were long, but the rewards were so great. Badge work was stimulating and exciting and such talent was found among the girls.



No words can ever describe the love that flowed through the 5th. Only those of us who were privileged to serve in the Company will ever know the deep feelings that came to the surface on that last Company night. We praise and thank the Lord for all those past years, - and for all our memories which nothing can take away.

As the girls of the 5th join with 1st Goring, or 2nd Worthing we pray that they may find Our Lord in every aspect of their lives but keep a little corner of their hearts to remember the 5th.

Jean Webb, on behalf of all Officers and Helpers of the 5th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It is with regret that, as a result of a majority vote taken the Men's Fellowship has closed down. Numbers able to attend meetings had become very small, and it is not a viable situation to invite visiting speakers in such circumstances.

If in the future it proves possible to revive the Fellowship, appropriate announcements will of course be made.

Ian A. Hennell (Secretary)

WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of the Women's Guild are sorry to learn that the Men's Fellowship is to be disbanded.

Gentlemen, please be assured that a warm welcome will always await you at any of our Tuesday meetings.

Look out for our Autumn Programme - you may well find Speakers/Topics that will interest you.

Audrey Girlach (Secretary)

For your Diary...

AUGUST

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| 2 | Sun | Rev Graham Sturton 11 am
Mr Stuart Nixon 6 pm |
| 5 | Fri | Bazaar. St Mary's. See display ⇒ |
| 6 | Thur | Day of Prayer |
| 9 | Sun | Normal Sunday Services. Rev Peter Heckels |
| 16 | Sun | Normal Sunday Services. Rev Peter Heckels |
| 22 | Sat | Wedding. 3pm. See page 2 |
| 23 | Sun | Normal Sunday Services |
| 30 | Sun | Normal Sunday Services. Rev Peter Heckels |

SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | Thur | Day of Prayer |
| 6 | Sun | Normal Sunday Services. Rev Peter Heckels
- Ordination & induction of Elders |

* Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices for any possible changes to the above diary of events.

Future Events

St Barnabas' Summer Bazaar will be held on Friday 7th August at St Mary's Church Hall, Goring between 9.30am and 1pm. Cakes, Preserves, Bric-a-bac, Glassware, China, Books & Gardening items wanted.

The Rowland Singers Summer Showtime

Advance notice for your diary. The Rowland Singers are giving their Summer Showtime Concert on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The Worthing Herald said the Concert we gave at the Flower Festival was 'brilliant' so come and hear us again. Details in the September Chronicle.

Sheila Gooderham

Now is the time to be getting your thinking caps on, knitting needles out, plants organised, stationery prepared, or whatever for our...

Church Autumn Bazaar Saturday 31st October 98



The next issue of *The CHRONICLE* will be available on Sunday 6th September, and will include the Autumn start dates for the various activities within the Church. This issue will also include names of those people elected to fill vacancies and to serve on committees etc.

Please place material for the September *CHRONICLE* in the Vestibule box or hand to Mrs Carol Webber by Sunday morning 16th August.

Please remember to include a pink form when submitting items for inclusion in *The CHRONICLE*. These forms may be found in the Vestibule.

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A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings |
| Monday Club | Monday Evenings |
| Serendipity | Monthly, Monday evening |
| Women's Guild | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings |
| Prayer & Praise | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club | Friday afternoons |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Every weekday |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Various times and days |

Dear Friends,

Here we are again at the beginning of the Harvest and later this month we shall celebrate Harvest Festival and will probably feel that autumn is settling in. Many people will ask where the summer has gone and reflect what a short time it seems since we were planting our seeds in springtime. It's true, of course, that time does seem to pass very quickly and equally we cannot let time be wasted. Harvesting will lead to the preparation for fresh sowing so that the next harvest may be gathered. Much care needs to be taken with both and we recently came across the following article that certainly made me stop and think.

"It's made of thin, steel rod, and it's a quarter metre square, and as we walk across the fields we throw it in the air. For the foundations of the harvest have been laid, and it's time for field walking and plant counting. It's random sampling you see and where the square lands you count the plants inside it's area and multiply by four. We look (hoping!) for 250 plants or more per square metre, for that will mean that the crop has overwintered well and that the potential is there for a good harvest. But there is a long time to go, and we are looking for the first signs of any fungal diseases that can attack the growing plant. If we find any we shall have to decide on what action to take, reluctantly, for spraying is an expensive business, and we do not undertake it lightly. But a healthy plant is paramount during its period of most active growth."

Churches are, or should be, in the business of sowing God's seed, caring for it's growth and watching the harvest being gathered in. The seed we sow is the Word of God and the ground may have been prepared by ourselves or by others but often out task is to help the plant grow and watch over it's development.

Is this the time for God to walk in his field and throw his steel square? If he does, what will he find? Is there potential for a good harvest? It's not just about the number of plants but what is being produced, only healthy plants will produce a good harvest and some will be diseased. It is our task in caring for God's harvest to ensure that disease does not affect the whole crop. Never an easy task but one that needs to be done regularly and often. As God walks the field he will find much to do but fortunately he is able to deal with each plant individually ensuring that each will be able to come to fruit. Jesus parable of the sower with it's explanation (Mark 4) is a constant reminder of the dangers of sowing seed, but also of the need to care for the seed as it grows. God's love for each of us means that his will be no random sample but a long process of care for each plant growing so that each may produce it's best. For God is not interested only in those plants which produce a lot but as Jesus constantly remind us God cares for each one in our own special way.

Harvest Festival is a time when we should be looking at God's field and what will he find? Some long established activities have disappeared and rightly there is some sadness about this, but perhaps they have borne their harvest and it is time for a new seed to be nurtured. So God will find new activities for young people on Mondays and Tuesdays which continue the work so ably done on a Sunday morning. He will find our worship developing as we continue to explore ways of praising him with the musical talent he has set in our midst. Some familiar faces may have departed from our fellowship but God continues to restock our fellowship as he draws others in to work alongside us. Our committee structure, and more importantly our regular day of prayer for the work of the church, continues to develop allowing us to adapt to the changes that team ministry is bringing. These seeds sown some time ago must still be encouraged and nurtured by us all to enable us to walk in the paths that God has set for us.

God is walking in his field to see what is happening to the seed he has sown, and he is looking to gather in his harvest. The months and years do seem to pass very quickly, but Jesus reminds us we will know neither the day nor the hour when God will come to gather in his harvest. Until that day comes, we can only ensure that the harvest gift we bring is worthy of the love and care that God gives to us. Please continue to pray for God's harvest in this place.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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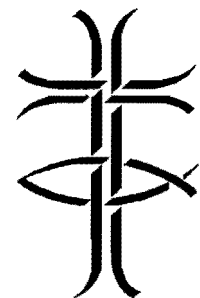
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RECENT WEDDINGS:

Susan Walker to
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Mrs Clare Ross on 30th July 98
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We give thanks for the life of those that
have died and pray for peace in the hearts
of their family and friends

'It's true: God is good for you'

Religion could help achieve inner calm, according to researchers in America. A team from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, found that blood pressure could be lowered by regularly going to church and reading the Bible. The researchers randomly selected 2,391 people aged 65 or over and interviewed them over a seven-year period. They discovered that those who attended a religious service once a week, and prayed or studied the Bible once a day, were more than a third less likely to have dangerously high blood pressure.

Their findings were published in the International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine. Expert view: Dr Stephen Palmer, director of the Centre for Stress Management: 'Research has been done on this subject for many years and it is known that religion and going to church can help people through times of stress. The knowledge that you've got your god on your side is a great support. Praying is a form of meditation; you're shutting off from the world and relaxing, and it can be very positive and empowering.'

The above is part of an article Carol Webber read in the Evening Standard on the 18th August 98, and thought it may be of interest to us.

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Irene & Geoffrey Dearsley move to the West Country

Dear Friends at Goring U.R.C.

By the time you read this we should be settling into our new home in Devon. It is difficult to express our emotions on moving after nine wonderful years. We came to Worthing when we retired knowing only that we were to be a support to Geoffrey's Mum until the Lord took her home which He did just over two years ago. Our four married, children and grandchildren are all in the West Country and although we are at peace that this is the right thing to do we shall find it very hard and will miss you all greatly.

We want to thank you for what you have meant to both of Geoffrey's parents who moved to Goring in the early sixties though few of you will remember Geoffrey's Dad who went to be with the Lord in 1973; the year we returned to U.K. from Nigeria. We are grateful too for all your warmth of fellowship and friendship and for the opportunity to work and worship together. This has been such a blessing to us at an important time in our lives - our first retirement!

We certainly look forward to visiting Worthing from time to time and will call in to see you. Also we would be delighted if any of you were able to visit us in Devon at 41 Castle Park, Hemyock, Cullompton, EX15 3SB (tele.. 01823 680429). Our prayers will be with you for God's blessing in the days to come.

"May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." 2 Thessalonians 3v5 (from Geoffrey)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him." Romans 15v13 (from Irene)

With our love in Jesus, Geoffrey & Irene Dearsley

Scripture Union Outreach Event



The Felpham Holiday Special 1998

2nd-8th August



In the first week of August I returned to Felpham to take part in the Scripture Union Outreach. During the week there were all age events on the beach: a tide fight, family picnic, activity and outreach meetings, as well as events at the Church hall: barn dance, BBQ, quiz, and concert.

For the team each day began at 8.15am with Team worship, bible study and reports on the previous day.

We then divided into our groups we were working with:- children (5-10 yrs), youth (11-18 yrs), adults, or prayer support. I was working with the Children and was responsible for a group of 5 year olds. The morning programme (10 - 11.50am) was based on the theme of 'pirates' and included registration, singing, watching a drama sketch, messy activity, drinks, group discussions and craft and a short talk to bring the teaching together.

The afternoon programme (2-3.50pm) was divided into a block of activity each day - potted sports, beach games, water games on the field, craft afternoon and fancy dress party.

The evenings were spent preparing for the next day by praying, going over the teaching and getting the craft items ready. It was a smaller team this year which meant it was harder work and we all got tired more quickly. However the weather was good and I had a wonderful time yet again. I would recommend this to anyone who can spare a week during the summer.

During the week as the children followed the pirates progress to find the treasure they learned. a) Treasure can be friendships as well as things, especially a friendship with Jesus. b) When we are afraid we need to ask Jesus for help and it will make a difference. c) We have to choose which way to go, some things look easy but are wrong, some things are hard but right. Jesus shows us the right way. d) When we know Jesus as our friend he gives us forgiveness and freedom from sin and guilt. e) Now we are free we need to grow as Christians and serve the king.

Denise Elliott

Books from Pheniah

I.B.R.A. Bible Readings - 1999

To assist and encourage our Daily Reading with comments and Prayers, the I.B.R.A. offer two books - 'Words for Today' and 'Light for our path' at £4.50p. copy.

'Light for our path' is also available in LARGE PRINT for those who are visually impaired at £8.50p. copy.

New Subscribers to the I.B.R.A. Daily Readings may contact me on 246523. For existing Readers, I will order as previously unless I am informed otherwise.

Finding Our Way Together, Book 2 at £6.00.

For Leaders of House Fellowships, Bible Study Groups, etc. With notes from I.B.R.A.'s writers.

Millennium - 2000 - Advent - Style Calendar.

The Millennium Calendar with 52 doors - one door for each week of 1999. Behind each door is a picture to remind us of an important event or person in the last 2000 years.

The pictures are also available as a pack of photocopiable A4 Posters, a booklet offers a comment, quotation or prayer to show the significance of each picture.

Makes a unique present for Christmas 1998.

Calendar and booklet - £12.50.

Poster book - £6.50.



I shall be pleased to order any of the above items on request.

Pheniah Taylor.



Additional drivers are needed more urgently than ever to fill gaps in the voluntary 'lifts to Church' system. The holiday season has shown how difficulties can arise at very short notice. Sometimes it has been necessary to ask hard pressed volunteers to do double journeys on Sunday mornings to avoid disappointment for those dependant on lifts. If you can offer help please ring Jim Hope, 248539

Kestro - Worthing Stroke Club - Can You Help?

We urgently need drivers to bring members to their meeting on Friday afternoons in our Church hall. Could you help on a regular, rota or occasional basis, or have you a friend or neighbour who might help us out. Members need to be collected from about 1.30pm and then taken home at 4pm. You would be very welcome to join us for the afternoon.

Mileage allowance can be claimed for your journeys. Please speak to Robin Bradley, 240908 or Carol Webber, 690334

Notice of Election Results - July 23rd 1998

At the Church meeting held on the 23rd of July we were glad to elect the following members to serve in many ways. All appointments began on September 1st 1998

Administrative Elder

Miss Denise Elliott

Pastoral Elder

Mrs Jane Bond

World Church & Mission:

Mr Norman Prattent Chair/Sec
Mrs Audrey Stewart
Mrs Pheniah Taylor
Mrs Barbara Popplestone
Mrs Florrie Freeman (Treasurer)
Mr Ian Hennel (Christian Aid)
Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey (Tearfund)
Mrs Margaret Butcher (Bible Society Rep)

Other appointments:-

Church Family Committee:

Mrs Rosemary Terry
Mrs Carol Webber

Outreach & Evangelism Committee:

Mr Geoffrey Dean
Mrs Bobby Hitchin

House & Fabric Committee:

Mr Colin Nodes
Mr Eric Bond
Mrs Eileen Rhodes

Finance Committee:

Mrs Audrey Ebeling
Mr Ken Irving
Mr Graeme Gill

Millennium Committee

Mr Wilfred Rhodes
Mrs Doreen Norris
Miss Janet Dean
Mr Graham Redman
Mr Peter Mitchell

Authorised Person (Marriages) Mr Michael Ebeling

Bible Society Mrs Margaret Butcher

Charitable Collections Mrs Robin Bradley

Christians Together in Goring Mrs Glen Dean

Chronicle Editor Mr Graham Redman

Publicity Officer Mr David Butcher

Social Secretary Mrs Daphne Eames

Tearfund/Tearcraft Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey

Traidcraft Miss Denise Elliott

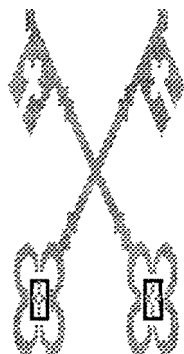
Sale of Cards Mrs Jean Webb

Women's World Day of Prayer Mrs Eileen Rhodes

In addition **Mr Malcolm Nicholls** was appointed to take on the Church cleaning

N.B. At the end of the meeting two committee places remained unfilled; one on the Church Family committee, and one on the Outreach & Evangelism committee. These and any committee may co-opt members from time to time.

Hilary Redman - Church Secretary



Holders of keys to the following internal doors are asked to return them to Colin Nodes or any member of the House & Fabric Committee:-
Elder's Vestry,
Connecting Door,
Store Room,
Minister's Vestry

Harvest Supper 26th September & Autumn Bazaar 31st October

If you can help at either or both of these events please come to a short planning meeting on Wednesday 9th September at 2.30pm in the Harris Room. Please send a representative of your Church organisation to arrange the bazaar details.

Neighbourhood Outreach

We shall re-start our 'Neighbourhood Outreach' on Monday 14th September at 6pm at the church for those who will be visiting and those who will be praying in Church. This will be our final visit for this year and we shall call on the residents of Wellesley Avenue and Marlborough Road from Marlborough Way to Clive Avenue. Please continue to pray for this outreach and prayer walk the roads. All our visits are prayer based both before and during the visits.

We had 3 projects this year for Outreach and Evangelism, the **neighbourhood visits**; the **Flower Festival** and the **Pantomime**.

