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(Rev.) WILLIAM CONNELLY

CHURCH PRINTING

For many years Barbara and Eric Poplestone undertook all the printing work for our Church and the various Church Organisations. They gave of their time and expertise unstintingly, and through their efforts our printing work was efficiently and economically carried out, witnessing to the life of the Church, not only in the immediate neighbourhood, but far afield also. It is right, as we re-launch the Church Chronicle, to acknowledge the indebtedness to Barbara and Eric for the work they have done in the past.

THE WOMEN'S CHURCH

The Spring Session has been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The first Meeting was a Members' Afternoon, when we entertained ourselves, taking the subject of 'This England'. Eleven Members took part, giving us a varied programme, as they read poems, passages of prose, or played the piano. Small wonder that we ended the afternoon by singing 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

On January 24th Mr. David Moodie spoke on 'Strings: - My experience with Puppets'. He brought with him a large selection of puppets, ranging from finger puppets and glove puppets through the whole range of Marionettes. Each one he demonstrated singly, including giving, where appropriate, the sound and speech effects. PERRY STUTTER, SECRETY.

In July 1988 we went on holiday to Holland, arriving at Centre Parcs, De Bembhof early one Friday morning. We were shown to three comfortable bungalows, set beside a lake.

Most of our holiday was spent around the park, but there was no chance of getting bored. The main attraction was a fantastic free swimming pool complex which contained a slide, jacuzzi, whirlpool, wave machine and sun beds. Also, for a small charge, we were able to enjoy pedal boats, crazy golf, bowling, tennis, etc. The fittest members of our group also attempted the assault course!

We had two days out. The first one was extremely interesting as we saw the old traditional side of Holland. We visited an open air museum at Zaanse Schans and the small pretty towns of Volendam and Marken. We saw plog and cheese making, as well as the inside of a working windmill.

The second day trip took us into the confusion of the large, but beautiful city of Amsterdam. We had a lovely boat trip along some of the many canals, and a visit to the famous house of Anne Frank.

The highlight of the week must be the ducks! They lived on the lakes around the park and came to the bungalows regularly every day for feeding. They were very tame, eating anything we gave them. Some fed from our hands, too.

On Friday, when we had to pack up, nobody wanted to leave. It had been a brilliant week and one which none of us will ever forget.

Thank you very much, Captain, Dr. Webb, and all the Officers, for all your hard work.

Justine Kingdon. Brigadier.

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years	TUESDAYS	6 to 7.15 p.m.
Juniors	8 to 11 "	"	6 to 7.45 p.m.
Seniors	11 to 14 "	"	6 to 8.30 p.m.
Brigadiers	14 upwards	"	6 to 9.30 p.m.
Officers	Captain...	Mrs. J. Webb.	
	Lieutenants	Mrs. D. Norris, Retiring	
		Easter 1989.	
		Mrs. B. Brunton.	
		Miss D. Elliott.	

Our activities during 1988 have included SARGEANT DUTIES, TREASURE AND SCAVENGER HUNTS, CRICKET AND FOOTBALL.

In May we held a week-end camp at Varraham for Junior and Company boys. The boys enjoyed exploring the area and also their visit to Batwick. For the first time we joined with the Brighton, Hove and District Battalion, at their camp at Glynde, near Lewes. The whole week was taken up with many activities both on and off the camp site.

Visits to the Royal Tournament, World of Adventure at Chessington, Thorpe Park, Bunting, plus several sporting activities. The strong gales on one day were quite frightening, but we and the tents survived. Owing to damage in our garage store our own tents had had to be written off as a total loss.

Our coffee mornings, held most months during the year, had varied success, but it would have been really nice if more people had come along to enjoy fellowship. Thank you to those 'old faithfuls' who turned up regularly.

We were able to send \$60 to Brigade Christian Aid, and \$78 to the Great Ormond Street Hospital 'Wishing Well' Appeal, and varying amounts to other appeals and missions.

Thank you to those who have supported our 'COFFEE COLLECTION FUND'. Why not join our Club? All you need to do is bring along your collection, however small, and you will automatically become a member. The amounts raised go into our Mission Fund and help us to give larger donations to the Mission Appeals.

The 5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY has vacancies for boys and young lads in both Junior and Senior Sections. Come and join us in our fun. You will be sure of a warm and friendly welcome. We meet at GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH every week as follows:-

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DON STEWART, Captain.

PRINTING UNIT

Following discussions at the Elders' and Church Meetings, it was decided to provide a Church-based printing unit and as a result a photocopier has been purchased, and associated equipment obtained. This provision should be able to meet our printing requirements at a lower cost than by the services of a commercial printer. With the assistance of a willing band of helpers we shall be producing bi-monthly editions of the Chronicle, the Welcome News and printing for Church Organisations.

In the past Members were invited to make donations towards meeting the cost of producing the Chronicle but now, in view of the increased printing costs, we shall be asking Members to pay a minimum of 25 pence per copy. As a further means of raising money to meet our costs we hope to be able to provide a photocopying service at very competitive rates. Details of this will be given at a later date.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

On February 7th Mrs. Andrea Wood, a local Magistrate, visited us, to talk about her work. She listed the qualities expected in a Magistrate whose service is given free, apart from travelling expenses.

Next she detailed the ways in which due consideration has to be given, when pronouncing sentence, not only in aiming to deter the offender from repeating the actions for which he has been accused, but also in securing protection for other Citizens.

Having explained the types of sentence, conditional discharge, suspended sentence, community service order and prison sentence, Mrs. Wood gave us a case to discuss amongst ourselves as we sat at our tables. Our decision in this case, and the two that followed was almost unanimous.

The afternoon which we had all enjoyed had been very different from usual and a most agreeable change.

BERYL STUTTER. SECRETARY.

THE NEW MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

Four 'MUMS' from Coring United Reformed Church are setting up a Mother and Toddler Club, to be held in the Church Hall, as an outreach group for the local Community. We feel there is a lack of these facilities in the area and that there is a very great need for such a group at the present time. We will meet each THURSDAY from 10 to 11.30 am starting after EASTER.

If anyone has any toys that their family has outgrown, such as walkers, sit and ride toys, dolls' buggies, first puzzles, wax crayons, plain paper etc., they feel they would like to contribute to get the group started, we would be very pleased to receive them.

Please contact the following:

LIZ STILLWELL 504859. JANICE BYERLEY 65903.
VAL GILL 67655. CHRISTINE BREWER 47597.

or put a note in the Chronicle box in the Church Porch to say where these items can be collected from.

SCARECROWS HOLIDAY CLUB.

The Club is to be held at EASTER time from April 3rd to April 7th. 10am to Noon. All children aged from 5 years to 12 years will be welcomed. As we must fund this Children's Outreach ourselves this year we are making a small charge per child, and would be very grateful for any donations towards the purchase of invitations, printing, children's Christian literature.

This Holiday Club will conclude with a FAMILY SERVICE on APRIL 9th in CORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH at 11am.

Please contact JENNY MERRIT on 62600.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

SEEK. SERVE. AND FOLLOW CHRIST

THE AUTUMN SYNOD - OCTOBER 1988.

Autumn Synod of the Southern Province held at Radnor Park U.R.C. Folkestone Saturday 22nd October. Delegates were handed literature concerning the major alterations to the Church Buildings and still in progress, and headed 'Community Project'.

'When in 1980 the Management Committee gave serious thought to the conversion of our Church, the Philosophy was that the building should be open and occupied, serving the community all week and not for members' activities only. Indeed, for many of us, including our then Minister Rev. Roy Parkington, the letter of James on practical religion provided the motivation -What use is it for a man to say he has faith when he does nothing to show it? Likewise the Church. The public often sees the Church as an institutional insurance'

The Roll of Synod numbered 425 with 60 apologies for absence. Opening devotions were conducted by the Minister Rev. Jack Lawson, after which the Moderator called upon Members to stand in memory of four Ministers within the Province who had died since the last Synod.