The Flower Festival brought many people to the church, the visits brought enquirers about our faith and told people where we were if needed and the pantomime - well, as Peter told the Church meeting that having by chance (was it by chance I wonder?) found a unicyclist and following

that a juggler (both being very important to the plot) it was all systems go.

Pantomime

I can now report that all major roles have been cast and at the time of writing this, only some travellers are needed to complete the cast. This is a Nativity pantomime and outreach. Although all the comedy parts of pantomime are included, the message is of the birth of Jesus and that is what we want to leave with those who come to see it. The dates, at the moment, are Sat. 19th December afternoon and evening and Monday evening the 21st.

As you prayed for the Flower Festival and are praying for the neighbourhood visits, please pray for the success of the pantomime. We believe that God listens to and answers prayer, don't we?

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman

Leslie Montford -

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant us the grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same, thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Sure Foundation P.P. Bliss

Chorus:

On what foundation do you build, neighbour,
your hopes for the future fair?
Do your walls reach down to the Rock below,
and rest securely there?

1.

On what foundation do you build, neighbour,
your hopes for the future fair?
Do your walls reach down to the Rock below,
and rest securely there?
Sad wrecks lie round you on the sand, neighbour,
the floods and storms are near;
Will the strong blast hurl to the earth thy walls,
or blanch thy cheek with fear?
Chorus

2

On sure foundation would you build, neighbour?
Take heed to the Lord's commands;
ever fast and firm, while the storms go by,
this Rock of Ages stands.
Alas, what folly 'tis to build, neighbour,
a mansion so fair, so grand,
with its costly walls and its lofty towers,
on Sin's delusive sand.
Chorus

Please continue to save the following items which can all be of benefit to charities. They may be brought to the Church, or taken to the following addresses.

Tin Foil, (flattened) - Guide Dogs for the Blind - Grove Lodge Veterinary surgery, George V Ave, Goring.
Spectacles - recycled for use in India - Dolland & Aitchenson, opticians, Goring Road.
Stamps - fund raising for MIND charity shop, Goring Road.
Foreign coins - St. Barnabus, Columbia Drive, Durrington.
Items of furniture - Guild Care who will collect phone 528600

Robin Bradley

FEBA RADIO NEWS

AN UNSTOPPABLE HOPE

After Easter the focus of the world's news media fell on the famine crisis in Southern Sudan. Barh al-Ghazal, the region most severely affected, is in the reception area for Feba's Dinka broadcasts launched 18 months ago. Feba's Norman Brierley and others involved, visited southern Sudan in April. In spite of war, drought, displaced persons and the ravages of famine reported elsewhere, the Gospel is having impact; the radio broadcasts are welcomed.

Conditions in Southern Sudan have meant that Dinka Bishop Nathaniel Garang of Bor diocese of the Episcopal Church in Southern Sudan now operates from Kenya. With Norman Brierley he made a trip to his home diocese, which has some 90 churches and 60 pastors. Their MAF plane landed at Paluar airstrip and Norman says, "People were tilling the ground. It had rained the night before and they were trying to turn the earth over." The Bishop told him, "Planting time is May and June... but there is no food; last year there was no rain in the area." The airstrip was cleared and people were expecting a United Nations food drop.



Bishop Nathaniel (straw hat, centre) thronged by people at Labone airstrip.

"It was an extraordinary scene when we went to Labone after Paluar," said Norman. "Yes, people came rushing to touch me," said the Bishop. This amazing turnout to welcome the radio party at Labone deeply impressed Lee de Young of *Words of Hope*, sponsors of the Dinka broadcasts. "Within a few minutes the crowd had multiplied to five or six thousand people—a great, joyous gathering, so much enthusiasm... These people thrive, although you can see that there is relatively little that they can use to sustain their life. They want to see everyone reached with the Gospel." Lee referred to a listener who said they see the radio broadcasts as a missionary to Khartoum (in the Islamic north of the country). "They have suffered so much and yet have a vision that the Gospel reach everyone and don't see why it couldn't. That seems an unstoppable hope," he added.

IN BRIEF THREE CHEERS FOR IRENE!



Irene Carter

People support Feba in so many wonderful ways. But Irene Carter is tops! Earlier this year she swam 1,400 meters in a *Great Britain One Hour Swim-in*. Her efforts were sponsored and she raised £78 for Feba. She is a member of *Aylesbury Area Disabled Club*. Irene says able-bodied swimmers aged from 10 to 80 also take part in the event. She was allowed to stay on, although she is 80+ and has been doing this to help missionary causes since 1982. She suffers from polio and osteoporosis.

STORM DAMAGE, SEYCHELLES STATION

Exceptionally strong winds on Bank Holiday Saturday, 2 May, severely damaged homes and property in Seychelles, cut off power and tore off half the roof of Feba's transmitting station. With three 100kW transmitters exposed to the elements it was a race against time to cover the gaping hole with tarpaulins before it rained. Just 15 minutes after this task was achieved, it poured down! The Lord further answered prayer in that, in spite of damage to two antennas, the station was back on air as usual early next morning with just some loss of power to some transmissions.

"M" IS FOR *Mobilising*

Ahoy Shipmates! We are nearing Jamaica as I write to you. Sailing is a time when I find myself taking time out to reflect on how are we doing with mobilising. Are we exciting Christians for evangelism and missions? Are we fulfilling the "M" for Mobilising in "METAL", the acronym for our ship ministry fivefold mandate?

Looking back from the aft—who have we mobilised?

We on board LOGOS II have recently spent six months ministering in eight Mexican ports. Thousands have seen their world vision expanding as we have shared in conferences on board. In one weekend conference, 80 came forward in response to a dramatic mission presentation. They eagerly crowded the stage, indicating that they wanted to go. Many of those still seated, realising missions is not a spectator sport, said they wanted to help those going by praying and financially supporting them. In each port we have up to 40 volunteers working alongside us on the ship. They receive mission exposure to catch a vision beyond their shores. Christina was one such volunteer in Acapulco who started to catch a vision of what God could do with her life. Her church has now sent her for two years of missions service on LOGOS II. Through these eight ports, 80 Mexicans have sent in 'first step' applications to serve with Operation Mobilisation. The Mexican Church is now sending her own missionaries, and we on LOGOS II are excited to have a part in this mobilising. Yes! We have mobilised.

Looking forward from the bow—who will we mobilise?

As we sail, I also find myself going to the bow of the ship and looking forward to the next six months in the Caribbean. A very different culture awaits us, but the same mandate—to mobilise the church to local and global evangelism. Thirty people eagerly await our arrival in the next port of call in order to come on board as volunteers. Will there be another Christina? We trust so. In addition, another 15-20 local believers will daily be mobilised in evangelism as they work with us in our 'Welcome On Board' programme. This newly-launched evangelistic event could reach 2-3,000 people a day. Yes! People will be mobilised.

Looking around on board—who are being mobilised?

Recently, during our regular Thursday prayer evening, we were interceding for the unreached in North Africa, Central and South Asia—some of OM's target areas, and for the millions of 'Children at Risk' around the world. After we had prayed, I asked who had a burden to reach out to the unreached in these areas. Around 40 of the ship's company of 200 stood. Gathering around them, we asked God to confirm their sense of call and open a door for ministry. Carla, from the Netherlands, is one of those who stood. She completes her two year assignment this August and is planning to work among street children in Thailand. There are others like Walter who did not stand but are still being mobilised as senders. Walter is planning to return to his home country, Argentina, to become the pastor of a mission- mobilising church. Yes! People on board are being mobilised.

Whichever way I look, beyond the aft, from the bow and around on board, my heart is filled with thanksgiving for what has happened, is happening, and will happen in mobilising God's people to complete the Great Commission.

--- Thanks shipmates for being
a significant part of this
mobilising adventure.

Richard Sharp

OPERATION MOBILISATION

Women's Guild

The first meeting of the new session will be held in the Church hall on Tuesday September 8th at 2.30pm, when the speaker will be our minister, Peter Heckels. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome, fellowship and tea & biscuits! Do come.

Small screw top jars (no larger than 1lb size), are required for craft work. Please pass to any member of the Guild or to me direct. Thank you.

Jean Webb

Action For Dysphasic Adults

Please remember our Coffee Morning - Saturday September 12th 10am - 12 noon. We hope for another 'bumper' result. Last year's was so successful. There will be books, bric-a-brac, bottles & tins, cakes and competitions. Any donations you may have towards the stalls will be gratefully received. Entrance 40p to include coffee & biscuits. See you there!

Doreen Norris

Other activities New Session dates

Painting for Fun - Wed 16th Sept. 10am

ARK Mothers and Toddlers - Thu 10th Sept. 10am

Rowland Singers Summer Showtime

Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm

As mentioned in the August Chronicle, the Rowland Singers are giving their Summer Showtime Concert in our hall on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm. The first half will be excerpts from South Pacific by Rogers and Hammerstein, do you remember Bali Ha'I and There is Nothing like a Dame? The second half will contain a selection of songs both old and new. Those of you who were at the concert during the Flower Festival will have heard some of the songs, so if you enjoyed that, then come again and if you didn't come then it will all be new to you. Tickets are priced at £2. £1 for children and students. Roy and I have tickets for sale.

After the choir's minimal expenses the rest of the ticket money will go to the church.

Sheila Gooderham

FEBA RADIO - September Mailing.

This will take place from Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th September between 9am and 5pm. New faces would be most welcome for some or part of the time.

Tea & biscuits are provided, bring sandwiches for a full day. Prayers for Feba's ministry take place from 12 - 12.30pm. Why not help this missionary radio outreach in a practical way which brings the good news of Jesus' love to the peoples of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

Special services In September.

Our special services in September are 8.00am, 10.30am, and 6.00pm each Sunday not forgetting our 10.30 Communion service and our special time of praise to end our day of prayer.

However you may also like to be aware of the fact that on the 6th September (probably the day you collect the magazine) we ordained / inducted elders and welcomed new members all of whom need our continuing prayers.

On 20th September, at 6.00pm, we shall be hosting the Christians Together in Goring united service and it would be good for you to be present to welcome our guests from other churches.

The following Sunday 27th September will be our Harvest festival with services at 9.15am (Time for Tots) and 3.00pm (Communion and tea) as well as our normal services.

Lest you should think that such a busy day will be followed by total rest the 10.30 am service on Sunday 4th October will be an opportunity for us all to rededicate ourselves at a special service as we celebrate Communion.

Harvest Festival.

People often wonder what sort of gifts they should bring to the harvest, and the answer often depends on what happens to the gifts afterwards. This year we are able to tell you that our Harvest gifts will go to Lomas House, the home of retired missionaries here in Worthing.

The staff has said that fresh fruit and vegetables will be the best gift that we can give them. So, let us bring our gifts with the confidence that they will be well received and appreciated by those who have given so much in the lord's service.

We hope that some of the residents of Lomas House will loan us items from around the world to help in the decoration of our church for this celebration

Peter Heckels

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SEPTEMBER

- 6 Sun 8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Ordination & induction of Elders.
6pm Evening Worship
- 8 Tue Women's Guild
- 1st Meeting of new session. Speaker Rev Peter Heckels
- 9 Wed - 2.30pm Planning Meeting in Harris Room for Harvest Festival & Autumn Bazaar Please come or send representative
- 7.30pm Roland Singers Summer Showtime.
- 10 Thu ARK Mothers & Toddlers New session - 10am
- 12 Sat Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon
Action for Dysphasic Adults
- 13 Sun Sunday Services 8am & 10.30am. 6pm with Holy Communion
- 16 Wed Painting for Fun - New session - 10am
- 18 Fri Kestro Club - Outing to Shoreham Airport
- 20 Sun 8am Holy Communion & 10.30am Morning Worship
6pm Evening Worship Hosting Christians Together in Goring
- 24 Thu Prayer & Praise 2.30pm. All are very welcome to come
- 26 Sat Harvest Supper
- 27 Sun Harvest Festival - 8am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Time for Tots. Refreshments afterwards
- 10.30am Morning Worship
- 3pm Holy Communion & Tea
- 6pm Evening Worship

Planning Meeting

For Harvest & Autumn Bazaar

Wednesday 9th September

Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th September

Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 31st October

St Columbas' Harvest Festival also 27th September

Church open all day. Everyone welcome

OCTOBER

- 1 Thu Prayer & Praise 2.30pm
- 2 Fri Women's World Day of Prayer
- 4 Sun Sunday Services
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- 11 Sun Sunday Services

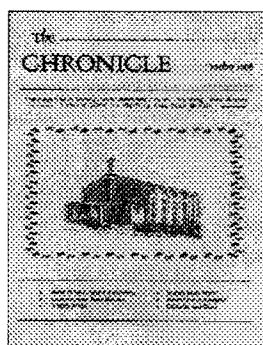
*** Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices for any possible changes to the above diary of events.**

Women's World Day of Prayer Area Conference

Lacing Tabernacle
Friday 2nd October 98 10am - 3pm

Subject - God's tender touch

Open to all ladies - please let Eileen Rhodes know if you wish to attend



The next issue of *The* CHRONICLE will be available on Sunday 4th October.

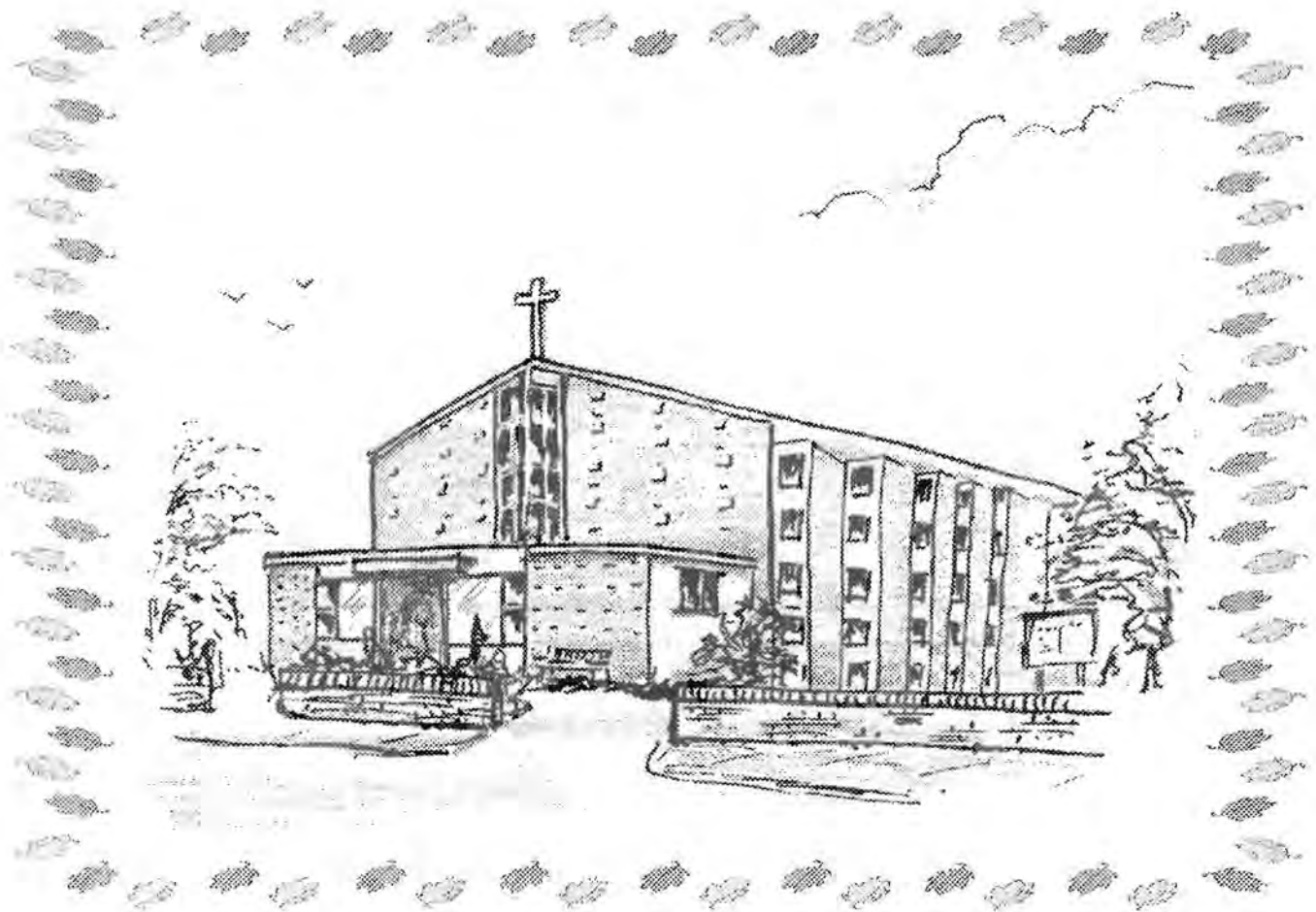
Please place material for the October CHRONICLE in the Vestibule box by Tuesday morning 15th September.

Please remember to include a pink form when submitting items for inclusion in *The* CHRONICLE. These forms may be found in the Vestibule.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth
Monday Club
Tuesday Club
Serendipity
Women's Guild
The Ark for Parents and Toddlers
Prayer & Praise
Kestro (Stroke) Club
Little Fishes Play Group
Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Wednesday Evenings
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Monthly. Monday evening
Alternate Tuesday afternoons
Thursday mornings
Alternate Thursday afternoons
Friday afternoons
Every weekday
Various times and days |
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Dear Friends,

As we write, we are coming to celebrate Harvest and share in a time of thanksgiving, but before we move on too quickly, we would like to encourage you to look at the resources that man has been given. The Harvest hymn says, "For His mercies aye endure, ever faithful ever sure," but do we believe it? As part of creation God gave to man every seed bearing plant and fruit for his food (Genesis 1:29), and he also gave all domestic animals, large and small (Genesis 1:26). In the restoration which followed the flood God renewed His covenant, "while the earth lasts seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall never cease," (Genesis 8:22). God promises to bring the Israelites to Canaan, "a land flowing with milk and honey," (Exodus 3:17) and even in their desert wanderings He supplies all the people's needs, (Exodus 16:4). The Bible sees man as a 'resource-full' being, richly endowed by God, but there is a realistic awareness of poverty and deprivation which brings a special concern for the poor (Deuteronomy 24:19-21).

In the light of what we know today about the needs of the world and the ever widening gap between the rich and the poor in all areas of society and between nations, and the way in which we are exhausting the earth's resources of mineral deposits and fertile land, we could say that God has not provided for all our needs and that the claims "you will never live in poverty or want for anything," (Deuteronomy 8:9) are misconceived. However, the Bible is clear that God has more than adequately anticipated human needs. It is human greed and human mismanagement and above all the confusion of needs with wants which result in economic collapse and social chaos. Needs are finite, wants appear to be infinite. There are adequate resources to meet our needs but our wants create appetite that is insatiable and grows as it is fed.

Abundant resources and the proper stewardship of them enable us, not only to enjoy the resources but also to be grateful for them and to share them generously. We must never forget whom it is who gives so much to us for the greatest resource of all is God himself. Wherever you open the Bible, you will find men drawing strength from the certainty that God is with them. This is the conviction that determines the way they live. "Surely I will be with you," God assures Moses (Exodus 3:12), and in the Psalms we read of the total power of God in every situation of human need. Psalms 23, 40, 84 and 121 are just a few that celebrate the guidance of God and His protection for His people. In the New Testament, Jesus reminds us of God's provision, "therefore do not be anxious saying, 'what shall we eat?' or 'what shall we drink?' or 'what shall we wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all." (Matthew 6:31-32)

We are constantly reminded in the Bible that God himself is the GREAT RESOURCE and stewardship of resources which fails to recognise that God is there to strengthen, inspire and renew is like depending on the petty cash while having access to the vaults of the Bank of England. As we move forward from Harvest surely this must be our message to the world seeking to deal with the huge problems created by our mismanagement of all God has given.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.



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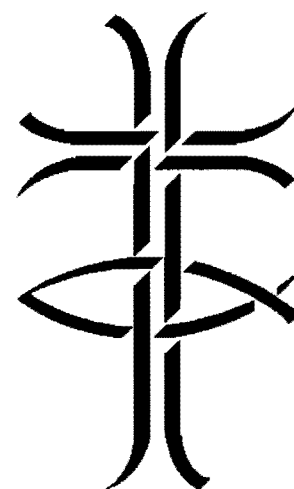
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For your Diary ...



Handbook Amendments

Congratulations to

Gaynor and Alan Anderson-Easey on the birth their son David William on the 15th September 98.

A brother for Elizabeth and Belinda.



David William at church for the first time on Harvest Festival morning.

New Address

Mrs Sandra Cameron
26 South Farm Road
Worthing. BN14 7AE

Telephone: 01903 201189

New Telephone No.

Mrs Rosemary Terry
01903 709079

Deaths:

Mr Charles Taylor on 12th September 98

Mrs Olive Birch on 18th September 98

We thank God for the lives of Charles and Olive and pray for peace in the hearts of their family and friends

Thanks and Appreciation

The late Charles Taylor will be remembered in many ways not least by the sympathetic way in which the Thanksgiving Service was conducted by the Rev Peter Heckels at Goring URC on the 18th September 1998. His daughters, Norah and Janet, sister Audrey and family, my family, friends and neighbours were made aware of the tremendous support of prayer, letters, cards, sympathy, and offers of help during his illness and following his death.

My gratitude to Dr Grompertz, District Nurse Joan McGahey and her team for their unfailing support.

I have always been aware of the love he had for his church and fellow christians, and for his love of his Saviour, Jesus Christ, but not until now do I begin to understand the serenity of that love and concern for his family and myself during the past 25 years.

Thank you Peter and Eileen, Geoffrey our organist and to all who came to the Thanksgiving Service for such a memorable day.

'Tis mercy all, let earth adore, let angel minds enquire no more'.

Pheniah Taylor

Dear Friends at Goring URC.,

Greetings from the West Country of sunshine and showers! - but we were grateful for fine weather during the period of our move. Our new home is gradually taking shape though there are still a number of unopened boxes in the garage. One of these contains our pictures but there is no hurry for this as our living room is adorned with the many greeting cards we have received; many thanks to those of you who have written and also to the many others who we know have been remembering us.

We realise that there may be some of you were not present when our appreciation was read out for the special farewell gift that we received from the church on our last Sunday. It is a beautiful Royal Doulton crystal vase and at the moment is looking lovely with some freesias in it - we are very grateful to you all for this reminder of your fellowship. We have been welcomed back by Irene's 'home church' but we will continue to remember you too.

With our love and prayers.

Geoffrey and Irene Dearsley

A new week day club

A new weekday club started in September on Tuesday evening. The Tuesday Club

The already established Monday Club and the new Tuesday Club will work alongside our Sunday morning teaching. Please pray for the new leaders and helpers and particularly for children that they may come along. Monday Club for 5 - 7 year olds and Tuesday Club for 8 - 11 year olds

Denise Elliott

A wonderful experience of being used by the Lord.

During his recent stay in hospital Douglas Pullen, a member of our church who worships with us each week at 8.00 am. had a wonderful experience of being used by the Lord. While recovering from his operation, a man was admitted to the bed next to his. This patient was given the news that he had cancer and reacted very badly to the extent that the doctors sedated him and told his wife that she should return later that evening. The man awoke from his sedation much earlier than expected and was still considerably distressed. Douglas began to talk with him and in conversation started to share the love he had found in Jesus. His

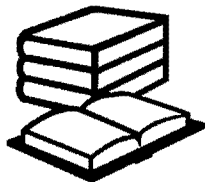
words were very faltering and he did not feel he was able to express what he wanted to say. At this stage, however, although he continued to talk he knew that words and the voice were not his own but that he was being used as a channel to share Jesus' love. The man calmed down and remained calm when his wife returned to visit him. At the end of visiting the wife came to Douglas to thank him for all he had said to her husband. Douglas pointed out that it was not him but Jesus.

We do not know what has happened to this man since but we do know that Douglas has been used by the Lord to speak of

Jesus' love in this situation. Only by being willing to begin the conversation and recognising his own weakness could Douglas be used in such a way. We share this story, with Douglas' permission, as an encouragement to all who feel that others are more equipped to evangelise than they are. Jesus calls us all to speak in His name, that He may receive the glory, and promises that he will provide the words that are needed for he is with us always.

Let us continue to pray that the seed sown may bear great fruit to the glory of Jesus.

Peter Heckels



Books From Pheniah

I.B.R.A. Bible Readings - 1999

To assist and encourage our Daily Reading with comments and Prayers, the I.B.R.A. offer two books - 'Words for Today' and 'Light for our path' at £4.50p. copy.

'Light for our path' is also available in LARGE PRINT for those who are visually impaired at £8.50p. copy.

New Subscribers to the I.B.R.A. Daily Readings may contact me on 246523. For existing Readers, I will order as previously unless I am informed otherwise.

Finding Our Way Together, Book 2 at £6.00.

For Leaders of House Fellowships, Bible Study Groups, etc. With notes from I.B.R.A.'s writers.

Millennium - 2000 - Advent - Style Calendar.

The Millennium Calendar with 52 doors - one door for each week of 1999. Behind each door is a picture to remind us of an important event or person in the last 2000 years.

The pictures are also available as a pack of photocopiable A4 Posters, a booklet offers a comment, quotation or prayer to show the significance of each picture.

Makes a unique present for Christmas 1998.

Calendar and booklet - £12.50.

Poster book - £6.50.

I shall be pleased to order any of the above items on request.

Pheniah Taylor.

Drivers needed



**Additional drivers
are needed more
urgently than ever to
fill gaps in the
voluntary lifts to
Church' system.**

The holiday season has shown how difficulties can arise at very short notice. Sometimes it has been necessary to ask hard pressed volunteers to do double journeys on Sunday mornings to avoid disappointment for those dependent on lifts.

If you can offer help please ring,

Jim Hope

Pasoral Elders

At our Pastoral Elders meeting we discussed the best way to satisfy the Pastoral needs of the fellowship.

We now have only eight Pastoral Elders sharing the care of the fellowship with the Minister who is now part of the Worthing Area Team. This is a big task, particularly if we continue to think in terms of each of us in the fellowship receiving regular visits throughout the year. In order to make the task a little easier it is suggested that the Elders concentrate, as Peter will, on visiting those members of the fellowship who are in special need, - that is whatever that need may be at any particular time.

However it is important that members of the fellowship feel able to approach the Minister or their Elder on any matter and at any time, and the Pastoral Elders will always endeavour to meet the needs of those in their care. Please do not hesitate to approach your Elder, who will be pleased to visit you at your invitation, speak with you on the telephone or before or after worship on a Sunday.

In this way it is hoped that we can use our resources wisely, and minister to each other effectively.

Rev. Peter Heckels
Hilary Redman (Church Sec.)

Administrative Elders

Notes from the Administrative Elders' meeting held on September the 7th 1998

The Administrative Elders met to arrange the chairmanship of the church committees, and their role on the other committees.

It was agreed that:-

Denise Elliott will chair the Church Family committee,
and Wilfred Rhodes will serve with her.
Wilfred Rhodes will chair the Finance committee,
and Matthew Smith will serve with him
Matthew Smith will chair the House & Fabric committee,
and Sheila Gooderham will serve with him
Sheila Gooderham will chair the Outreach & Evangelism committee,
and Denise Elliott will serve with her.

The World Church & Mission committee will be chaired by Norman Prattent.

Wilfred Rhodes will continue as Deputy Church Secretary.

The meeting also clarified the timetable of the Church committee meetings as follows:-

September	Outreach & Evangelism
October	Church Family effectively.
November	Finance
January	Church Family, House & Fabric
February	Finance, Outreach & Evangelism
March	Church Family
April	Outreach & Evangelism
May	House & Fabric
June	Finance
July	Church Family

These represent the main meetings, with the proviso that if any Chair person needs to call a meeting to meet a specific need they would do so.

It was also noted that there is still one vacancy on the Church Family committee and one on the Outreach & Evangelism committee for church members to fill. Nominations for these vacancies should be handed to the Church Sec. before the Church meeting on October 29th for election at that meeting.

Phyllis Wheeler -

"Help us, O lord, when we want to do the right thing, but know not what it is. But help us most when we know perfectly well what we ought to do, and do not want to do it."

Rev Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the Senate, Washington

"The Scriptures say nothing about keeping our eyes shut in prayer, but they do talk about praying constantly and with faith. (Many people went to pray for rain during a certain drought. I'm told, but only one little lady turned up at the prayer meeting, with an umbrella!!)"

From "My Path of Prayer" by Derick Bingham

House and Fabric Committee

We are holding a working party day on Saturday 17th October 98 from 9.15am. Any member or friend who can help will be most welcome. Jobs include painting, gardening and general maintenance.

Colin Nodes

Autumn Fayre – 31st October

We plan to have the following stalls at the Fayre:

Cakes
Groceries/Preserves
Toiletries
Craft
Books
Bric-a-Brac
Toys
Jewellery
Hanky Girl

Please could you start collecting. A box will be in the vestibule at the beginning of October to receive your gifts

For collection of items please phone Bobby on 249580 or Carol on 690334.

With the Autumn Fair taking place this month we are pickling and making marmalade.

Now is the time for us to ask for jars – all sizes and sorts. Please leave them in the church kitchen, or in the porch of 15 Harvey Road.

Many thanks

Sheila & Roy Gooderham

Leslie Montford -

Almighty God, who called Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; may it please you that, by the wholesale medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A long time ago I wandered in darkness and sin,
and wondered if ever the light would shine in;
I heard Christian friends speak of raptures divine,
and I wished - how I wished - that their Saviour was mine.

Chorus:-

I wished he were mine, yes, I wished He were mine;
I wished - how I wished - that their Saviour was mine

I heard the glad Gospel of 'Good will to men'
I read 'Who-so-ever' again and again,
I said to my soul 'Can that promise be thine?'
and then began hoping that Jesus was mine.

Chorus:-

I hoped He was mine, yes I hoped He was mine,
and then began hoping that Jesus was mine

Oh, mercy surprising! He saves even me!

'Thy portion for ever,' He says 'will I be.'

On His word I am resting - assurance divine;

I am hoping no longer, I know He is mine.

Chorus:-

I know He is mine, yes, I know He is mine,
I'm hoping no longer, I know he is mine.

P P Bliss IRA D Sankey

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

On the evening of the 14th September we concluded our Neighbourhood Outreach for this year by visiting Wellesley Avenue and Marlborough Road from Marlborough Way to Clive Avenue. Four pairs did the visiting and three people stayed in church to pray. We would like to thank all the people who have been part of this outreach during this year. We resume after Easter 1999. It is proposed that we produce a special edition of the December Chronicle which would be distributed to each house visited for our survey. It would contain the statistics from the questionnaire and also details of all that goes on in our church - a bumper edition.

At the September Church Meeting members were given a leaflet on the Worthing Churches Homeless Project. It is proposed that we would give a donation to this worthy cause possibly the proceeds from the pantomime.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman.

News from the Worthing Area Team

It has been suggested that we may share a common contribution to all our four churches eventually. Here, as a beginning, is what Kathleen Coltman, Lay Representative for Shelley Road, has written for her church recently, reproduced here with her permission.