In matters arising from the Minutes we heard that the proposed Union with the Congregational Church in Scotland had failed. Whilst our own Annual Assembly in May had passed it, only 64% of the Scottish Church Members had voted in support. 75% was required for it to proceed

After the Executive Committee's Report had been received Notices were given. Mr. George Clark appealed for woodworking tools for the 'third world'.

The Rev. Bernard Thorogood, General Secretary of the U.R.C. then addressed the Synod on

the theme 'What kind of World - What kind of Church? If whatever Party in power acts in a way that the Church feels is contrary to the teaching of Christ, then it must say so clearly and fearlessly. The two major powers of Russia and USA can no longer live with no regard to others - they must have responsibilities for all others. On the one hand, if Market Forces were applied 100% then revolution would ensue; on the other hand, Russia now realises that total State direction also cannot work. East and West is moving together even in disarmament. However, the relationships and actions of the North/South are as cruel as ever. As national wealth grows, the poverty gap increases, resulting in the rich controlling too much of our lives. The world has seen vast changes in recent years, changes in power, communication and the coming of the computer chip. We see more and more tyrants with their obvious corruption, but we also experience an ever increasing pluralism (we are told that Turkish is a second language of many Germans) thus we see a greater mingling of cultures. We must ask ourselves if we are ready for new neighbours and are prepared to honour rights of new minorities. Bernard Thorogood felt that South Africa was becoming more painful to watch and, as in the story of Belshazzar's Feast, the writing was on the wall. He went on to say that Christians are Stewards of the Natural World - we are the AIR and WATER - if we pollute these elements we pollute ourselves. He gave us five points to think about:

1. The divisions in the world - our own barriers must be broken down - The Church must say 'Physician - heal thyself'. Ecumenically we are all members one of another.

2. Churches must not give merely what they can spare. We must be a sharing and sacrificing Church with a vision of the World Church.

3. We must be a 'Humble Church' not a 'Shouting Church'.

4. We rejoice in Diversity in our Ministry, but we must truly know our Faith and must express it in love.

5. The Creator and the Redeemer must be one. We must proclaim the crucified Christ, as well as proclaiming God our Creator.

PLANNING FOR GROWTH.

The afternoon session commenced with a production of TEN SING of Wimbledon Y.M.C.A. which is a group founded to communicate the relevance of the Christian faith in the culture young people understand. It had a mixed reception which was not surprising considering the average age of the Synod members. This was followed by a talk by Rev. Ceri Lewis who is Chairman of the Faith and Life Department and Minister of Wimbledon Church. He emphasised the need for our Churches to be Evangelical Churches. He was concerned that many of our young people are being drawn away from our Denomination. We must arrest this decline by change, particularly in the mode of some of our Services, depart sometimes from the traditional form of Worship, but good order and dignity must prevail. He hoped and prayed that this could be done without undue division. He appealed for tolerance and acceptance and outlined the following gifts essential to the committed Christian - JOY. REVERENCE. FELLOWSHIP. ASSURANCE. EXPECTATION. INSTRUCTION. GROWTH. SILENCE.

Further comments were made by the Chairmen of the Departments of the Province which included Rev. Roy Parkington (Church and Society) who stated that, in working for Society it must be Biblical in concept. Rev. Michael Rigney (World Church and Mission) emphasised that membership of the local Church must mean membership of the Universal Church. Rev Brian Johanson of the Ministry Department expressed the need for Motivation. This frequently means the releasing of

those in the larger Churches to helping the smaller and struggling Churches. In summing up Ceri Lewis said, quite forcibly, that the Bible must be a stronger base in our Planning for Growth.
Ken Irving, Representative.

A PRAYER FOR US ALL.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this
troublesome life,
Until the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And our work is done,
Then LORD, in Thy mercy,
Grant us a safe lodging,
A Holy rest,
And peace at the last,
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SATURDAY EVENING BELLWSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE is held every week-end at 1 ELY CLOSE. (Street Map M12). Why not come and join Chris and Jan Byerley from 7.30 to 9 pm. On Saturdays.
You have to be 11 years of age and over.

The Parade Service on 12th February gave us a full Church. The 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade were there in their usual high standard of turnout. Well done girls and boys. We were all thinking of you, Jean.

The Service was held under the capable jurisdiction of the Elders, owing to the absence of our Minister.

AN EXHILARATING MESSAGE FROM A CHURCH MEMBER.

'What a joy it is to reach the Church doors and be greeted with a smile and a handshake, and sometimes a kiss, by our friendly Stewards. Once inside much happiness is felt.

If I have been unhappy during the week, Sunday morning Church Service always cheers me, having met my good friends.

Signed. Ena Grace Hanson. '

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
BUDGET 1989

RECEIPTS

F.W.O.19600
Loose.....8270
Donations.....100
Rents net.....2900
Dividends.....1000
Interest.....1000
Gift Day.....2000
L. Ins. Tr.....250
Refund Inc Tax...4000

£ 39120

PAYMENTS

M.M.F.13420
Supplement.....1644
Car Allowance.....1000
Pulpit supply.....150
Manse.....2220
Cleaning Church Prem.2806
Htg. & Ltg.....2290
Rates.....650
Insurance.....1000
Church Matnce.....4000
Choir.....950
Junior Church.....300
Prntg. & Stary.....1600
Church Telephone.....270
Subs. & Dons.....100
Secretarial.....600
Unified Appeal.....4620
Sundries.....1500

£ 39120

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 1989

- 3rd Fri Kestro Club. 2.15 pm. Easter Decorations.
Choir Practice. 7.30 pm.
- 4th Sat. Saturday Evening Fellowship for Young People.
- 5th Sun Holy Communion 8am.
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 11 am.
Divine Worship. 6.30 pm.
- 7th Tue Women's Guild. 2.45 pm. Rev. Mrs. B. Chatfield.
Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm. Speaker Mr. D.S. Fry.
- 8th Wed Bible Study. Harris Room. 2.15 & 7.30 pm.
- 9th Thu Monthly Prayer & Service. 10.30 am.
The Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10 to 11.30
- 10th Fri Kestro Club. 2.15 pm. Methodist Hse. Choir.
Choir Practice. 7.30 pm.
- 11th Sat Saturday Evening Fellowship. 7.30 to 9 pm.
- 12th Sun Holy Communion 8am.
Divine Worship. Parade Service 11 am.
Divine Worship 6.30 pm.
- 14th Tue Girls' Brigade - End of Session SALE.
- 16th Thu The Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10/11.30am.
- 17th Fri Kestro Club Church Hall 2.15pm. Puppets.
Choir Practice 7.30 pm.
- 18th Sat Saturday Evening Fellowship 11 yrs plus.
- 19th Sun Holy Communion 8am.
Divine Worship 11 am.
Divine Worship - Holy Communion and
Ministry of Healing. 6.30 pm.
- 21st Tues Joint Easter Meeting Women's Guild and Men's
Fellowship. 2.45 pm.
- 22nd Wed Bible Study Harris Room. 2.15 & 7.30 pm.
- 23rd Thu MAUNDY THURSDAY Service at 7.30 pm.
- 24th Fri GOOD FRIDAY Service 11 am.
- 25th Sat Saturday Evening Fellowship 7.30 pm.
- 26th Sun EASTER DAY. Holy Communion 8am.
Divine Worship 11 am.
Divine Worship 6.30 pm.
- 30th Thur The Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10/11.30 am.
Church Meeting 7.30 pm. Church Hall.
- 31st Fri Kestro Club. Church Hall 2.15pm.
Choir Practice 7.30pm.

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FROM THE VESTRY.

CONCERNING THE COLLECTION. As St. Paul has it in 1 Corinthians. Chapter 16 verse 1. A new approach to this privilege of giving is indicated in the booklet 'DYING TO GIVE' which has been distributed to all Members of our Church and Congregation. You will be disturbed by it - may be blessed in it. Whatever you do, read on to the end of the book. There will be pain barriers to overcome, but this is to be expected on the Calvary Road, and the joys and blessings to be experienced when we are delivered from our quite needless dependence upon legacies (though thank God for them) will delight both God's heart and our own.

Consider what possibilities are before us in Evangelism - a deeper care for people, both young and old - and a more generous sharing of our gifts with the Churches in Bangladesh and North Ghana which, thanks to the Missionary Committee, have already become part of our outreach into the world.

None of these hopes will be achieved unless and until we know and are obedient to God's will for us. A Vision for God's Church must be nourished and stimulated by the prayers of God's People. We rejoice in all those people who pray for the Church from day to day as individuals! And yet, what difficulty we seem to have in coming together in large groups for prayer. The question may be 'Is the day of the Prayer Meeting over, with a new emphasis upon private and small group prayers - or are we to expect from God new initiatives on our Prayer Life as a Church? We incline to the thought that something NEW may be offered to us ...let us be visionary in our acceptance of every new Gift of God.

Thanksgivings will always be part of a 'vision'; indeed, a vision without thanksgiving and adoration for all that God has done and continues to do in us, and through us, would fall far short of what we experience as we read the Holy Bible, and the history of the Church throughout the ages.

It was on Sunday August 4th 1940 that the first Services of what has now become GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH were held in the ELM GROVE SCHOOL HALL, 37 friends being present at morning Worship and 15 present at evening Worship. Thus we were born, in the midst of a war which threatened to bring an invasion and an ending to our British way of life. You may be wondering what ACT OF THANKSGIVING we should make on AUGUST 4th 1990 - fifty years on from our birth?

Surely, whatever you will decide publicly to celebrate this event, you will want to be ONE UNITED FELLOWSHIP OF THANKSGIVING! on that day. May we then urge you to keep this date in mind, to use it as a target in our thinking and planning! That vision for our Church which I find a source of great blessing may be summarised in the words of Saint Paul in Ephesians 3 Verses 20 and 21.

'NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US, UNTO HIM BE THE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO ALL GENERATIONS FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN'

Yours with every blessing,

(Rev) William Connelly.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

As so often happens on a fine afternoon, there was a good attendance at the Women's Guild on February 21st when Mr. G.M.Cooper gave us an illustrated talk about 'Garden Birds'. Most of the transparencies had been taken in Mr. Cooper's garden, so we were brought very close to the birds.

We were reminded of their nesting and feeding habits and had the distinguishing features of male, female and fledgling birds in the various families pointed out to us. In addition we were told how to encourage the birds to be regular visitors to our gardens. Indeed, we were grateful to Mr. Cooper for re-opening our eyes to a very simple pleasure right outside our windows, and the RSPB, which he represents, for helping to preserve this for future generations. Beryl Stutter.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Just before Easter a number of boys from our Church Anchor Section, along with other Anchor, Junior and Company Section boys of the Brighton Battalion met together for a training workshop. The occasion was the visit to Brighton of the President of the Boys' Brigade, Lord THURSO.

In the morning he opened the new District Battalion Headquarters and was then entertained to lunch in the Royal Pavilion with the Mayor.

The idea of the workshop was to provide special training and ideas for boys and staff interested in particular activities. The Anchor Boys learnt new songs and games and helped to make a giant frieze. The Juniors took part in musical marching, choir and mime presentation, and the Company Section attended workshops in Drill, Bugle and Drum classes and Gymnastics. In between all that there were opportunities for coaching in football, hockey, badminton, cricket and swimming, and sessions on art, nature study and craft work.

A varied selection of these activities was presented to Lord THURSO at the evening reception (I had never met a Lord before, or shaken hands with a Lady Mayor!)

Lord THURSO's weekend concluded with a parade, with full band, through the streets of Hove, and a Service in Hove Town Hall. I hope he enjoyed it all as much as our Anchor Boys did - they certainly had a lot of fun and entertainment, and learnt something of the opportunities of being in an exciting Organisation like the BOYS' BRIGADE. Mrs. Eileen Rhodes. Anchor Section Leader.

MISSION CONFERENCE. The following Annual Conferences will take place: a. Wycliffe Centre, High Wycombe. Bucks 5th to 7th May, sponsored by Interaction. Closing date for bookings APRIL 25th.

.b. Swanwick. Derbyshire. 5th to 11th August. Closing date for bookings 23rd June. Anyone interested please contact Sidney Hider for details.

THE BIBLE CLASS/YOUTH CLUB have begun a Scheme to provide a bicycle for the Pastor of the Church in North Ghana with whom they correspond. TYPE. 'A MOUNTAIN BIKE'
 COST. to include transport £300.
 Contributions and/or suggestions to GARRY MERRITT.
 PAUL REDMAN. ELIZABETH BOND.

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 Will friends whose name may not be on the Church Mailing List or in the Handbook, please notify MR. F. MARSH or the VESTRY for inclusion on the lists. This will help us all.

NEWSHARE is a bi-monthly publication of the Council for World Mission which contains interesting news of the varied activities of CWM member Churches throughout the world. Last year the annual cost was £3 and I expect a similar charge for this year. I shall shortly be placing an order for 1989/90 and ask anyone who would like a personal copy to contact me.
 Sidney Hider.

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LEVITICUS 19 Verse 18.

You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons and daughters of your own people, but you will love your neighbours as yourself. I am the Lord.

Ena Grace Hanson tells us kind friends make her life worth while. She finds a host of these people in our Church.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday March 7th when Rev. Mrs. Beryl Chatfield commenced her talk on Ministry in Streatham Hill and Stockwell Green, she put on a tape recording. We immediately recognised the sound of a Steel Band, joyful music which reminded us that she has been called to Minister to a multi-cultural society.

At her Ordination Mrs. Chatfield had referred to God as a God of surprises, and sure enough, as the years have unfolded, surprises and challenges have been continually evident. We were told of several of the surprising ways in which she has served her flock. The challenges were largely connected with premises.

Streatham Hill Church had been demolished two years before her arrival and members still continue to meet in a pre-fab building. We were shown the Shaftesbury Society's plans for building 23 flats for the elderly with a resident warden. Provided final permission is obtained it is proposed that the Church and Meeting Halls will be part of this Complex.

At Stockwell Green the Church building was in such a bad state that the cost of renovation was excessive, so the decision was made to sell the building and site, and invest in two vacant shops with three flats above. Again we were able to see the plans envisaged for the Church premises in place of the shops. This should be ready by Christmas 1989.

Certainly our eyes had been opened to the needs of the Community and the challenging work that Mrs. Chatfield has undertaken in Streatham Hill and Stockwell Green. In thanking her we told her that the profits from our CREAM TEA will be forwarded to her. We hope that your support on THURSDAY JUNE 22ND at 3pm for 3.30pm will help to make this something special.

On Tuesday March 21st the Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship joined together in a Service 'BEHOLD YOUR KING' which was a devotion for Lent and Passiontide.

We all appreciate the opportunity of meeting together from time to time in this way.

BERYL STUTTER. SECRETARY.

WOMEN'S GUILD - MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Outing to D Day Exhibition at SOUTHSEA.. Tea at PETWORTH. TUESDAY MAY 16th. Coach leaves GORING U.R.C. at 1 pm. Home by 6 pm approx. Inclusive charge £5.50. Seats available. Contact Lily Collison. Worthing 48861.

Reprinted from a previous edition, by request.

From the Vestry.

A NEW YEAR HOPE.

Many people have asked, over the past few years, 'what is your vision for the Church?' I have often mused upon my hesitancy to answer their question - after all, one is familiar with the words in PROVERBS 29 verse 18 'where there is no vision the people perish'. At the same time to err in vision is no rare thing in Christian experience, especially where one may be anxious to please man, (a temptation known to most of us). The words of Saint Paul come to mind here: in ACTS 26 verse 19 he says 'I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision'. He adds, in GALATIANS 1 verse 10 'if I were still pleasing man I should not be a servant of Christ' Our hope, then, must be founded not so much upon OUR vision for the Church, but upon GOD's vision for His Church.