Jane Bond

WORTHING AREA TEAM MINISTRY

Because you have heard little news of the Worthing Team Ministry, and perhaps you feel nothing exciting is happening since the commissioning service in April, let me assure you that much planning is in progress! The Team has met several times, giving much thought to the preaching rota and to the best way of helping our friends at St. Columba's at this time, not only on Sundays but in all their work so that the ministers can share more of their time with the members there.

We have also been busy rewriting the profile of the area team ministry so as to make a candidate for the ministry here aware of the challenges there are.

The procedure of interviewing and meeting another candidate have been looked at carefully. It is for all of us to continue praying that we may soon find this person who will help us.

Kathleen Coltman

The Worthing Music Circle (affiliated to The Federation of Recorded Music Societies)



The society's annual Concert in support of the ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S POPPY APPEAL is to be held at St. Columba's URC on Wednesday November 11th 1998 from 2.15 pm - approx 4.45 pm

Admission will be by programme £2.50, which will include light refreshments during the interval. If you would like a programme please speak to Hilary Redman

Worthing One World Week 1998 "Shaping Our Landscapes"

Saturday 17 October

ONE WORLD FAIR - St Paul's Church Hall Richmond Road 10 am - 1 pm

Meet members of Worthing Bears basket ball team

Drama, music, displays.

Collection point for "Tools for Self Reliance" & Link Romania Shoe boxes

To be opened 10.30 am by the Mayor

Sunday 18 October

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH - Bury Drive Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm

SUPERLUNCH- The Barn, English Martyrs, hosted by Cafod by ticket. (£3.50 from Denis 241242)

Tuesday 20 October

COFFEE MORNING - Freinds Meeting House, rear 34 Mill Rd.

Speaker on One World Week organisation

Display, stalls,

Collection for Link Romania Shoe boxes

ONE WORLD PRESENTATION - Offington Methodist Church, Broadwater Green

"Oxfam working to shape our landscapes"

Saturday 24 October

STREET COLLECTIONS in aid of UNICEF 9 am - 1 pm



CPAS Church Pastoral Aid Society

Ministry Among Women - Worthing Area Fellowship

Many women in the fellowship will be familiar with CPAS and will have attended the worthwhile women's day meetings from time to time.

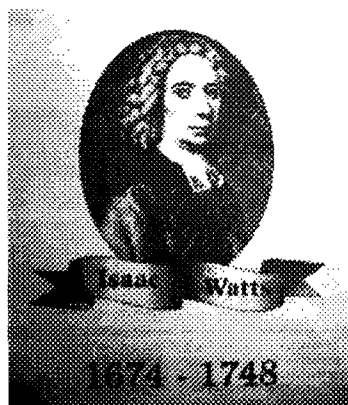
The next CPAS meeting will be on Friday 9th October 1998 9.15 am - 2.30 pm
and on Saturday 10th October 1998 9.30 pm - 12.30 pm at Broadwater Baptist Centre Dominion Road, East Worthing

For the first time a meeting has been arranged for a Saturday; it is for those who find a week day difficult.

The speaker will be Mrs Brenda Courtie "The juggling Act - or - Where is God in all this?"

Full programme and booking form from Hilary, or see Church vestibule.

The charge for Friday is £5.00, and for Saturday £3.00. A creche is available on Friday. Drinks are provided but you must take your own packed lunch.



To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the death of Isaac Watts the URC have launched a hymn writing competition.

A prize of £50.00 in book tokens will be awarded to the best entry from a person who has not had a hymn published previously.

It is hoped to publish the best entries in some form during the year following the competition. A separate entry form for under 16s is available from Pam & Alan Avery (FURY)

The hymn may be written to an existing tune, familiar or unfamiliar. It should concentrate on the central theme of Isaac Watts, the wonder of God's creation and redemption, but it may focus on any aspect of this.

More details from *Hilary Redman*

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FEBA RADIO - NOVEMBER MAILING

A Feba mailing will take place at our offices in November. Help is needed to collate the information and put it into envelopes. We love to see new faces and would value as many folk as possible to come along and help us.

The dates are:

Tuesday 3rd November - Wednesday 4th November
between 9am and 5 pm

You are invited to join with staff for office prayers from 12-12.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out up-to-date news about Feba's ministry and pray for current needs.

A number of friends bring sandwiches; some enjoy a full day with us, others drop in for an hour or so. Tea, coffee, and biscuits are supplied during the day. -

It's a time for fellowship, meeting folk from other churches in Worthing and, at the same time, helping this missionary radio outreach which is bringing the good news of Jesus' love to the peoples of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

FOR MORE DETAILS: please phone Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

On Air with the Good News

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Children in need

By Rev Nirmala Vasanthakumar, Executive Secretary
of the All India Council of Christian Women

"They shall not... bear children for calamity." Isaiah 65.23 (New Revised Standard Version)

Life can be very tough for Indian children. They are often forced to work like adults in harsh conditions to provide support for their family. Girls usually suffer the most as they are not considered to be as important as boys. This leaves them vulnerable to exploitation by ill-meaning adults, as the following stories show.

MALINI

When Malini was eight, her mother killed her youngest daughter and committed suicide. She could not stand the pressure of not bearing a son. Malini was left to care for her two other sisters and her father.

Her father had regularly battered his wife, often after he had gone out drinking. With her now gone, he turned his anger on Malini. After three years, she ran away to stay with relatives.

But life there was not much better. She was given shelter, but her relatives sent her to work in an aluminium factory from eight in the morning to six in the evening. They kept her wages and forced her to do all the housework every day. Eventually, Malini could take no more and decided to speak about it to her relative.

In return, he sold her for 5,000 rupees (US\$126) to another relative who again made her work hard and gave her little. He beat her and threw her out one day when Malini inadvertently lost the shopping money.

Malini was left helpless, lost and hurt with nowhere to go. Eventually, a local pastor took her to a crisis home where she was treated for her injuries. Although she is now a helper in the home, Malini has closed in on herself and refuses to learn anything. Her future seems bleak.

KAMILA

Kamila's father deserted his family of five when she was 14. Working at a local clothing factory for 10 rupees a day, she became the main breadwinner for the whole family. Her mother was ill and would often vent her anger on her children.

One day, a middle-aged man took an interest in Kamila. He would buy her food and give her presents. He also used to caress and fondle her, although Kamila thought he was just expressing his affection for her.

Eventually, he made her have sex with him. By then, Kamila had realised that she could use her body to obtain favours from men. Before long, she left her job at the factory and worked for the man, selling her body.

But one day her life came close to ending. A vicious client beat her up badly and left her half dead. She was rushed to hospital and was then taken to a crisis home as her mother refused to look after her.

Kamila is broken physically and psychologically. She is only 16 years old and she has lost everything. She has a long way to go before society accepts her as a normal person. And Kamila's story is nothing out of the ordinary. There are thousands of girls around the world who sold themselves and ended up in similar situations.

I now understand what bearing children for calamity means. Children are supposed to be gifts from God, but they are made to feel the consequences of human selfishness. God wants an end to child suffering and will make this a top priority in the world order he wants to create.

As members of the body of Christ we are responsible for promoting this new world order. It is our duty to stretch out our hands in friendship and acceptance and bring hope and happiness to these children.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matthew 18.6 (NRSV).

I feel this warning applies to those who ignore the stumbling blocks as well as those who place them. Christians have to address this issue now, before it is too late. ♦

ARPANA - A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

By Geoffrey Duncan

Arpana is a school run by the Church of South India in Bangalore for children aged five to 17 years who are mentally or physically impaired. Classes include children of different ages. They are taught basic arithmetic and writing skills, but also various art techniques, such as decorating egg shells, making thread pictures or shaping wood.

There is a sewing machine for girls to develop stitching and embroidery skills. They can then sell the finished articles to raise money for the school. The print room has been used to make Christmas cards using a silk screen process.

Each child is assessed through a thorough process that records every achievement, no matter how small, and provides continued support.

The photo shows a teacher encouraging Revarthi, aged 10, to make sounds with her voice. Revarthi lost the capacity to speak at the age of two and a half when she contracted a fever.



Geoffrey Duncan

FEATURE

THE CHALLENGE

As TV presenter Diane Louise Jordan raced up the mobile stage on a motorbike, a pyrotechnic display captivated hundreds of people — and so The Open Book was launched at the Christian Resources Exhibition in May.

The campaign, to put the Bible's message back on the nation's agenda, officially began as the magazine-style launch featured Sir Harry Secombe, TV actress Kathy Staff (alias Nora Batty), the London Community Gospel Choir, and the Christian Motorcyclists' Association. A message from the Archbishop of Canterbury was read out, and balloons were released.

Diane explained that many people think the Bible is dull, boring and irrelevant — a closed book. "But the Bible has profoundly influenced our lives in many ways and it's important we make it relevant once again.

"Bible Society and Churches Together in England believe *The Open Book* can help change people's minds about the Bible. The challenge as we approach the millennium is to tell this story in new and relevant ways. It's not an easy task and not something that will happen overnight. But a



Members of the London Community Gospel Choir at The Open Book launch.

The **open** Book



Diane Louise Jordan with Alan Lowther, of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association, at The Open Book launch.

journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

The 1998 initiative, to "open the Book to the people and the people to the Book", will motivate and resource Christians to bring God's story dynamically alive through all means available, including art, drama, poetry, music and animation. Many of these were demonstrated through *The Open Book* programme of events at the Christian Resources Exhibition.

"The launch was a huge success," explained Bible Society Director Sharon Norrish, "and we especially want to thank Christian Witness Ministries for lending us their stunning mobile stage. But this is only the first step of a long

journey and it needs each and every Christian to get involved."

Platform for the gospel

It was the first national usage of the huge mobile stage, provided free of charge by Christian Witness Ministries (CWM). Paul Clarke, CWM Project Manager said they had purpose-built the huge Radio-1-style-roadshow truck in order to take the Christian message to where people are. The truck, he said, is "a vehicle to evangelise the nation up to the year 2000 and beyond. It's a mobile means of communication, it's not limited geographically and it will be a platform for the gospel. We will do gospel roadshows and go where people are. The idea of *The Open Book* is to bring alive the true story of the Bible to the ordinary man and woman in the street, and communicate God's Word in a way that they can understand —and that's what the truck is all about too."

The Open Book update from the Bible Society is continued next month with 'Great Success'

Women's Guild

Our Anniversary Service will take place in the church on Tuesday, October 20th at 2.30 pm when the speaker will be Mrs Sheila McAlpine. Tea will be served in the hall after the service and we warmly invite you to this special day in our Guild calendar.

Jean Webb



Some of the Harvest Festival Offerings for Lomas House

Rowland Singers Concert.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Concert on Wed. 9th September and from what I have been told you had an enjoyable evening. After the choir's expenses had been paid £30. was given to the Church.

Although it has not yet been confirmed it is probable that the Singers will perform a Carol Concert in the Church on Wed. 9th December at 7.30pm.

Sheila Gooderham

**All good gifts around us,
are sent from Heaven above**

Enjoying dancing led by Elsie Flack at the Harvest Supper on Saturday 26th September.

**Sunday morning prayers & readings**

Those who read and pray in the services on a Sunday morning are greatly appreciated by everyone. We are always looking for more people to volunteer their gifts in this area. If you are willing to read the lessons, pray your own prayers or read prayers which can be provided for you please complete the slip below and return it to Eileen Heckels.



Name

Is willing to read a lesson / Pray my own prayers / Read a written prayer

* delete as required

OCTOBER

4	Sun	10.30am	Re-dedication Service.
		6.00pm	Evening Worship. Rev Bob Murray
6	Tue	2.30pm	Women's Guild
8	Thu	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
10	Sat	-----	Synod at Wimbledon
11	Sun	-----	Usual Sunday Service times
15	Thu	-----	Sussex West District Meeting. Littlehampton
17	Sat	-----	Church work day
16 - 18	Fri - Sun	-----	Junior Church Staff to Dalesdown Training Centre
18	Sun	-----	Usual Sunday Service times
20	Tue	2.30pm	Women's Guild Anniversary Service in the Church Speaker - Mrs Sheila McAlpine
25	Sun	8am	Early Morning Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship. Mr Norman Prattent
		6pm	Evening Worship. Mr Wilfred Rhodes
29	Thu	7.30pm	Church Meeting. Guest speaker Mr Desmond Curry - 'General Assembly 1998'
31	Sat	10am- 12noon	Autumn Fayre

Day of Prayer

First Thursday of month

Kestro Club

Friday afternoons

Women's Guild

Alternate Tuesdays
at 2.30pm

The Ark

Thursday mornings

Painting for Fun

Wednesdays 10am -12

NOVEMBER

1	Sun	8am	Early Morning Communion with Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6pm	Christians Together in Goring - Worship at St Mary's
3	Tue	2.30pm	Women's Guild
5	Thu	-----	Day of Prayer
8	Sun	-----	Usual Sunday Service times

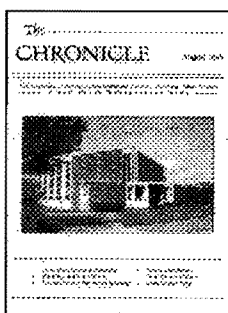
Weekday Clubs

Monday Club for 5 - 7 yr olds
Tuesday Club for 8 - 11 yr olds

Fury

Wednesdays
evenings

* Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices
for any late news and possible changes to the above diary of events.



The next issue of *The CHRONICLE* will
be available on Sunday 1st November..

Please place material for the November
CHRONICLE in the Vestibule box by
Sunday morning 18th October.

Please remember to include a pink form
when submitting items for inclusion in
The CHRONICLE.

These forms may be found in the Vestibule.

Advance Notice

It is intended to produce a special
outreach edition of the December
Chronicle for distribution to our
neighbouring houses and streets in
the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Please supply material to Graham
Redman by the end of October if
possible, or by Sunday morning the
15th November at the very latest.

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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth
Monday Club
Serendipity
Women's Guild
The Ark for Parents and Toddlers
Prayer & Praise
Kestro (Stroke) Club
Little Fishes Play Group
Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Wednesday Evenings
Monday Evenings
Monthly, Monday evening
Alternate Tuesday afternoons
Thursday mornings
Alternate Thursday afternoons
Friday afternoons
Every weekday
Various times and days |
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Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of you have seen, or taken part in one of the great Shakespearean plays? Peter read Henry IV part 1 for O level and had a part in the school production with that never forgotten line, "This message is from your father." Eileen studied A Midsummer Night's Dream although no appearance was to ensue. Few of us read Shakespeare and go on to read for the R.S.C. but for many Shakespeare is still seen as the master playwright. Shakespeare used his skill to bring alive both historical characters and those of his imagination so that his audience could both be entertained and perhaps even learn something of importance.

Any play means little until it is performed. We can read it and maybe change our voice for different parts, but plays were written to be performed and the skills of actor, producer, musician, lighting expert, make up person and many others are all combined to bring the words to life. Those involved will work very hard to make the performance memorable and enjoyable for all concerned. Perhaps you have recently seen a play, not necessarily Shakespeare and you have come away filled with the beauty of the words or the skills of those who presented it to you. Maybe, if it was a play based on fact or even an event in history you have resolved to learn more about the characters involved. Perhaps you enjoyed it so much you may want to see the play again or perhaps share the experience of others.

This Christmas there will be an opportunity to see live theatre in our church hall. The words may not be the eloquent words of Shakespeare nor may the music flow with the strains of Mozart and probably together, we will fail to catch the public imagination of a West End musical, however our pantomime will offer far more. It will be an opportunity for those who come to be reminded of the most important birth ever.