And where are we to see the Vision and how are we to become part of it? Saint Paul, in Ephesians 5 verse 25 says 'Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for it'. He goes on to say in verse 27 'that He might present the Church to Himself - a Glorious Church, a Church that is made Holy and Perfect in Himself'. The Vision is of the Church being the Glorious, Radiant living Body of Christ. It follows that all who are to be part of this Vision should be constant in their attendance at His Table which is the primary source of His nourishment! Is it possible for us truly to hear his Word without that Word being Sealed to our Souls in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in His Body broken and bleeding, that in Him we may receive Wholeness and Eternal Life? The Vision sees all of us meeting at the Table in a humble repentance through which we may receive the Grace of Salvation. Does this Vision include the whole Church Family, with children present to receive a Blessing?

I believe that such a picture may be His will, for how can the household of faith grow in Him, unless He bless us together? This may mean a different approach to what we call 'Family Worship', with a new emphasis upon the Word and Sacraments which are surely given to embrace us all in Him.

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DON STEWART. Captain.

SUDAN UNITED MISSION FELLOWSHIP EVENING 12th MARCH 1989.

Some forty people came to the afternoon tea supplied and served by Mrs. Robin Bradley and her ladies to whom we extend our sincere gratitude. A further twenty or so attended the Service and subsequent fascinating talk by Andrew Trigger who took us by word and picture into the life of Christian students at the TAFAWA BALEWA School in central Nigeria.

It was the Church of Christ in Nigeria (a predominately Moslem country) which perceived the need for a training school for mature evangelists to prepare them for missionary work throughout the region. The staff are almost entirely Nigerian and the teaching language is Hausa. Andrew and his wife were sent by SUMF, he to serve as Vice-Principal, and she to teach in the women's section.

The students come from various Churches in the region and cover a wide age-range; some bring their wives and children so the school resembles a settlement on the edge of the town. Often the first thing that a new student has to do is to build his own living accommodation. (How would Sussex University students re-act?),. Term times are arranged so that the long vacation coincides with the rainy season and class work stops to permit students and staff to sow, tend and harvest their crops. The school is very largely self supporting in food, building and maintenance work, so that skills that students bring with them, eg; carpentry, are in great demand. Three wells supply the school's water needs, but they often run very low during the dry season. However, a bore hole is about to be sunk, by the TEAR FUND, which, hopefully, will provide a year-round adequate supply.

Students and their families bring a wide range of education standards, some of the wives being illiterate - the consequence of women not being given the same chance of education as the men. Teaching, therefore, has to be broadly based. The children attend a local school but receive additional teaching within the settlement. The basic adult course lasts four years, after which graduates take up duties in the field; a two year refresher course is now available for post-graduates. Sadly there is a lack of Christian books in the Hausa language so instructors are working with inadequate resources.

Andrew Trigger opened a window on a world of hardship, endurance and struggle within a community of happy, loving and steadfast Christians whose faith is an inspiration to us all.

We are happy to announce that thanks to the generosity of our Church members we have been able to send £146 to SUMF so that they can continue to support such worthwhile enterprises.

Sidney Hider. World Mission Committee.
Goring U.R.C

MORE WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS.
GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

We are happy to report that we have now made contact with St. Thomas' Church, NITTYANANDAPUR, Bangladesh, having received a reply to our initial letter. It came from the Reverend Benjamin Biswas, the recently appointed Priest in charge. It is a long missive so we cannot reproduce it all but think you might like to read some extracts.

'The literal meaning of NITTYANANDAPUR is a place of daily joy. As far as one can know from the old people of the place...it was a place of joy, but since about twenty years it has changed and instead of joy it has become a place of poverty and lament. NITTYANANDAPUR is a Christian village, three sides covered with river and bill (low marshy area). Almost every year the rice paddy is washed away before the harvest, by the rain and flood water...Our total membership is about 300 over 40 years and 400 below. Most of the people are uneducated land labourers and some live by catching fish; only about 16 work and live in the towns...We have mission primary schools in Kustia and Nittyandapur. The two school teachers (five in each school) and a few other college going boys are interested in corresponding with your Church people.....On 9th October in the 8am Communion Service I read your letter to the congregation people. They were all very much pleased, and since then every day in the evening prayer we pray for your Church and congregation. You and your people were aware of your inwardness but we were unaware of ours. We never could think of a relationship in another part of the world. You have helped to extend our horizon and inspired us to outward looking. Please convey our heartiest love and well wishes to all the members of your Church.'

Anyone interested in being put in touch with one of the aforesaid teachers or students should contact a member of this Committee.

Sidney Hider. World Mission
Committee.

Goring United Reformed Church.

MISSION COMMITTEE COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY SALE.

At Mrs. Ethel Dearsley's home, 20 Midhurst Drive, Goring, on TUESDAY 6th JUNE 1989 from 10am the Mission Committee will be holding the above event. Admission to include coffee, tea, or squash plus biscuits and cake will be 50pence. Proceeds will be give to our Church as a contribution to its share of the cost of MISSION '89.

The nearest bus stop on the 231 and C8/C9 routes is Glynde Avenue which leads into Midhurst Drive. DO COME ALONG AND DEEPEN OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND MAKE NEW ONES.

From the Vestry?



"SHE MUST BE IN THERE
SOMEWHERE, I
HEAR SOBBING."

PHOTOCOPYING.

For the past three months all the printing requirements of our Church have been met through our new photocopying facility which is housed at the east end of the Main Church Hall. Some difficulties arose initially, through a defective component, but this has been overcome.

Apart from undertaking printing for our Church and the Church Organisations, it has been possible to provide a photocopying service to Members for which charges of 3pence for a single-side copy and 5pence for a double-sided copy have been made. This service will be continued with charges as above, and it is requested that originals are in good, clear and definite print or hand-writing. Faint typescript due to worn typewriter ribbons will not give good photocopies. Members are asked to ensure that copyright regulations are not infringed as the penalties are severe.

Photocopying will normally be undertaken on Wednesday mornings; copies should be collected from the Print Room before 11.30 am. E.C. Bond

Dear Editor, May I take up some 'Chronicle' space to wonder if I am alone in finding one aspect of our Communion Service disconcerting?

Surely the most solemn moment of the Service is when we drink 'the blood of Christ'- a moment which demands silence, but instead is immediately followed by a Church-wide tinkling sound as Communicants put their glasses into the holders.

Could we not hold the empty glasses in our hands until the next Hymn is announced, and then replace them?

Perhaps the fault is mine in allowing my concentration to be so distracted.

Yours sincerely,
Sidney Hider

5TH WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Explorers	5 to 8 years	TUESDAYS	6 to 7.15 pm.
Juniors	8 to 11 years	ditto	6 to 7.45 pm.
Seniors	11 to 14 years	ditto	6 to 8.30 pm.
Brigaders	14 upwards	ditto	6 to 9.30 pm.
OFFICERS	Captain.	Mrs. J. Webb.	
	Lieutenants.	Mrs. B. Brunton.	
		Miss D. Elliott.	

From Mrs. Hanny Weber. WORTHING 831562.

'Words seem inadequate to express my sincere thanks to all my many friends within our Church during my recent bereavement. I was overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and the kindnesses. The many cards, letters and flowers I received were daily reminders that 'a friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity'. Many thanks, too, for your prayerful support and the many deeds of practical help which I received, too numerous to mention. I should also like to thank Mr. Connelly for his visits and the beautiful Memorial Service held in our Church. All these tokens of love have been a great source of strength and encouragement to me during this difficult time.

I have now a telephone installed and I find this a boon and a blessing. My number is Worthing 831562.

May I end with this prayer by George Matheson:

'My God, I have never thanked Thee for my thorns. I have thanked Thee a thousand times for my roses, but not once for my thorns. I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensation for my cross, but I never thought of my cross as itself a present glory. Teach me the glory of my cross; teach me the value of my thorn. Show me that I have climbed to Thee by the path of pain. Show me that my tears have made my rainbow.'