The Connaught Theatre in their advertising of Aladdin as Worthing's traditional pantomime headed their newsletter, "THE MARK OF A GREAT PANTO" and went on to say how the famous actor Mark Little (of Neighbours fame!) is playing the role of Wishy Washy. The whole brochure encourages us to come and see the stars, and encourages us to come to "the most lavish pantomime ever presented at the Connaught". Undoubtedly the stars will have been working long and hard to learn the words, and songs, and no doubt the audience will want to acknowledge the skills of each performer. The mark of our pantomime will not be anyone who takes part but the central character. We will have all the hallmarks of traditional pantomime coming together in an attempt to introduce people to the true meaning of Christmas. So, it is up to each one of us to do our part. We all know people we would like to come to one of the performances, family, a neighbour or a friend, young or old there will be something for everyone because this is Good News. Tickets will be available soon and details will appear in Welcome. Like all outreach events we need much prayer as part of our preparation for while this will be great fun and maybe Worthing's most original pantomime it is part of our evangelism. Perhaps we can even use those memorable words from Henry IV part 1 to describe what it is about, "This message is from your Father."

Please pray over the coming weeks for all those involved in this exciting event.

Your servants in Christ,
Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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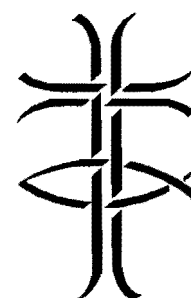
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Handbook Amendments

DEATH:

Mrs Dorothy Turner
on the 4th October 98

We give thanks for the life
of Dorothy and pray for
peace in the hearts of her
family and friends

*Margaret Craghill who
was very close to Dorothy
wishes to thank everyone
who came to say 'Good-
bye' at the Crematorium.*

Dorothy Turner - a tribute

I had known Dorothy for many years and on behalf of the Women's Guild I write these few lines in her memory.

I remember Dorothy sitting in the choir next to her very dear friend, Dorothy Cozens-walker. I remember the beautiful floral arrangements when as Flower secretary, she arranged Sunday by Sunday - (a focal part of the Church which we still appreciate.) Christmas, Easter and Harvest were one of Dorothy's specialities as, with her team of workers, she made the church look beautiful.

I remember being Vice-Chairman when Dorothy was Chairman of the Women's Guild (yes it was Chairman and not President).

She did not miss one meeting, yet there were times when she was poorly but with her determination she would not give in.

As a Deacon and then as an Elder, Dorothy served our Church and the Lord whom she loved.

During her business career she met and helped many folk. Her travels at the invitation of some of these people took her to many countries and her talks of her time with them were always enjoyable.

At Dorothy's funeral service, which so many who had known her attended, Peter spoke of her qualities and gave thanks for her life.

In our Father's house there are many mansions and we know that such a place has been prepared for Dorothy and she will meet the Lord she loved and served during her life time.

Joan Burridge

Worthing Area Team Jottings

The Area Team are planning to have a three day retreat in February 1999, using the facilities in Bosham to explore team building and to plan the way forward.

The annual service of commitment will be held on Sunday 18th April 1999 at 3.30p.m. in Goring U.R.C. The guest preacher that day will be Revd. Janet Sowerbutts who has recently moved to the Southern Province and was formerly Moderator of London North Province.

It is also hoped to have an extra area service in September 1999 at St. Andrews Rustington prior to Revd Bob Murray's retirement.

The team are conscious of the urgency of filling the present stipendary ministerial vacancy. It is hoped that a suitable candidate will soon emerge to complete our team. A revised profile of the area and the Churches in it has been produced and is available to suitable candidates.

Ian Chalmers. St Columbas

GATEWAYS OF GRACE The 1998-99 Prayer Handbook

The Prayer Handbook is a resource of many 'Gateways' ~ Read, Pray, Think, and Link makes the connection and develops the theme.
Available for Advent 1998 costing only £1.95.

A Cassette Tape with extracts from the Handbook and music may be obtained at £3.00.

I will order for Readers who are already on the List. Please let me know if you wish to cancel.

Anyone who hasn't yet had a copy and would like one, you may contact me on 246523 when I shall be glad to add your name to the List.

Pheniah Taylor



Children's Ministry Training Weekend

On Friday 16th October eight of us met up at Dalesdown Training Centre at Dial Post and were soon tucking in to our evening meal - the first of many to come!

Each day we had a seminar on a different topic by a different leader. Friday evening, for those who stayed on was a video review time, and we arrived home at approx. 11.00 pm.

Saturday was a busy day: we had workshops games and a talent contest. We could each choose 4 out of 8 workshops so we were able, between us, to go to them all.

The subjects were:- a) working with 5 - 7s. b) working with 8 - 11s c) group control and discipline d) counselling and discipling children e) running a mid-week club f) puppetry g) story telling h) crafts.

During the afternoon we learnt how to teach the children some games - we had to try them out to make sure we know them. so we had a good time practising.

Saturday evening there was a talent contest and 'someone' very kindly put Val's name down to take part - so she was a star performer with her juggling.

Sunday morning we were up early again (well some of us, - the rest arrived an hour later). We began with 'Question Time' and a seminar. After tea/coffee break (we had plenty of these during the weekend) we all came together for worship and communion together.

As we sat and reflected during the weekend we all came to the same conclusion - we had enjoyed the teaching and worship times both as a group and individually, but the one thing we were most blessed by was being able to spend time together relaxing without the pressure of having to rush off to do other things.

Denise Elliott.



Goliath (Matthew Smith)
Illustrating the Minister's talk
from 1 Samuel 17 on Sunday the
18th October.



Giant Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st November

A Giant Jumble Sale will be held in the Main Hall on Saturday 21st November from 2 pm

Please phone Wilfred Rhodes: 248263 if you have Jumble to give or bring early evening Friday or early morning Saturday.

- Then come and buy !!!

FEBA Radio

Feba Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing Reaching Millions with the Gospel by Radio

Situated in our own town this outreach may appeal to us for support. Some of our fellowship join in the work of FEBA and give their time to help with mailing, trimming used postage stamps and other activities as required, and also in prayer.

We have been invited to join in prayers for FEBA on Nov 10th and Dec 8th at the home of Mrs Mollie Bayes, 70 Hurston Close, Findon Road (A24), 690449. She says "Come yourself and bring a friend. You'll be very welcome."

If you are a philatelist, can offer help with sorting stamps, or have a Stanley Gibbons catalogue 1991, 1992, or 1993 which you would give or sell to FEBA please contact Dorothy Grant at FEBA 237281

December Mailing

A Feba Mailing will take place at the Ivy Arch Road Offices from Tuesday 8th December to Thursday 10th December between 9am and 5pm. Please bring sandwiches if you intend to stay for lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Leslie Montford

O Almighty God who has built your Church upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude.
Apostles.

MARY D. JAMES. NO 307
IRA D. SANKY.

Wonderous words, how rich in blessing!
Deeper than the unfathomed sea,
Broader than its world of waters,
Boundless, infinite, and free.
Higher than the heavens above is Thine everlasting love;
Higher than the heavens above is Thine everlasting love

Painting for Fun

On Wednesday morning a number of people meet together in the East Hall to paint and draw and to use pastels - just for fun!

At the present time though I believe all places are taken, but speak to Jane Bond if you would like to know any more.

Graham Redman - Editor



Sussex West District meeting

15th October 1998

Littlehampton United Church

The meeting opened with devotions led by the Minister of Littlehampton United Church - Rev. Malcolm Groom.

Personalia: The meeting was introduced to Rev Philip Burroughs ordained and inducted to Lewes Road URC in July, and to Mrs Margaret Clark (Rustington) recently appointed Archivist for the District. Mrs Clark is already installing Church archives in the Records Office in Chichester - Minutes, documents, photographs, cuttings etc. The Records Office advises on which items are valuable enough to keep.

Report from the Executive Council.

Philip Burroughs was ordained and inducted to the Brighton Area Group at The Meeting House of the University of Sussex. He will have pastoral care for the URC Christian Centre at Lewes Road, and have a share in the Chaplaincy at the Universities of Sussex and Brighton.

The Moderator was thanked for his help in filling many Ministerial vacancies in the district during the last three years: 'we are now restored to a viable number in pastoral charge.'

The District Workshop on June 27th had been attended by about 50 people. A small task group has been set up to facilitate items in the report. (available from Hilary.) District Appointments have been made -- full list available from Hilary.

Thanks were given to Rev. Graeme Allan (Pastoral Care Convenor) and Mr Ken Ashby (Property Adviser) who have stood down, their places have been taken by Rev Peter Heckels and Mrs Janet Davidson respectively.

Report from Pastoral Care Committee

TLS Training for Learning & Serving. Peter Groves has completed his course and is supported by the District in his application for national accreditation as a lay preacher. Please pray for Trish Jones - Billingshurst, and Christine Smith - Sompting, both working on TLS. Nick Mark has been accepted for Ministerial training and will go to Manchester in 1999.

The church in Bosham has been visited by a pastoral team from the District. Visits are currently being made to Goring.

Report from Property & Finance Committee

A number of applications for grants are to be made from a number of our churches, supported by District Council. A copy of the full report available from Hilary or Roy Gooderham.

Report from Church & Society, Ecumenical, & World Church

Church & society: In view of the poor response of the G8 leaders to the petition for reducing third world debt, Jubilee 2000 and Christian Aid are offering materials suggesting what might be done. Large multi-nationals continue to threaten third world economies. The Caribbean export of Bananas is under threat from huge increase in banana plantations in South America able to produce cheap bananas. The Caribbeans need time i.e. 3-5 years to diversify, whilst their quotas are guaranteed. For more details: The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility have a news sheet available from Church & Society Dept. Church House, Tavistock Place, London. The Provincial Church & Society Committee are saddened by the death of Mavis Richmond.

Ecumenical: Durrington Community Centre LEP seeks a Baptist Minister and has approached a candidate in the Midlands

Union between the URC and the Congregational Union of Scotland is likely to be ratified next year.

Advance notice May 27th 2000 Sussex Churches Together have an event booked at Goodwood Racecourse - a Sussex Ecumenical Celebration of Millennium. World Church: The paper "Belonging to the World Church" (see June Chronicle) was warmly received at General Assembly. Full report page 82 ff in Reports to Assembly (available to borrow from the Elders Vestry).

The next Window On The World Holiday Conference will be held at Swanwick, 7-13 August 1999, see notice in vestibule and on page 10 under 'Holidays' in this Chronicle. (Further details from Hilary.)

District Youth Committee

Howard Nurden was introduced to the meeting. He is the District Youth and Children's Work Trainer (YCWT), and is available to all churches in the district for help, consultation and training. He has had a varied background in children's work and is full of enthusiasm.

DEME - District Evangelism & Mission Enabler. see report from Synod. Full details of the position - aim, role, training, appointment, job description etc. available from Hilary.

The meeting closed with a presentation by 3 members of Littlehampton United Church who with scripts and mics ('Archers Style') explained some of the dilemmas which they encountered when uniting two churches, Methodist and URC. Well presented and amusing but giving much food for thought!

Next meeting December 3rd 1998 Hove (Central). If you would like to come you would be very welcome.

Hilary Redman, District Rep

Autumn Synod 10th October 1998

Trinity U.R.C. Wimbledon.

Chairman:- The Revd. David Helyar, Southern Province Moderator

Opening Worship led by The Revd. Ceri Lewis, Minister of Trinity U.R.C. The Worship and the Theme of the day was based on 1 Samuel 3 vv. 1-10. **Listening for Gods call, maybe for three times before answering 'Here I am Lord'**

In his introduction the Moderator announced that Christine Meekison (Synod Clerk) could not attend due to the very recent death of her mother. He then announced the jubilees of Ordinations and Marriages, the Births and the deaths since the last Synod. among the latter our friend Hugh Theobald and Mavis Richmond from West Wickham who has spoken at the ladies' days in our Church, and who many will remember.

The moderator was given a standing ovation as Synod was told that he was to remain in office a further 2 years after September '99 which would bring him to the date of his retirement. Mrs Helyar was also applauded for her support of the moderator throughout the years.

The Millennium. The Revd Roger Whitehead spoke of plans within the Church. In some instances normal activities but with a Millennium Dimension. Regarding the 'NEW START' project, it was a chance to start afresh - with GOD, with HOME and with the WORLD'S POOR. He also showed a prototype of a candle in a holder, one of which he hopes will be presented to each person in order that they may be lit just before midnight on millennium eve. (Worry not! the candles have passed the most rigorous health and safety standards!)

After lunch the recent new Ministers, retired Ministers, Students and District Officers were presented to the assembled company, after which came the commissioning of HOWARD NURDEN, recently appointed Youth and Childrens Work Training Officer. Mr George Smith then told us about the 'Dovecote' a new Christian Outreach venture in Epsom and how it came into being. The Dovecote is a Christian Coffeeshop/Bookshop and although business is good they would always be pleased to see more customers, so if you find yourself in Epsom at any time, do pop in for a coffee and a chat or a browse!

Synod then studied the General Assembly Remits. The Resolutions within were voted on and with very few abstentions were carried unanimously. The Moderator spoke on Strategy for Mission within the U.R.C. and other business matters. New appointments:- Pilots Development Officer:- Karen Bulley Secretary for Discipleship. Stewardship & Mission:- Revd John Steel.

Mr Douglas Anderson spoke about Church security. Some of his points were put over very amusingly, but were relevant to us (though no joke) in view of what has happened on our premises in recent months. Peter then addressed Synod, pointing out our experience regarding the cost of an alarm system for the Church. The Province will pay half towards protection for the Manse, but will not do the same for the Church! At least - as the Moderator said - that fact will be minuted!

As the meeting was running late we had to leave at this point to catch the train home. It was my first visit to Synod and I enjoyed the day very much.

Doreen Norris

In the Pack — from Synod

Provincial Ecumenical Officer: Rev. Janet Sowerbutts* has accepted this half-time post, which took effect from 1st September 1998.

YCWT Post: (Youth & Children's Work Trainer) Mr Howard Nurden took up office on 1st August 1998.

Provincial Development Officer: This post still to be filled. Is advertised at present.

Resolution 19: On behalf of South Western, Wessex and Southern Provinces, Mr John Ellis put to General Assembly that Standing Orders be put aside so that this Resolution could be debated at the 1998 General Assembly. However General Assembly voted that 'it be not put' and therefore no debate took place.

District Evangelism and Mission Enablers: The appointment of seven DEMES has been approved. When Districts have also approved the project, posts will be advertised and appointments made.

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin Fund: The URC has not set up a fund. The Southern Province therefore will do so. Bromley District will administer the fund which will provide educational materials to assist (mainly) lay students.

General Assembly Moderator's Visit to Southern Province: 30/31 January and 1 February 99. Mrs Wilma Frew will visit Medway District on Saturday & Sunday morning and Sussex West District on Sunday evening and Monday morning. Programme to be arranged.

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* Janet Saverbutts is Guest preacher at Worthing Area Team Ministry service on 18th April 99.

Lily Collison has received a letter from Bishop Benjamin Biswas of the United Church of Bangladesh in which he writes about the devastating effects and the long-suffering of the people of Bangladesh.

"Two third area of our country is flooded and more than two crops people become homeless. It did much harm to crops, domestic animals, roads, culverts, clinics, schools, houses and industries. Now water has started receding, but water born diseases are spreading across the flood affected areas. Now with the problem of food and pure drinking water crisis, shelter and unemployment have been added."

The Bangladesh government are trying in vain to supply food and shelter. From mid July floods started in the South an middle of the country and more recently in the western boarders. Children and old people are suffering the most as they do not get proper food or clothes." He asks us, our church, members and friends, to extend our loving hands and to come forward and help the people of Bangladesh so much in need. The Bishop prays for God's richest blessing on us. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of clippings from his local newspaper which you can read below.

The recent Retiring Collection held in aid the Bangladesh appeal amounted to £343.00

Daily Star

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Diarrhoea claims 32 more lives

Diarrhoeal diseases took a serious turn yesterday when hundreds of people afflicted by the disease crowded the medical centres in different parts of the country, reports UNB.

Health Directorate and ICDDR,B, a specialised hospital for treating diarrhoeal patients, said 11,390 people reported with the disease yesterday. Thirty-two of them died.

Officials admitted many more afflicted by the disease in remote areas may not have reported to the medical teams.

With yesterday's figure, the death toll in diarrhoeal diseases rose to more than 400. About 3.22 lakh people were attacked by diarrhoea since mid-July, according to official estimate.

Doctors and health workers feel that as the flood water receding, water-borne diseases are spreading across the flood affected areas.

The ICDDR,B in Dhaka said two patients died in its intensive care unit.

Of the deaths, five were reported from Shariatpur, four from Sylhet, three from Khushnagar, two each from Kuril-

gram, Tangail, Mymensingh, Rangpur and Barisal and one each from Comilla, Narail, Chuadanga, Sherpur, Narayanganj, Nilphaman and Bogra districts.

An official of ICDDR,B told UNB that the rush of diarrhoea patients has increased with receding flood water. Some 250 to 300 patients are coming to the hospital everyday.

He, however, said the highest number of 917 patients on an average every day, were given treatment.

Doctors fear that there is a chance of the outbreak of the disease in an epidemic form after receding flood water from the affected areas if adequate measures to combat the disease are not taken immediately.

ICDDR,B has so far treated 9,686 patients in July, 21,512 in August and 15,955 patients till today in September.

The centre also recorded the death of diarrhoea related complications to 20 in July and 42 in August. The casualty figure for September was not available.

According to a statistics of See Page 12 Col 6

Health situation in flood-hit areas remains precarious: WHO

The World Health Organisation has urged the international community to respond immediately to Bangladesh's appeal for emergency assistance, reports UNB.

"The health situation in the flood-ravaged country remains precarious," said a statement issued by the South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) of WHO in New Delhi.

WHO praised the Bangladesh government for its emergency actions, but said funds are urgently needed to supplement health and medical supplies.

The statement said given up continuing emergency, the See Page 12 Col 2

Food distribution needs more attention: WFP

As the World Food Programme (WFP) launched its largest relief operation in its history for the country's flood victims, the UN body desires more speedy distribution of foodgrains, reports UNB.

"Government's performance so far is well-managed. However, the distribution in field levels needs more attention and speed," said an WFP official in the city yesterday.

The official said WFP has already talked to senior government officials in this respect and expects to meet the top authorities to elaborately explain the UN's expectation.

At the suggestions of the WFP and other donors, the government has already decided to increase the vulnerable group feeding (VGF) cards to reach food to the most needy.

Some 1.9 crore people will be benefited by the WFP's "Emergency Assistance to Flood Victims" project with 3.55 lakh metric tons of foodgrains, mostly wheat.

The foodgrains costing more than 84 million US dollar will allow the vulnerable people to get food from the current month to January next either through See Page 12 Col 3

Flood waters recede from 4 more districts

Overall flood situation of the country improved further yesterday with the recession of water in four more districts, reports UNB.

Rivers in the country's four basins continued to fall as monsoon was less active over the country.

The flood water receded from 35 districts out of the 62 affected by the century's worst deluge, according to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

Diarrhoea

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Dhaka city. It is found that the highest 13.6 per cent patients came from the flood affected areas in Gulshan thana, 7.8 per cent in Lalbagh thana and 6.8 per cent in Tejgaon thana and 27 per cent from various parts of the country.

Health situation

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Bangladesh authorities need outside assistance to combat disease and ensure the health of their population.

The WHO said that, in addition to diarrhoea, other problems such as acute respiratory infections, malaria and measles could increase, particularly in the overcrowded flood shelters.

The shortage of food is likely to worsen the health condition of the poorest who are already undernourished, the statement said.

The WHO has already released 150,000 US dollars from its country office, and another 50,000 dollars have been provided by the Regional Director for South East Asia.

These have provided five emergency health kits, 15 million water purifying tablets, 25,000 IV fluid bags, five metric tonnes of bleaching powder etc.

The statement comes in the wake of a UN appeal for 8.7 million dollar for emergency assistance to the Bangladesh health sector.

ANNUAL REPORT**FOR SUPPORTING CONSTITUENCY AND OTHER FRIENDS****JUNE 1997 - MAY 1998**

Name: Ruth Chatfield

The work that we (my German colleague, Andrea Waldschmidt and I) have been doing this past year in Cameroon was: Continuing linguistic analysis of the Mboshi language, working particularly on a Mboshi-French dictionary...as well as describing the grammar and tone in the language, collecting folk stories, etc.

This work was possible due to God's amazing provision of two Mboshi young men from Congo who were already living in Cameroon before the war broke out in Congo.

The other activity in which I was involved was working with Cameroonians taking an SIL course called "Discover your Language".

This course helps equip students to develop good alphabets and produce literature, including Scriptures, in their languages.

Location: IN EXILE in Cameroon!

Civil war broke out in Congo in June 1997. We had to leave but were warmly received by the Cameroon branch of SIL, and given accommodation and a place to work in Yaounde. The Congo war having finished in October 1997, we made a 3-week visit to Congo in May 1998.

Highlights of the year include:

- our visit back to Congo after the war. It was encouraging to meet up again with our friends, hear testimonies of God's faithfulness and see how people are picking up their lives despite the difficulties.
- Seeing the enthusiasm of Cameroonians as they "discovered their language" and realised that they too could help develop a writing system and encourage reading and writing in their language.

Setbacks or disappointments we have encountered:

- The civil war in Congo has been a massive setback for the country in terms of the economy and infrastructure, to say nothing of the loss of life and the on-going emotional scars it was hard leave behind our Congolese brothers and sisters in the war.

Family situation, including wider family:

God gave me a new "family" of friends, colleagues and fellow believers in Cameroon! It was great to be stable in one place all year.

Health:

I praise God for good health! A medical team visiting from the States told me that I had a low-level of infection with filaria, which meant I could treat it before developing any symptoms!

Support level:

Excellent, thanks to many of you reading this report!

Plans for the coming year:

Sept-Dec 1998: in England! I will be spending time with my family and supporting churches.

From Jan 1999: UNCERTAIN! There is a degree of on-going instability in Congo, exacerbated by renewed fighting 'next-door' in DRC (Ex-Zaire) Our centre remains empty following looting, and we do not yet know whether it will be possible to return to work in Congo next January...

Signed: Ruth Chatfield

Date: 3rd Sept 1998

Great Success

More than 5,000 people attended *Bible Alive!* — Liverpool's launch of *The Open Book* campaign — making the bank holiday weekend event a great success.

It began with a procession from the Anglican Cathedral, which included jugglers, a choir, people dressed in biblical garb, members of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association — and their bikes — as well as a police escort which stopped traffic! The singing marchers attracted attention through the streets of Liverpool as they made their way to Albert Dock, where *Bible Alive!* was taking place at the Hope on the Waterfront venue.

After the opening ceremony, by Professor Simon Lee, Rector of Hope University, from a floating platform, the three-day event was underway, with people dropping into the café, watching videos on the huge video wall, taking part in workshops, the interactive exhibition, or the graffiti wall, as well as the many other creative ideas on hand for bringing the Bible alive.

The aim, said organiser and *Open Book* Advocate Arthur Cooper, was to be "a shop window for all the churches to see *The Open Book*, and what's available for them to use, as well as putting it into practice for all the non-churchgoers at the Dock."

Chris Peck, Director of Laity Development at the Diocese of Liverpool, enthused, "For some time, it's been a passion of mine to open the Bible creatively. Even for Christians it can be a closed book and seem obscure. But when we come to it in creative ways, when people can identify what it's about, it does come alive and can

be life-changing and transforming."

Greenbelt 1998

The biggest Christian arts festival in Europe will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in August and this year is working in partnership with *The Open Book*, as well as Christian Aid. "This is the second year of association between Greenbelt and *The Open Book*," said Esther Addley, of Greenbelt, "and 1998 will see a bigger and better *Open Book* programme, situated in a large multi-media venue and featuring theatre, film, worship, debate and more.

"No event in Britain this year will host an equal range of stimulating and challenging Christian thinkers. Among those visiting *The Open Book* venue and speaking elsewhere on site will be the American youth training guru Mike Y'aconelli, Benedictine contemplative Sister Joan

Chittester, Aussie biker John Smith and many more. Do join us in celebrating 25 years of arts to the glory of God."

To book tickets for Greenbelt, or for more information, please

call: 0541 511425.



News in Brief

Video . . . An *Open Book* video news magazine will be out in the summer for those who want to motivate others about the campaign.

Including footage from *Easter People*, the Liverpool launch and CRE, the 15-minute video aims to encourage Christians to get involved with the project which aims to "open the people to the Book and the Book to the people".

Resource Pack . . . Over 2500 *Open Book* Resource Packs are in circulation, but there are still copies left if you would like one. Containing ideas on how churches can reach their communities, information, prayers, and worship ideas, the pack is an ideal starter for those congregations wanting to get involved in the national campaign.

For those who have already obtained a pack, a free update is due out in the summer. This will include Bible studies on the five *Open Book* themes — identity, hope, forgiveness, justice and freedom — along with background on education and politics and how churches can get involved, and introductions to Storytelling and Forum Theatre. This will automatically be sent to those who have received the pack, and will be included in the pack for new customers.

If you would like to buy the Pack, priced £6, please contact: Customer Services on: 01793 418100.

Idea . . . There are many exciting ways to engage your community with the Bible.

Why not . . . invite those with artistic gifts to interpret the narratives and themes through their particular discipline — for example, art, collage, sculpture, mosaic, tapestry, cartoons or sketching. The results can be displayed at a given venue, or taken as a roving display to various venues, such as schools, colleges, libraries, and even shopping areas.

THE OPEN BOOK UPDATE FROM BIBLE SOCIETY

**A quiet retreat at
Dalesdown, Honeybridge
Lane, Dial Post, Nr.
Horsham
Two opportunities**

1 A Men's Morning

Saturday 9th January 1999 8.30 am - 12.30 pm at Dalesdown, Honeybridge Lane Dial Post, Nr. Horsham. "How do we cope with the pressures of our everyday life?" Starting with a full English Breakfast, and finishing before lunch there will be time for looking at Biblical principles together and for quiet reflection. More details from Hilary, booking at Dalesdown Alex - Parsons 01403 710712. Cost of the morning £7.50

2 A Ladies' Quiet Day

Wednesday 21st April 1999 10.00 am - 3.30 pm (coffee served from 9.30 am). A day planned especially for busy women who wish to spend time set aside for God. Some helpful verses of scripture, prayers and poems available to guide thinking - opportunities to pray with others or alone. More details from Hilary, booking at Dalesdown Family Foundations Trust Ltd. The fee for the day is £7.50

The United Reformed Church Southern Province: Provincial Weekend

Friday eve, 19th - Sunday 21st February 1999
A weekend for all the family "Have I Got Good News For You!"

If you think you would like to attend Hilary has the programme. It was last year's Provincial weekend at which The Open Book was the theme. It was a great weekend enjoyed by Alma & Norman Prattent and Hilary & Graham Redman.

Holidays

Two holidays in August at The Hayes Centre, Swanwick, in the Peak District.

August 7th - 13th **Window of the world.**
A holiday conference for all ages. '2000: what does the Lord require?'

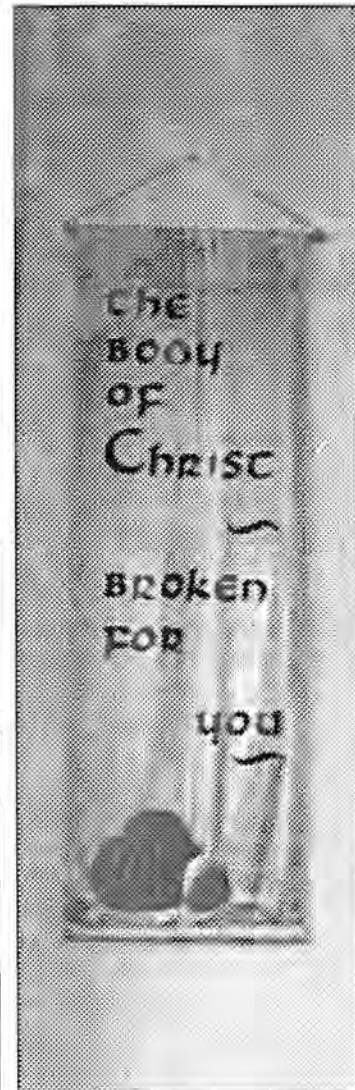
August 21st - 27th **URC Holiday Forum**
'Going for Go(l)d' celebrating Holiday Forum's 50th anniversary.
Details to be found in the vestibule.

Holy Land Tour

11 Day Holy Land Tour 20th - 30th April 1999 led by Rev Ian Knowles. Cost £850 half board. Further details from Rev Ian Knowles, 14 Whitethorn Gardens Croydon Surrey CRO 7LL see poster in vestibule and hall.

CHURCHES' MINISTRY OF HEALING:

March 6th 1999 "What do we understand by Healing?" Revd Brian Coward, Tonbridge URC 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Further information Delia Bond, The Manse, 23 Saxon Close, Hythe Kent, CT 21 5 QS (Provincial Adviser for the Healing Ministry)
April 20th - 24th 1999 Church Healing Prayer Teams Course, The Old Rectory, Crowhurst Battle Sussex Apply Old Rectory 01424 830204



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Resolutions to Synod agreed by Provincial Council: 1 Bromley district Council to be renamed South East London District. 2 Southern Province Trust will ensure that due consideration will be given to the practicalities of incorporating a Baptistery in any proposed new building. 3 South Ashford United Reformed/Methodist Church renamed Cade Road Church U/M. Southern Province is to send two reps to the Nominating Group for the General Secretary - to Mission Council March 1999. Provincial Council recommend Rev. L Charlton & Mr J Ellis.

The Presbyterian Ghanaian Minister for London: This post has been reviewed, seeking a new way forward. The new post will be for three years and will be a mission enabling post centred on London, Wimbledon and Bromley Districts.

The moderator will be on Sabbatical from 11 December 1998 - 28th February 1999

Pilgrim 2000: See Reform Magazine soon for this URC pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Feb/March 2000. Approx. cost £995. About 120 people to go, about 8 from each Province.

NOVEMBER

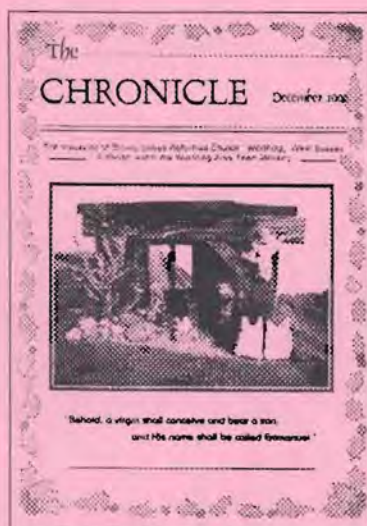
1	Sun	8am	Early Morning Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship.
		6pm	Christians Together in Goring Service at St Mary's
5	Thu		Day of Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Prayer & Praise
8	Sun		Remembrance Sunday. Usual Service times
12	Thu		Elders' Meeting
15	Sun		Usual Sunday Service times. Mr Simon Richards at 10.30am
			Last day for December Chronicle items
18	Wed		The Open Book.
			Rev Dr David Spriggs with CTG at Goring URC
21	Sat	2pm	Jumble Sale
22	Sun		Usual Sunday Service times. Rev Bob Murray at 6pm
26	Thu	7.30pm	Church Meeting
29	Sun		First Sunday in Advent
			Usual Sunday Service times. Mr Desmond Curry at 6pm

DECEMBER

3	Thu		Day of Prayer
5	Sat		London Emmanuel Choir
			Christmas Festival - See Poster in Hall
6	Sun		Bible Society Sunday
			Usual Sunday Service times
9	Wed	7.30pm	Rowland Singers Carol Concert

Please see inside
front cover for regular
activities

* Please refer to Welcome and listen to church notices
for any late news and possible changes to the above diary of events.