54 Harefield Avenue. Worthing. BN 13 1DR. April. 1989.

THE ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB meet Thursdays 10 to 11.30 in Church Hall. If anyone has toys - walkers, sit and ride toys, dolls' buggies, first puzzles, wax crayons etc., they would like to contribute to the group. Please contact: Liz Stillwell. 504359. Jan Byerley. 65993. Val Gill. 67655/. Christine Brewer. 47597. or Chronicle Box.

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PENIS IT SPRINGTIME IN OUR CHURCH?

Certainly we have been blessed by Springtime in the natural world and the promise of a rich harvest is upon us.

There may have been those who misunderstood my recent reference to our need in age to open our windows to receive the freshness and sweetness of God's gifts of light and air, but I was quoting from a poem of John Greenleaf Whittier who wrote hymns other than 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'. In his poem "MY PSALM" he writes:-

I mourn no more my vanished years:
 Beneath a tender rain,
 An April rain of smiles and tears,
 My heart is young again.

The west winds blow, and, singing low,
 I hear the glad streams run;
 The windows of my soul I throw
 Wide open to the sun.

Now, although few people would place Whittier in the top flight of 19th century American poets, he possesses the old Quaker art of blending what at first seems to be no more than sentimentality with a mysticism to inform a deep truth. The same art is used in the Old Testament to show us, and to awaken us to the deeper meanings of Springtime.

'For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing of birds is to come, and the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell!

Songs 2 vv 11-13.

And if you believe in the inspiration of the Bible you will also believe that these words have their truest meaning in the life of our Church.

But now to the FROST WARNING You might have expected a frost warning here since the present writer is not given overmuch to sentimentality!

The warning is this: IT IS SPRINGTIME IN OUR CHURCH. There is Love, Light, and Growth in Christ. MISSION '89 will provide yet more light and warmth for God's People .. but tender new love for Christ ... new shoots exposed to the air, do need caring for, and protecting against the latest frosts.

My prayer is that present spring will not be blighted by any one of us and that we shall all be young, filled with life in Christ, and open in mind and heart to the cleansing sweetening warming influence of the HOLY SPIRIT.

William Connelly.

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

I love to tread the hallowed courts
Where two or three for Worship meet;
For thither there Christ Himself resorts
And makes the little band complete"

W. HURN.

OUR CHURCH MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE HARRIS ROOM AT 10 A.M. Phyllis Wheeler.
See Diary for dates.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.A FLOWER ARRANGER'S PRAYER.

Let me not forget whose house this is -
 not mine but yours, O Lord.
 Let me not forget whose flowers these are -
 not mine but yours, O Lord.
 Let me not forget what beauty is -
 a window into heaven,
 And so may this floral offering be also.

Dear Lord,
 I love these flowers so much, their
 colours, scents and touch. I love to find them,
 choose and place them so that each is seen in all
 its beauty. Lord, help me to love and care for
 your children as much as I love your flowers. Amen.

FLOWER FUND. My grateful thanks for your continued
 support and for £45.50 donated so far this year.
 I would like to draw attention to the above fund.
 Anyone can contribute to this fund which is used
 for Church flowers when not provided by date
 donations.

FLOWER LIST.

JULY. 2 Mrs. Cushing. 9 Miss Barnes. 16th Two Weddings
 23rd Mrs. E. Marsh. 30th Mr. & Mrs. Stewart.
 AUGUST. 6 Mr. & Mrs. Luckin. 13 Miss Mortimer.
 20th Rev. R. Christopher. 27th Mrs. R. C. Evans.
 Any enquiries concerning flowers please contact
 Mrs D. M. TURNER. Flowers Secretary Wthg 43843.

SCARECROWS HOLIDAY CLUB will be writing its own
 material for October - if anyone would like to
 help with the preparations or during the club we
 would love to hear from them. The Club Team.

OWING to lack of space A MISSIONARY IN CHINA by
 Miss CAROLINE MANN will appear in the next issue
 of THE CHRONICLE.

HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING.

Way back, in July 1979, our Girls' Brigade presented to our Church an induction loop connected to our public address system. A friend who had had a hearing aid for about two years discovered she could tune into this loop by switching over her aid to the T (telephone) position. Anywhere in our Church, she joyfully reported, she could hear the sermon, notices, readings and prayers amplified clearly through her own personal aid.

One of the system's greatest fans presented us with an R.N.I.D. sign, drawing attention to this induction loop. This is displayed in our Church Vestibule, above a notice to advise our visitors.

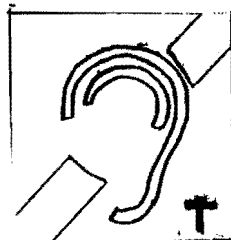
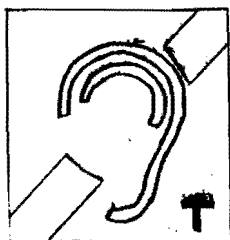
Some may find the acoustics of our Church difficult and hollow; others have difficulty with some voices and not others.

For these our Girls' Brigade has provided hand held aids, which you can borrow from a Steward in the Vestibule. Sit where you like - there are no wires to plug in. Switch on with the thumb wheel in the handle. Hold the red spot to your good ear. Adjust the volume for the best results - the more you turn the thumb wheel the louder the volume.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF after use (line visible on thumb wheel) to save the battery, and return to a Steward as you leave.

In the last ten years three aids have reached the stage of needing repair. Each is worth about £70. I would appreciate offers of help to restore them to active service.

ROY WEBB.



TAPE RECORDINGS OF SERVICES.

Tape recordings are made of Services every Sunday. If you would like to borrow a tape for a friend, or hear again that inspiring reading or sermon, please apply at the public address cabinet at the back of our Church, or to Dr. WEBB, Tel. Worthing 40546. We do not claim copyright so please feel free to copy a tape, or provide a C90 tape and I will do it for you.

Unfortunately dozens of tapes are never returned - a drain on our budget! Please check your drawers and cupboards, or ask that friend to whom you loaned a tape to return it as soon as convenient. ROY WEBB.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

As the season for foreign holidays draws near can I remind you that GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND now accepts foreign coins for their funds. Please pass on your surplus currency when you get back all nicely bronzed - your bank will not accept them - in an envelope marked THE GIRLS' BRIGADE, and we will put them towards our Guide Dog project. Plus, of course, used stamps, British and Foreign, and aluminium - washed bottle tops, cake dishes, yoghurt tops, etc. They all help this worthwhile cause.

JEAN WEBB.

THE NEW HYMNBOOK.

On 6th May 1989 six of our Members attended the Sussex West District Spring Meeting, the theme of which was 'The New Hymnbook'. The joint secretary of the hymnbook editorial committee, Mr. Alan Haywood, MA., BMus., LRAM., and a Member of Purley URC, gave the address.

It was most interesting to hear something of what had been achieved in this mammoth task of producing a new denominational hymnbook which would present a balance between what is valued from each of the three contributing Church traditions, i.e. Congregational, Presbyterian and Church of Christ, (all were represented on the committee) and also incorporating much of the new music and material of which there were more than 2000 submissions.

The final book will have more than 750 hymns and musical items. Each tradition listed 150 core, or essential hymns to which were added a list of 'great hymns not to be excluded'. Other recent publications were also consulted. Sub-committees dealt in detail with aspects such as words, texts and language generally; music and harmonies; psalms, metrical psalms and liturgy.

In general the idea is to update where possible, but to respect language. Archaic terms such as 'Thee' and 'Thou', 'twixt', 'twere' and 'twas', and inclusive terms (to avoid gender) are substituted where it can be done without destroying meter or poetry. Militaristic hymns or verses, or those with doubtful theology have been excluded. (Often these have an asterisk in C.P.)

Whereas the new Methodist book has 156 Charles Wesley hymns, our book will have about 30, and a similar number of Isaac Watts; and modern writers are well represented. There are enough psalms to have a different one every Sunday in one form or another - hymn based, metrical or chant.

The sections will be different but sound as though they will be more comprehensible and Biblical and cross references will be clearly indexed.