A special edition of the December CHRONICLE will be available on Sunday 29th November. It is proposed that a special edition of the CHRONICLE will be produced and distributed amongst those households visited during our Neighbourhood Outreach scheme. Available on Sunday 29th November

Please place material for the December CHRONICLE in the Vestibule box by Sunday morning 15th November.

Please remember to include a pink form when submitting items for inclusion in *The* CHRONICLE.

These forms may be found in the Vestibule.



The CHRONICLE

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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



Special Edition

- Results of House to House survey inside.
 - also what else do we do besides going to church on Sundays ?
 - How much do you remember about £ s d ?
 - A Crossword Puzzle



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House to House Survey Results

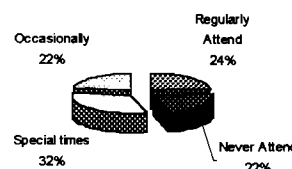
Since September 1997, we have been conducting a survey in some of the streets near the church. Generally we have been welcomed and we would like to thank all those who have been willing to respond to our questions.

We have visited so far 278 houses and have had 164 positive responses (in 4 homes 2 people were willing to respond), had only 39 refusals but sadly were unable to find anyone at home in 75 of our visits. 120 people had some religious belief, 31 did not and 17 were not sure.

Attending places of worship

40 people regularly attend a place of worship, 37 occasionally do, plus 54 at special times, and 37 never go to a place of worship.

Attend Place of Worship



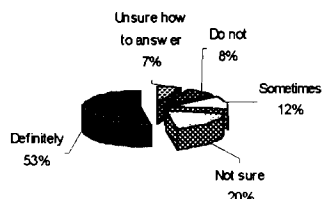
Belief in God

When asked about belief in God, 89 people said they definitely believe in God, 34 said they believe in God but

are not sure, while 20 believe in God at times

but not at others. 14 people definitely do not believe in God, while 11 were unsure how to answer.

Belief in God



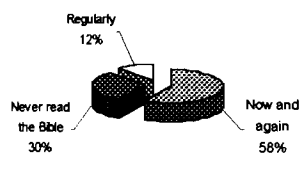
Belief in Jesus Christ

Regarding Jesus Christ, 97 people believe he is the only Son of God, 33 believe he was a good man, 13 believe he was a prophet, while 14 believe he was a myth or legend. Again, 11 were unsure how to answer.

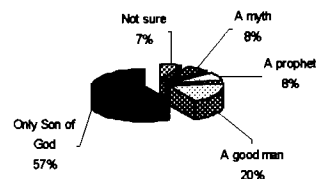
Reading the Bible

In the latter part of the survey, we asked if people had a Bible in their house. We received 81 responses to this question, of which 77 were positive. 9 of those who replied read their Bible regularly, 45 occasionally, and 23 never read their Bible.

Reading the Bible



Belief in Jesus



17 of the 168 people we talked to expressed some interest in knowing more about Jesus and the Christian faith and these people have been visited by us or we have contacted the church to which they belong.

We received a total of 35 prayer requests, which ranged from world issues, mainly for peaceful settlements to problems, to family problems, mainly ill health.

Thank you all once again for your help and welcome.

We wish you a very happy, joyous and peaceful Christmas.



Dear Friends,

There was a lot of talk going on, the new Emperor wanted to know how many people were under Roman control so that they could be taxed. The idea of a census in Israel was to bring Glory to God and maintain the Temple. Throughout their history, every other reason for a census had led to disaster and people could not see what glory to God could come from this head count.

It would be dangerous too, those opposed to Rome would employ all their terrorist tactics to disrupt what was going on and anyone seen to co-operate with any enthusiasm would be liable to future reprisals. So it was that poor Joseph set out on the long and arduous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. How could he best insure the safety of his new wife Mary as they journeyed through the dangerous hill country? Perhaps it would be best to be part of a large party but how could Mary keep up when the baby was about to be born? Maybe he should just stay where he was and appeal on compassionate grounds to the local centurion. Neither did he have any family in Bethlehem so there was no welcome bed at the end of their journey.

It had never seemed like this when the angel came to Mary. She had been afraid then but that was because she wasn't used to talking with angels. Now her fear was easier to explain, fear about leaving her home

and family. Fear about the journey. Fear too about Bethlehem, which was after all a small place with not much room for strangers especially at a time like this when so many people would be on the move. It would be all right for her and Joseph, they could manage but what about the baby? Mary had heard so



many tales about having babies; some people tried to be comforting while others just seemed to go on about all that could go wrong. So Mary and Joseph set off with love for one another and trust in God who had promised such great things for the child about to be born.

The shepherds had watched people arriving; they looked tired and weary, dusty and dishevelled. They had come from all over to their little town of Bethlehem. Some had been robbed on the way and others were about to be robbed with the price of a room, but at least the shepherds could settle down on the plain, gathered round the fire where they could keep an eye on their flocks. The angels spoiled all that as the sky was filled with the Good News of the birth of God's Son and they were the first to know. They were the first who would risk their jobs, their livelihood and their reputations to go and see what had happened.

That's the remarkable thing about Christmas, it's about ordinary people who have their part to play in a very extraordinary event, the birth of Jesus. We shall all celebrate this birth again this year but before we surround it with the trappings of a fairy tale let us remember just what happened. Jesus came into an ordinary and yet real world. It's our world because not that much has changed. God did not create a special environment for his Son and nor does he today. Jesus still comes to make the ordinary special because God comes to be part of what we do. So this Christmas, Jesus waits to be born in your heart because to God you are an extraordinary part of his creation, like Mary and Joseph and the shepherds at Bethlehem.



May we wish you the joy of a Jesus filled Christmas as he is born again in our midst.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion Service

10.30 am Family Worship,

- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche.

6.00 pm Evening Worship - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on third Sunday in month.



Christ, The World and Your Child

- What sort of world do our children live in?
- What will happen to the children of this generation?
- How will this generation move forward into the New Millennium?

Our aim is to provide Christian teaching, and share the love of God with children; and to lead them to mature Christian adulthood, equipping them to deal with this complex and ever changing world we live in.

We see our children and young people as the Church and Society of the future, and therefore regard them as an essential and integral part of the Church and Church life today.

Jesus said 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these' (Matthew 18v14).

Our belief is that if we hold the light of God up to the children of today He will guide them through the trials and temptations of today's society - drink, drugs, sexual immorality, etc.

Therefore in planning our teaching programmes and activities we seek to place at least equal importance on children's and adult's needs.

Needless to say we remember that children learn best when they are having fun. So we enjoy games, quizzes, crafts, singing, etc and of course hearing the stories of Jesus. Not only do we have Junior Church for all age groups, including a crèche, on Sunday mornings, we also run midweek clubs where children are encouraged to come along and enjoy themselves in a safe, supervised environment.

Some of the Junior Church children showing their new Bibles



All our teachers and helpers are committed to :-
 ⇒ the well being of the children in their care (observing and being subject to the Children's Act)
 ⇒ keeping abreast of teaching aids, developments and issues (eight teachers recently gave up a full weekend to attend a refresher Teachers' Training Course).

If you are looking for a better way of life for your children, why not bring them along to see us. A warm welcome awaits you all.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact -
 Wilma Smith on Worthing 821843

In this life which is geared to a fast pace and technology, we hope to create a space for young adults to just sit and talk, to socialise and just be themselves. To help them to mature into good, balanced and independent people with the knowledge of God to guide them.

Meet every other Wednesday evening 7:30pm - 9:00pm

- For more information ring Pam & Alan Avery on Worthing 504280

Childrens Activities at Goring URC

Junior Church

★ Sunday Mornings	10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
★ Creche	0 - 3 Years Old
★ Sparklers	3 - 5 Years Old
★ All Stars	5 - 7 Years Old
★ Trailblazers	7 - 11 Years Old
★ GAS	11 Years Plus

Midweek Clubs

★ Monday	5.00 - 6.00 p.m. (Age 5 to School Year 3)
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★ Tuesday	6.30 - 7.45 p.m. (School Years 4,5,6)
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★ Alternate Wednesdays :	8.00 - 9.30 p.m.
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★ Week 1	Youth Group - (School Year 7 Plus)
★ Week 2	Youth Discussion Group - (School Year 10 Plus)

★ The Ark (Parents & Toddlers)	
★ Thursday	10.00 - 11.30 a.m.



The Ark

Do you have small children and are you free on a term time Thursday morning from 10am until 11.30am? If so we would love to see you at the Ark in the Church Hall. We welcome



parents and children up to play school age and have lots of fun. There is structured and free play with things like playdough, trains, puzzles, cars, toys to

play on and push around and the cooker for pretend meals, not forgetting a drink and biscuit for us all part way through. The very small play on a carpet in safety near their parents. There is plenty of opportunity for the adults to have a chat while the children play.

We also have a themed craft activity and have been known to wear crowns, masks and big ears at story and singing time to end the session!

- For further information please contact

Rosemary Terry on Worthing 709079.

Monday Club

The Monday Club has been running since April for boys and girls from age 5 up to the end of school year three (7+ years old). We meet on Mondays from 5 - 6 pm.

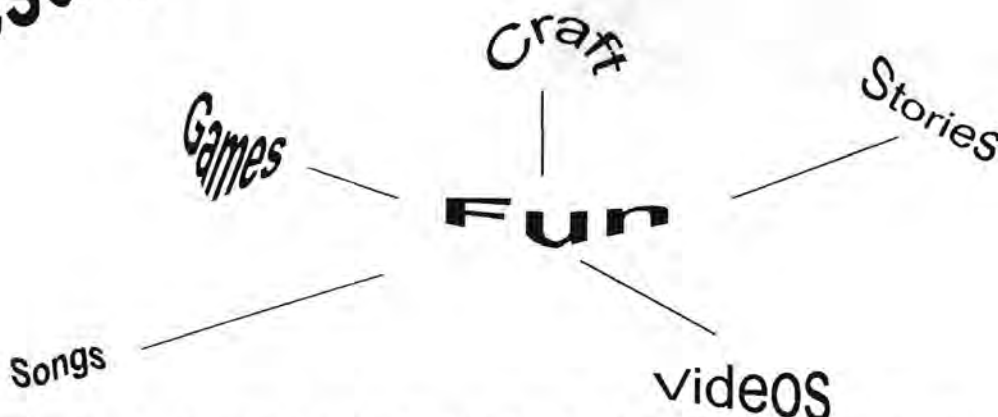
This term we have enjoyed stories, drama and videos, games, quizzes and singing, craft and cookery. Our term ends on December 14th with a party and our new term starts again on 11th January. We would be very pleased to see any new faces on a Monday, so come along and join in the fun.

Denise Elliott

Tuesday Club

A new christian based club for boys and girls in school years 4, 5 and 6

Come and join us during term time from 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm - *Sue Mitchell*



Keeping the Christmas Traditions

You eat cake, wear paper hats, hang out wreaths and search for the sixpence in Christmas Puddings - but do you know why?

Here are some interesting facts about favourite Christmas traditions.

It was not until the fourth century that a festival to mark Christ's birth was established. Winter was chosen because it



had traditionally been a time of the festivity. Pagan customs included the lighting of fires to encourage the return of Saturn (the harvest god). Religious leaders decided to adopt many of these customs as part of the Christian celebrations.

Christmas cake started life as 12th Night Cakes. More than 100 years ago the rich fruit cake would be the centrepiece of the 12th night feast. one half of

the cake was served to men while the other half was served to women. Inside the half served to women the cook hid a pea, and in the other half a bean. The people who found them became the mock king and queen for the festivities. In the 1870's the cake became



a Christmas cake and the ritual of hiding the lucky beans - or form of it - was transferred to the Christmas Pudding.

The 26th December is also the feast of St Stephen, first Christian Martyr, the patron saint of horses. It sparked off the idea of horse racing and Boxing Day hunts. Now all sorts of sport are played on this day.

The 12th night festivities play a part in the tradition of party hats. The mock king and queen were given mock crowns to wear.

How well do you remember £ s d

Can you identify the names of these old coins or sums of money and calculate the total?

Solution at foot of page 13



CLUE	Name of Coin or Sum on Money £s d
1.	Leather Worker
2.	Tiara
3.	Sun, Star and Moon
4.	Male Singer
5.	Girl's name
6.	Boy's name
7.	Very ill sea creature
8.	Part of a chimp's leg !
9.	Old bicycle
10.	E I I R
11.	& her formal headgear
12.	West African State
13.	Cereul
	TOTAL



World Church and Mission

Our church supports the main aid societies of Christian Aid and Tear Fund, being responsible for fund raising as well as promoting their activities. We also sell produce from the Third World under the Traidcraft label at realistic prices which means that the ordinary people involved in the production receive a fair wage for their work.

The World Church and Mission Committee, works to create dialogue wherever practical with churches overseas and with various Missionary Societies who are active throughout the world and to recommend prayerful and financial help where needed.

On a regular basis we also support The Leprosy Mission, The Missionary Aviation Fellowship and The Bible Society. We are also fully committed to the work of the Council for World Mission, which operates in partnership with many churches throughout the world.



We have supported the building of a new church in the Ukraine, one of our church members going out to see the conditions there at first hand and our church recently sent a large donation towards the Flood Relief Appeal for Bangladesh.

There are two other main areas in which we are deeply involved. Firstly, we have a direct link with a

Presbyterian church in Ghana having regular contact with the minister. We have, over the years, contributed funds to help build a church, school and medical centre, even providing funds for the minister's bicycle! We also have a direct contact with the chaplain to Ghanaian students in London.

Secondly, one of our former members is working in Congo translating the Bible in to the local African dialect. Ruth Chatfield works with the Wycliffe Bible Translators and we support her financially as well as having regular updates on the situation in Congo.



Ruth is currently home on leave from Cameroon where she has been evacuated to avoid the troubles in the Congo. She is hopeful of returning to the Congo in January next year to resume her work. This is just a broad outline of the work of our committee which is continually updated as new requests are received for our consideration. We find the work interesting and very challenging.

Norman Prattent - Chairman and Secretary



Transport

It is about a year since I volunteered as transport secretary but I am still learning.

Recently I was unable to find

transport for two people when my wife and I were also unavailable. Sorry!

It is so hard to go to all those who have helped out during the past year. My heartfelt thank goes to all those who have helped out during the past year. Because you have been so marvellous there have been very few disappointments.

Only very recently I learned of one driver who had offered to drive to church instead of walking if transport was

urgently needed - it had been assumed that I knew. Are there any more such kind folks out there?

Some of our willing helpers have recently moved from the area which is a loss I view with some dismay.

However, I am hopeful!

Jim Hope - Worthing 248539



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FEBA RADIO - DECEMBER MAILING

We would be grateful if a note regarding the next Feba mailing could please be included in your church magazine:

A Feba mailing will take place at our offices in December. Help is needed to collate the information and put it into envelopes. We love to see new faces and would value as many folk as possible to come along and help us.

The dates are:

Tuesday 5th December - Thursday 10th December
between 9am and 5pm

You are invited to join with staff for office prayers from 12-12.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out up-to-date news about Feba's ministry and pray for current needs.

A number of friends bring sandwiches; some enjoy a full day with us, others drop in for an hour or so. Tea, coffee, and biscuits are supplied during the day.