The book was submitted to the publishers, O.U.P., in March 1989, and it should be launched at Assembly 1991, with a preview in 1990. (It takes two years to check copyright etc.) The title chosen is 'REJOICE AND SING'.

Apparently there are two main schools of thought - those who tolerate anything but changes, and those who will not tolerate anything that has not been changed! Rev. Roy Clark gave concluding thanks and said "We shall never all agree - but let us rejoice in it. How else could you do it?" And indeed we were left with the feeling that a knowledgeable, thorough and conscientious team had tackled a difficult task in a most competent way. We can anticipate the new book with great pleasure, and as a choir member, I hope it means we can reduce our armful of books to just one..

JANE BOND.

LEARN ABOUT JESUS. He will share that life with us all, to enable us to live as truly as we can and learning about Him by reading and listening to others around us, but above all, by living our own lives as we walk into each day. Perhaps, going back and thinking, what would He have done? Is there something in a Gospel which talks together with us in the situations we find ourselves in?

Sometimes I think the thing that shone above all in His life was that it was ALIVE with the awareness of other people He met day by day. Alive with being strong and good, alive with Kindness and Mercy and an Awareness of God the Father, the Maker and Upholder of everything. He is not someone in the past, He is our daily Friend. We must be positive if we are to be like Jesus, as He was. If it is only a kind word to another it helps sometimes.

As a former nurse I have empathy with the sad and depressed and mentally ill. I always smile when listening to them that have lost the art to smile. If we live our lives more truly and care for others Jesus becomes more real. This He does to me. So, if we are going to be just to others we come into contact with every day, and walk with Him always, and walk with God, to love mercy, we need to learn about Jesus. Son of God - have mercy on us this day. Amen.

A message from a friend of Michael Donnelly.

All too often unconscious or dying people are treated as things, as though they were not there, but often they are very much there. Although dying persons have fewer and fewer means of expressing what they feel they are open to receiving communications. In this sense the very sick or the dying persons are much like children. They cannot tell us how they feel, but are absorbing our feeling, our voice, and most of all, our touch. In the infant the greatest channel of communication is the skin. Similarly, for those plunged in the immense solitude of sickness and death the touch of a hand can dispel that solitude, even warmly illuminate that unknown universe. To the new born and to the dying skin and voice communication may make an immeasurable difference.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Our Spring session ended with our A.G.M. on May 2nd when the new committee was announced:-

PRESIDENT	Mrs. D. Turner.
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mrs. J. Burrage.
SECRETARY	Mrs. B. Hislop.
TREASURER	Mrs. B. Barnett.
COMMITTEE.	Mrs. J. Allen. Mrs. E. Dearsley.
	Miss M. Briggs. Mrs. J. Hannet. Mrs. D. Jenkins.
	Mrs. J. Marsh. Mrs. D. Miller. Mrs. P. Mott.
	Mrs. P. Taylor.

An informal meeting will be held on July 4th at 2.45pm in the Cornwall Room.

The Autumn session commences at 2.45pm on Tuesday September 12th in the Main Hall. The Men's Fellowship will be with us on this occasion and the address will be given by our Minister, Rev. William Connelly. A warm welcome is extended to all ladies who would like to join our Guild.

Betty Hislop.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Our AGM was held on May 2nd attended by 12 Members. The existing officers and committee members were re-elected.

The treasurer compared this year's figures with last year's and showed that because of smaller numbers attending meetings subscriptions and tea profits were down. Donations to various causes had been higher. The 1988 balance was less than 1987. The secretary outlined the programme for the next session in the hope of whetting the appetite of prospective members who can be sure of a warm welcome.

On September 12th 1989 We are joining the Women's Guild. Speaker Rev. W. Connelly.

On September 26th 1989 'Words for the wise' from Rev. Roy Parkington.

Sidney Hider. Secretary.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

On May 2nd 1989 the Annual General Meeting chaired by Rev. R.C. Christopher and attended by 12 members, apologies for absence received from three others. The existing Officers and committee members were re-elected.

The treasurer compared this year's figures with those of last year and showed that, because of the smaller number of members attending, subscriptions and tea profits had been lower. Donations to various causes, however, had been higher than anticipated so that the 1988 closing balance was less than that for 1987.

The secretary outlined the programme for the autumn session, part of which is shown below in the hope of whetting the appetites of prospective members who can be sure of a warm welcome and a personal copy of the programme. Sidney Hider.

SEPTEMBER 12th. Joint Meeting with Women's Guild.
Speaker Rev. William Connelly.

SEPTEMBER 26th. Words for the wise from
Rev. Roy Parkington.

OCTOBER 10th. Illustrated talk on a recent
visit to China by Margaret Meredith.

OCTOBER 24th. Women's Guild Anniversary
Service.

All events start at 2.45 pm.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The sun shone for our outing to the D-Day Museum at Southsea on Tuesday May 16th 1989. Members and friends were most impressed with the Overlord tapestry, beautifully sewn by the Royal School of Needlework, which depicted the Allied invasion of Normandy and life on the home front; also the short film, and the museum which obviously stirred many memories.

We then drove to Petworth where the ladies of the U.R.C. welcomed us with a most enjoyable tea.

Our thanks to Lily Collison who organised our day but unfortunately was unable to join us, and to Margaret Briggs who completed the task.

Betty Hislop.

WORLD MISSION NEWS.

BANGLADESH. Correspondence continues between the Committee and the Rev. B. Biswas of St. Thomas' Church, Nittyandapur (N'pur). We now know that the money collected at the High School carol Service has reached N'pur and is being used to re-build and raise the height of the walls of the village 'pond' in which fish are kept - a sort of fish farm, presumably. The 1988 floods inundated the pond and all the fish were lost.

Two retired and two young ladies have responded to the appeal for individual links with members of the N'pur community and, hopefully, by the time you read this item letters will have been exchanged. There is still plenty of scope for more such links, so if you are interested please get in touch with our Committee.

GHANA. Letters continue to be exchanged between Evangelist Samuel Nkrumah and the Committee. The correspondence folders, including the one in our Church entrance, contain copies of all such letters and are being kept up-to-date. The latest letter from Assin Nsuta included an enthusiastic response from the Girls' Brigade leader there to an invitation from Jean Webb to establish a link between the Girls' Brigades. By the time this is being read letters should be passing between individual members of the Brigades. Various projects to send goods to Assin Nsuta are being explored. Their lack of basic necessities e.g. pens and paper is a reflection of their primitive way of life. They really do need our help! Sidney Hider. WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday 4th April we were given an illustrated talk by Mrs. G.M. Davitt of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion. This Section was founded in 1921 when fund raising by the ladies to finance their own schemes was started.

We saw slides of the Housing Project in Shotamill, Haselmere, for ex-Servicewomen. These were very attractive flats indeed. The poppy factory at Richmond was also shown. Here the millions of poppies which are sent out worldwide are manufactured.

The Legion village in Maidstone, Kent is the centre from which the poppies are distributed. Here they train disabled ex-service personnel in various skills. The Churchill Centre in the village is the place where the distribution of the merchandise sold in aid of the Legion funds is arranged.

There are Residential Homes for ex-service personnel in Broadstairs and Horsham. Up to date the number of ex-service people rehoused by the Legion stands at 19,000. There is a Youth Training Scheme and a factory which are based in Wales.

The work carried out by the Royal British Legion reaches far and wide and is on a much greater scale than the average person realises. The Guild members felt they had learned a lot from a most interesting and instructive afternoon.
Vera Briscoe.

Great enjoyment can be had by sharing a holiday with a friend. When the Guild met on April 18th they were 'air lifted' to Canada by Mrs. Dorothy Turner, there to be shown the sights and scenes of Vancouver and its beautiful environs. In three quarters of an hour we shared the highlights of a memorable holiday, returning refreshed and relaxed at the end of a lovely afternoon.

Beryl Stutter.

SCARECROWS HOLIDAY CLUB.
APRIL 3rd to 9th 1989.

Having finished shopping on the Tuesday morning I called to collect my wife from Goring United Reformed Church Hall where she was helping to feed the 'SCARECROWS'. You may have heard of a Flock of Birds, or a Herd of Cows; how do you describe a large number of 'Scarecrows'? I think it must be a 'Field of Scarecrows'

But it was into the countryside I went, just the Church Halls, and was I sent. There were big ones and tall ones, and even very small ones. It seems to arise, 'Scarecrows' come in all shapes and size. And those pinned upon the notice board indicated some that did look bored. They were coloured in smocks of different hue, some in brown and some in blue, and the children who donated these were sitting on the floor very much at their ease. They sang their songs projected on screen, with Julie their leader conducting, it seems; so that at the appropriate time, one hundred and thirty voices to a crescendo did climb. The unusual hats the Leaders wore, helped set the scene of the the joy in store, for all the children who came each day and were in no hurry to go away. All Helpers and Leaders must have spent some time, preparing items beforehand, they were so sumblime. 'Scarecrows' decorated on biscuits, whilst some marshmallows made - dare, one risk it!? I found why needles and match boxes galore, were needed; seems 'Scarecrows' wished to produce some more. This happy family was the important thing, so Helpers and Leaders did everything, to try and ensure the week went with a swing. Jenny and Olive, Biblical Stories would tell, and the young 'Scarecrows' they gave answers so well. Carol, it seemed, kept a general eye on the programme presented by the Leaders each day; whilst the Box Office at door registered 'Scarecrows' each day, and stated two hundred in total were dealt with this way. So I think the men who did this job, deserve thanks of all - shall we give a nod? And the helpers in the Kitchen who produced the squash and tea and biscuits, too. Whilst on the Friday, as a special treat, there were beans and baked spuds for some

to eat. Others were given chocolate bars, I think that some maybe came from Mars. Neither do we forget the Musical Trdop, who provided the music so cock-a-hoop. So on behalf of all those I know, I wish to thank you Leaders - you put on a great show; and in this I include 'Banana Bill', he was there each day, even if not sitting still. However, I know he was gratified to see, so much potential in Leaders to be.

May God's Blessing descend upon you all.
Frazer Finley.

P.S. My wife and I were so impressed we returned again and again to give a little hand, to help feed the 'Field of Scarecrows' and join in with such a joyous happy band. FF.

THE LORD'S PRAYER. (CALYPSO VERSION).

Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
Hallowed be Thy name.

On earth as it is in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Give us this day our daily bread
Hallowed be Thy name.

Forgive us all our trespasses
Hallowed be Thy name
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Hallowed be Thy name.

And lead us not in to temptation
Hallowed be Thy name
But deliver us from evil
Hallowed be Thy name.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Hallowed be Thy name
For ever and ever, for ever. Amen.
Hallowed be Thy name.

A MESSAGE TO SHARE.

This year Scarecrows Holiday Club welcomed one hundred and forty (140) happy youngsters each morning. We sang Praise songs with lots of actions. Life sized puppets dramatised the daily Bible Stories, and Wednesday morning we had a guest speaker, VAL WALTERS. Most mornings we had a choir, and the children never ceased to amaze us with how much they remembered.

Every morning Julie led Praise Aerobics; although stiff, some of us were certainly fitter by the end of the week!

Each morning we divided into our different age groups, where a variety of activities took place, too many to mention all, but here are some: Matchboxes became puppets, a plain biscuit became in just a matter of moments, a scarecrow face.

There were different kinds of food to taste, some brought a smile, some a frown; also work sheets and games. At the end of the morning we all met together for the Scarecrow Serial. Here we met the four Scarecrows - TURNIP-HEAD, BEANY MAN, CARROT HEAD and SUPER SPUD, and FARMER WURZLE, a very grumpy man who everyone loved to BOO! Even parents arrived early just to watch their antics.

The week went far too quickly, but it had been a joy for us all to share the Love of Jesus with these lovely children. Scarecrows finally came to a close with our Holiday Club Service of Celebration, Praise and Thanksgiving to our Father for the week we had just shared together.

We would like to thank all our Church family for their wonderful help and support preparing Scarecrows, but most of all we Praise and Thank our Lord for his guidance and love.

As a follow up to Scarecrows we will be holding a short Holiday Club on 26/27 October, on 28th will be our Hallelujah Party and Sunday 29th will be our Holiday Club Service. We ask for your Prayers as we begin to prepare for it. Blessings from the Holiday Club Team.

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

After what has been a very busy session for all of us the summer break is now almost upon us. On the last night of the session, JULY 18th, we are holding a suitcase sale. £1 for adults for a table, 50pence for children, and no more than two people sharing. If you would like to book a table and come along to join in the fun please see any G.B. Officer and put your name down.

For anyone who may not be familiar with a suitcase sale let me explain: Anything you may have and wish to sell you place in a suitcase and bring it along to the Church hall where you will be provided with a table. You pay £1 or 50 p and any money you make after that from the sale of the contents of the case you keep.

The sale will take place between 6 and 8pm. Come along anyway - you may find a bargain or two. Refreshments will also be available.

Meanwhile, throughout the Company about 50 sunflowers are being grown. The girls are busy looking for sponsors, and so is the Minister - he too is growing a sunflower - and the money raised will, we hope, enable us to reach our target of £1,000 for a Guide Dog for the Blind. We are due to present our cheque at the Wokingham Centre in October.

On August 5th we are off to camp! Edenbridge is our venue this year. A Girls' Brigade house set amidst lovely countryside about 2 miles from Edenbridge and 5 miles from Westerham. 20 girls and Officers will spend a week there, and then on August 12th 20 girls will return home and another 20 girls will spend a week with the same 5 Officers, who we trust will have enough energy to repeat the whole process all over again! Proper beds this year - luxury camping!

Please remember us all in your prayers, but especially Justine and Teresa Kingston who will be going to Balliol College, Oxford and Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Egham in the

Autumn. They have been with us a long time now and both hope to help out in Companies in Oxford and Egham in their spare time!

We trust that all who go on holiday, whether near or far, will feel refreshed from the change, and that God will bless us all as we witness for Him wherever we may find ourselves.

Bless you all, JEAN WEBB. Captain.

A Christian is one who, recognising his fallen state before God, clearly evidenced in the conflicts of his own conscience, mind and will and realising that try as he may he cannot become reconciled to God through his own efforts however righteous and moral they may be, seeks Salvation through Christ in whom he sees God in Action to save, deliver, reconcile the world to Himself. C.

ON MY NINETIETH.

I wish to express my warm thanks to our Minister, the Women's Guild, Girls' Brigade and fellow members of our Church for gifts of lovely flowers brought to me on the occasion of my recent special birthday. The many messages by card, gift, letter and verbally, added a great deal of happiness to my very special day.

The day itself was spent in my nephew's home in Haywards Heath with a gathering of my family, with an age-range from not quite two years to the early nineties, a happy and memorable occasion.

I thank God for a loving family and friends, and not least for a caring Church.

Ethel Gilby.

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OUR MINISTER IS ON HOLIDAY.

What a time of opportunity lies before us, Young people are back from college, new friends have joined us from MISSION '89, and at the recent Elders' election 4 Elders were appointed who have not served in our Church previously.

As a Church we must look to the future with optimism, aiming to bring people to Jesus and then making sure that together we reach maturity in Christ.

Simple guideline for us arise from a chorus:

'Father God we worship You,
Make us part of all You do.'

It is the Father who sees all and has a total picture of the way ahead. He wants to pass on to us that picture although not all of us may see it, or, if we do, know the next step.

The second verse is helpful in this respect:

Jesus King we worship You,
Help us listen now to You'

In listening to Jesus we will discover that vital next step to take us on the journey of fulfilling God's plan for Goring U.R.C. We all must learn to listen more carefully to Him, and also to one another, if we are to seriously be a part of what God is doing.