It's a time for fellowship, meeting folk from other churches in Worthing and, at the same time, helping this missionary radio outreach which is bringing the good news of Jesus' love to the peoples of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

FOR MORE DETAILS: please phone Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

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A.D.A. Action for Dysphasic Adults (Worthing group)

We are coming to the end of another very busy year, the culmination of which will be our NEW YEAR luncheon at the Beach Hotel in mid January. A very grand occasion!

Sadly a few of our long term members have died during the year but happily two of the wives are still coming to our meetings as they have become true friends of ADA - and they make lovely cups of tea!

We've recently had a very successful Intensive Communication Project organised completely by our dedicated volunteers. the members who participated really

enjoyed themselves and gained such a lot from the fellowship, mainly self-confidence and the ability to laugh, both at themselves and with the others.

Those of you reading this magazine for the first time may not know what Dysphasia is, so I'll tell you. DYSPHASIA is the loss of speech and language following a stroke or head injury. the intellect is unimpaired but the communication skills reading, writing, and speaking are diminished, though thankfully in most cases do return, to some degree.

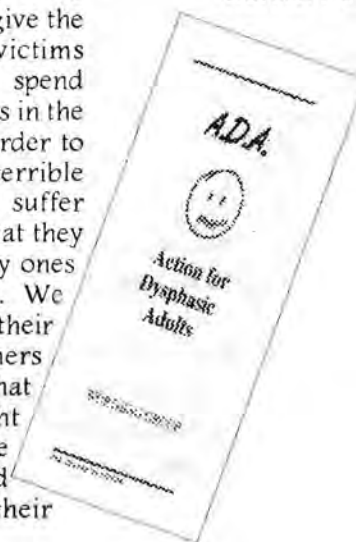
The ADA (Worthing Group) was formed in

November 1992 as part of the National organisation (ADA London), the aims of which are to:- give mutual support and assistance, Raise awareness of Dysphasia to the public, and to give the Dysphasic victims somewhere to spend time with others in the same boat in order to relieve the terrible isolation they suffer and to know that they are not the only ones to be afflicted. We also welcome their carers, partners and spouses that they too might have some respite and sharing of their frustrations.

The group have been meeting each month

at Goring United Reformed Church since early 1994 and we are very appreciative of the wonderful premises and the warm interest shown by the Minister and the Church Fellowship. Thanks to you all.

Doreen Norris



Pastels, charcoal, watercolours - that's what we do on Wednesday mornings.

With help from visiting professional artists from time to time, but mostly encouraging each other, we enjoy developing our skills in informal

Painting for Fun

companionship.

Look out for another exhibition of our paintings next year!

Jane Bond



Kestro Club (Worthing Stroke Club)

On Friday afternoon the Kestro Club meets in the church hall, offering social, recreational and remedial activities to anyone who has suffered a stroke.

From a membership of approximately 45, an average of 25 members plus helpers meet from 2 - 4 pm to enjoy



music and movement, speakers, games and general socialising. During the summer

we enjoy coach outings, and twice a year hold an all day event which includes a fish and chip dinner.

We are affiliated to The Stroke Association of Great Britain, and support wider activities when possible.

During 16 years of meetings, we have seen many changes, but the fun and friendship remains constant.



Robin Bradley

The Kestro Club invite you to their Christmas Bazaar to be held on Friday December 4th at 3pm, when cards, wrapping paper and toiletries etc as well as gifts made by members will be on sale. Everyone is most welcome.

Outreach & Evangelism

At the beginning of 1998 we decided to concentrate on three projects for the year.

There would be a Flower Festival, the theme to be Wedding Anniversaries, in June; a Pantomime in December and we would continue our Neighbourhood Outreach. As many will remember that in spite of the church buildings being broken into twice during the ten days before the Flower Festival, all went off extremely well. We had a large number of visitors to see the Flower arrangements, hear the Concert given by the Rowland Singers, join in the Songs of Praise and attend the special Evening Service when we were invited to renew our wedding vows.

We are now in the middle of rehearsals for the Christmas pantomime. Some of us are still learning our lines and trying to remember our exits and

entrances; the singers are learning their songs and pieces of material and 'jewels' are to be seen. We are confident of being ready on time! -

see page 12.

Our neighbourhood Outreach continued until September and this year we have visited Elgin, Robson, Walpole, Wellesley and the rest of Marlborough to Clive Avenue. The results of our questionnaire are printed on page 1 in this edition of The Chronicle which is being distributed to the houses we have visited over the last year. We shall resume next year after Easter.

Watch this space for information on where God is leading us in the coming year. We continue to need your prayers and support as we seek to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman



Do you like knitting?

If you have some odd balls of wool and a little spare time could you knit a baby a vest for ECHO (Equipment for Charity Hospitals Overseas)?

The little vests get used twice - firstly as packing around medical instruments and equipment, then on arrival at the destination where they are warmly received for babies and toddlers in countries such as Romania, Africa and South America.

I can supply you with a simple pattern and arrange delivery to ECHO Headquarters; in return you will receive a letter of thanks telling you where the vests were used, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to keep a baby warm.

Please phone Eileen Rhodes on Worthing 248263

When Jesus Came

Lord Jesus, in the Winter time,
And to a world grown cold in sin,
Thou in Thy loveliness did come
And as a child did enter in.
The world was glad for Thee, and rang
With carols herald angels sang.

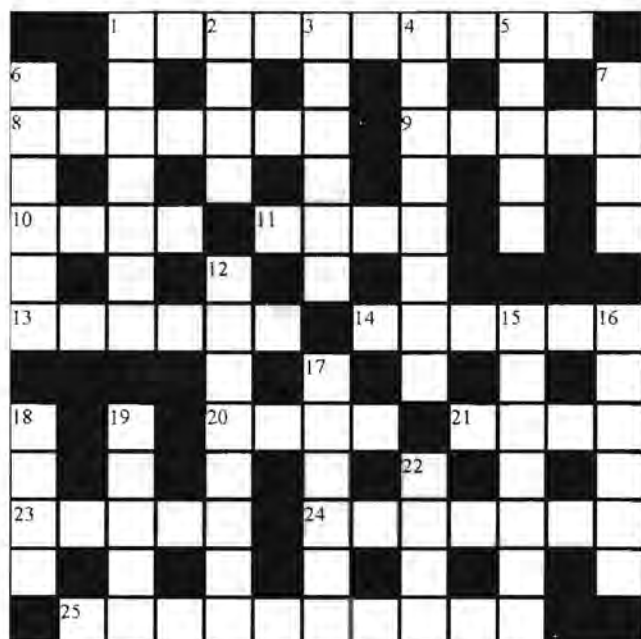
Thy birth, it was the Springtime sweet,
The harbinger of Summertime.
The sad old world renewed its youth,
When Christmas bells began to chime,
And faith and hope, love, peace and mirth
Sprang up, like flowers, over all the earth.

And now, Lord, to this heart of mine,
So Wintry, sad and soiled with sin,
Come as Thou cam'st to Bethlehem,
And let it be Thy wayside inn.
O come, then Winter shall depart,
And Springtime blossom in my heart.

Thomas Tiplady

The above verses express the experience of every Christian who finds life 'Wintry' until Christ comes and turns winter into spring. They are from my collection of poems and quotations and I find them most encouraging.

Phyllis Wheeler



Clues across

- 1 Place on western shore of Lake Galilee. (10)
- 8 In a hymn, an accompaniment sung above the tune (7)
- 9 Captivity of the Jews in Babylon (5)
- 10 The garden God made in the beginning (4)
- 11 Midianite king slain by Moses. Num31:8. (4)
- 13 "the master of the banquet...the water that had been turned into wine". John2:9. (6)
- 14 Jewelled Crown described in Isaiah 62:3 (6)
- 20 Wading bird worshipped by the ancient Egyptians (4)
- 21 An angel foretold that Samson's strength was to be in this (4)
- 23 Steeple of a church (5)
- 24 Title of the kings of Egypt (7)
- 25 Sayings of Christ in Matthew 5 (10)

Clues down

- 1 First four books in the New Testament (7)
- 2 Old Testament character saved from the flood (4)
- 3 Jewish girl who became queen of Persia (6)
- 4 Prayer of the Virgin Mary (3,5)
- 5 Elijah was also known by this name (5)
- 6 Period in the Christian calendar before Christmas (6)
- 7 Lament or wail over the dead (4)
- 12 One who sorrows for sin (8)
- 15 Members of the order of clergy under priests (7)
- 16 Sister of Mary and Lazarus (6)
- 17 Ecclesiastical scarf (6)
- 18 Celebration of the Eucharist in Roman Catholic churches (4)
- 19 Piece of white linen worn by a priest about his shoulders (5)
- 22 Archbishop of Canterbury executed in 1645 (4)



Answers to Crossword
at foot of page 13

Goring Little Fishes Playgroup

Our aim is to encourage children to develop emotionally, physically and socially in a loving and caring environment which is based on Christian principles.

We welcome children from non-Christian families and those from any denomination or faith.

We are registered for 16 children per session and are open from

Monday to Friday:- 8.30 am - 12.30 pm and from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm during term-time.

Following an excellent Ofsted report we are able to give our eligible 4 year olds five free sessions per a week, which is paid for by the LEA

We now employ two qualified full-time members of staff and one part-time assistant.

We have a lovely playroom with a



large variety of toys and equipment to support our belief that children learn through play. Our time-table also allows for structured activities enabling children to develop to their full potential.

Sue Mitchell. Manager

The Choir meet for choir practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. until 9.00pm.



At present we have fourteen members, but we are always very pleased to welcome new ones! We go through the hymns for the following Sunday, but most of the time we spend practising the anthems we sing about once every three to four weeks. We sing a wide range of music from Palestrina to contemporary music, which means there is always plenty of variety - even if it also means we sometimes sing the kind of music some members of the choir (and congregation) would not have chosen themselves!



Choir practices are relaxed and friendly, although we work hard and well. I always think of the choir as a singing fellowship group.

Obviously Christmas is our busiest time, and this year we are singing at the services of lessons and carols on the mornings of 29th November and 20th December. The music ranges from Handel to Rutter, so we hope you will enjoy it.

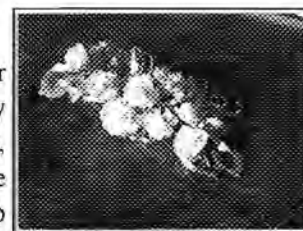


*Michael Ebeling
(Choirmaster)*

Serendipity

Serendipity is a group who get together once a month for an informal gathering of friendship and fun. We are mainly ladies (although men are always welcome) who wish to get out for an evening.

We have demonstrations of others work or hobby skills (icing flowers, jewellery making, accordion playing), walks, games, ten-pin bowling and outings to the theatre. Next year we are hoping to go swimming, horse riding and to play short-mat bowls in-between more sedate evenings of crafts table decorations, cooking, demonstrations and barbecues. This month we are holding a Bring-A-Dish supper, which was very popular last year. If you wish to come please let me know what you are going to bring so I can co-ordinate the menu. New people are always welcome.



Gaynor Anderson-Easey (Worthing 784303).

How quickly the present session is going. We've had some very interesting speakers and particularly enjoyed our recent anniversary afternoon when our speaker was Shelagh McAlpine and our soloist, Margaret Butcher.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas party on December 1st and our Christmas Service on December 15th.

We meet every other Tuesday afternoon starting at 2.30pm. Our programme is varied and we have some interesting and very enjoyable times. From us all, Happy Christmas, Peace and Joy be yours.

**Women's
Guild**

from Jean Webb

Carol Concert

The Rowland Singers

This year's Carol Concert given by the Rowland Singers in our Church on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm, will be the start of their 29th season. Jacky Emery will be conducting the choir of 48 in a selection of carols for both choir and audience.

Included in the programme are arrangements by David Willcocks and John Rutter together with a lovely setting of Mary's Boy Child. There will be solos by Jacky and we shall be accompanied by her daughter Helen Emery at the piano. There are no tickets but a retiring collection will be taken to offset the Choir's expenses with the remainder going to the church. Please come and bring your friends and make this evening the start of your Christmas festivities.

Sheila Gooderham

Christians Together in Goring



"Christians Together in Goring" (CTG) represents all the major denominations in Goring and is made up of two lay members from each church, plus two members of the clergy.

One of its first aims was to encourage members of churches to meet, get to know one another and talk about what they believe and their respective forms of worship.

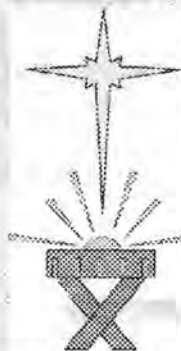
It is the conviction of CTG that although we come from different church backgrounds, we can discover in these meetings that things we have in common as Christians are far more important than things dividing us. From these beginnings CTG has arranged bimonthly ecumenical services, held in member churches by rotation, and a sea-front open air service, called 'Celebrate '98', which attracted approximately 400 people. Other ecumenical activities include shared Lent study groups and shared services in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CTG represents our local attempt to show that we can all come together for worship and to work as one body, striving to answer Jesus's prayer to His Father 'that all his disciples may be one as He and His Father are one' so that the world might believe (John 17vs 21).

Eric Bond

Pantomime

This year, as part of our Christmas celebrations, we shall be sharing a traditional pantomime especially written for this season of the year.



Why not bring your family to share in this unique event?

**Tickets: £2.00 for adults
£1.00 for children under 12**

from Mrs Bett Swlerk Tel: 01903 243194

Performances are on : -

Saturday 19th December

at 2.30pm, 7.00pm

Monday 21st December at 7.30pm.





3	Thu		Day of Prayer
5	Sat	7.30pm	Worthing Choral Society Christmas Concert Shelley Road URC. Details and tickets from - Audrey and Michael Ebeling or Norman Prattent
6	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship with Holy Communion Evening Worship <i>* Last day for January Chronicle Material*</i>
8	Tue	12.30pm	Inland Revenue Carol Service
9	Wed	7.30pm	Rowland Singers Concert - See page 12
10	Thu	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting at Manse
13	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship. World Mission Sunday with F Evening Worship
15	Tue	2.30pm 7.30pm	Women's Guild Carol Service Durrington High School Carol Service
17	Thu	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise.
19	Sat	2.30pm & 7.00pm	Pantomime. Church Hall - see page 12
20	Sun	8.00am 9.15am 10.30am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Time for Tots Service Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Worship
21	Mon	7.00pm	Pantomime. Church Hall - see page 12
24	Thur	6.00pm	Junior Church Christmas Service
25	Fri	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Worship
27	Sun	8.00am 10.30am	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship. Rev Brian Wroe No Evening Service



**WHP CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

9.30am-1pm
St Paul's Church Hall
Richmond Rd, Worthing

Contact Di (01903 219499)
Joan (01903 503111) or Brenda (01903 235057)

New Year's Prayer Day Vigil

1st January 1999
Goring United Reformed Church



The CHRONICLE January 1999

- will be available in the Church Vestibule on Thursday 24th December.

All articles please to Graham Redman by
Sunday 6th December. Thank you.

Answers to Crossword

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1. Gospels 2. Noah 3. Fisher
4. Ave Maria 5. Elias 6. Advent
7. Keen 12. Penitent 15. Deacons
16. Martha 17. Tippet 18. Mass
19. Amice 22. Laud

25. Beattitudes

Solution to £ s d puzzle

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1	Tanner	2	6	0
2	Half Crown	2	6	0
3	Three far things	3	10	0
4	Tenna	4	1	0
5	Penny	5	1	0
6	Bob	6	0	0
7	Sick Squid	7	0	0
8	Ha'p' knee	8	1 1/2	0
9	Penny farthing	9	1	0
10	Sovereign	10	5	0
11	Crown	11	1	0
12	Guinea	12	4	0