I expect, in the hot weather, you have felt rather lethargic at times, not really wanting to do anything. We have help:

'Spirit pure we worship You
With Your fire our zeal renew'

It is only in the power of God's Spirit that we will have the energy and enthusiasm to carry out our individual part in God's plan. As individuals we blend together in unity through the Holy Spirit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit give us a perfect picture of unity. Let us aim for this unity and find out what God is doing, listen to Jesus, and do with zeal what is wanted.

PAUL ARCHER.

This message was requested by your Chronicle editor,

REPORT FROM HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE.

I am pleased to report that the Committee has made substantial progress on 1989 budget work.

KEITH HORNER has repainted the interior of East Hall and remedied damp stain on ceiling. He is to redecorate Vestry and Elders' Vestry.

D.H. AMEY Fitted new waterheater over sink in East Hall.

A.D. HIGH to carry out general repairs to THE MANSE.

Plumbing, windows. CHURCH. Lighting etc. Warm air curtains.

DON STEWART has carried out general repairs to lights, locks & doors. To make opening in Little Chapel screen. He has fixed a new Notice Board in entrance vestibule.

C.I. WHITE repaired/renewed damaged handles on East Hall door, on three occasions.

MORGAN & SMITH service and maintain Organ.

MR. D. F. GUY tunes all Church pianos.

Partly from 1988:-

PETERS WORKSHOP polished Baby Grand and Stool. (We purchased cover for this piano) One upright piano sold. Wooden tables disposed of.

MR. R.J. SURRIDGE completed redecoration of Minister's Vestry and Little Chapel - fitted new lock to Vestry.

S E C U R I T Y.

In recent months it has been noticed that DOORS have been left open or unlocked, and KEYS not returned to Elders' Vestry. ALL Organisations are asked to make certain that the premises are secure by closing windows, bolting and locking doors, and switching off electric lights at the termination of meetings. The lock on the door of the Elders' Vestry is to be changed and the number of key holders will be reduced, as our Insurers consider 32 is too high a number. A list of the Key Holders will be issued at a later date.

HOUSE & FABRIC COMMITTEE.

THE SPRING SYNOD HELD AT DORKING U.R.C. ON MARCH 11th, 1989

Of the 419 names on the Synod Roll only 49 were absent. A welcome by Rev. Roy Currie opened Worship with all lustily singing 'Let all our brethren join in one'. Bible Study, led by Rev. Ken Chippendale, was based on Ephesians 4, vv 1-16. In this study he set a theme, namely one of Church growth through greater involvement in the Ministry of a Church by its members, by the full utilisation of their varied talents.

The Reports from the various Committees are as follows:

Synod Executive Committee. Progress in respect of a number of sharing agreements with other denominations, involving Manses as well as Church buildings, was detailed. It is sad to report that the small congregation at Clemence Hall, Camberwell, held their final Service on Dec 4th 1988 and the Church has now closed. The URC is closely involved with other denominations in the proposal to appoint an Industrial Chaplain to the Channel Tunnel Project. Members attention was drawn to the next Provincial Day to be held on 15th September 1990 in Rochester.

The Government White Paper on Broadcasting.

We were enlightened on the facilities afforded to the Community through Local Radio stations and the likely effects of the White Paper through presentations by Paul Gillingham of Radio County Sound, covering the Guildford Area, and Sue Brooks who is the London Churches Broadcasting Officer. Both reported on the many religious-based events covered by Local Radio each week and both urged Churches, or Districts, to keep the Media informed on what is happening in Local Churches and the denomination. Personal 'live' contributions are also welcome from those who can relate Christianity to the lives and needs of local people without being boring or giving offence. On the Government White Paper both expressed concern that the proposals could lead to a lowering of standards and quality of programmes. The Paper proposes a changed to a financially competitive policy of 'bidding' for station franchises as opposed to the present system in which companies submit in their proposals evidence of programme policy and quality to the Independent Broadcasting Authority. It is envisaged that as a result of the proposed changes advertisers will be prepared to sponsor

'popular' programmes with a largely 'pop' musical content and that educational and religious-based programmes are likely to be excluded. However, the Paper proposes the setting up of Community stations having a broadcasting radius of approx. 10 km, and it is through them that the Churches may reach out to those in their immediate areas. We were urged to pray for those in Parliament who are opposing the White Paper and to write as Churches and as individuals to our M.P.s to express concern.

Finance and Administration Report. In purely financial terms the Committee made decisions on the use of three quarters of a million pounds in 1988. Over ½ million pounds of capital and income from monies held in trust were released, over 5 times greater than in 1987 and which indicates the continuing high level of re-development and extension initiatives being brought through local congregations. The Finance and Administration Department also participated in the overall 'Planning for Growth' carried out by all provincial departments, and welcomed the opportunity and challenge to review our financial resources under the theme 'Funding for Growth'. The Treasurer was able to report that total contributions from the various districts to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and United Appeal just exceeded the targets in both cases. The targets for 1989 are £1,030,000 for the Maintenance of the Ministry and £250,000 for the Unified Appeal. Synod was reminded that in 1990 the Ministry Fund will be required to increase stipends and re-imburse Ministers and their Spouses for the cost of the Community Charge, from April 1st.

Ecumenical Representation.

Representatives from the Anglican Church and the Chairman of the Dorking Council of Churches were introduced and welcomed. The former, in his response, expressed the wish that his congregation would sing with the same fervour as Free Church Members.

Presentation by the Provincial Ministries Department. 'Changing Patterns of Ministry for Growth & Renewal'

A colourful and amusing presentation from this Department followed the introduction of new Ministers and new Officers in the Province and in Districts. The Presenter, Rev.P.E.McIntosh, posed the questions: What is the Ministry? What can happen and what may result? Ministers often do work which could be done by lay members. Do we

expect too much of our Ministers? The Church does not have all the Ministers it needs. Do we explore all the possibilities in our Churches and Districts before we ask the Moderator for advice on the calling of a Stipendary Minister to local Church?

The presentation which followed was based on a Church (Saint Average) in which a vacancy occurred and which, following the analysis of apparently available Ministers by the Elders, a list of 12 names was discussed with the Moderator. For a variety of reasons all on the list were unavailable and the Church Secretary was advised to contact the Secretary for the Local District (Mr. Fixit) who stated he could not help them and told them to look to their own resources. A year passed without a call being made during which the Church found its own Minister through its members under the guidance of the Interim Moderator, who in addition presided at Church and Elders' Meetings. Through the fuller utilisation of the many talents of the Church members the Church was now stronger.

Although the situation and the complete remedy may have been exaggerated, each Church was urged to make an audit of its resources, both in respect of the premises and their utilisation, as well as those of its Members.

Church and Society Department.

This Department had a very full agenda in 1988 in which one of the developments is the number of allies they liaise with in the field of Christian responsibility. Some of the items included were: cuts in Welfare Support and lengthening NHS waiting lists - how does this equate with a Christian belief in a caring society? The production of a Prayer Calendar for use in local Churches was the Department's contribution to 'Growth for their sake' i.e. Growth in awareness of the needs of those in the society around them. The calendar is of a perpetual nature and intended to be used by all parts of the Church. The Department reported that, as a result of pressure from the URC and other denominations, changes were made in the Government's Educational Reform Bill insofar as religious Education and Worship were concerned. Representations had also been made in respect of the proposed changes in the Sunday Trading Laws and in Broadcasting.

Youth Leadership Training Officer. At present Ivan Andrews is shared with the Wessex Province. Southern Province is working towards employing its own Youth Leadership Training Officer when Ivan Andrews' current term of Office ends in December 1989.

World Church and Mission Department.

There has been a noticeable increase in ecumenical activities in all areas of the Province. New LEPs are being developed and the number of links with Churches overseas has increased slightly: 34 Churches in the Province have links overseas and 30 more want to establish links. 27th April 1989.

E. C. BOND.

MISSION '89 COFFEE MORNING.

I would like to thank all who helped the Missionary Committee to have such a happy and profitable time at No. 20 Midhurst Drive. We were sorry the weather kept us indoors, but perhaps being in such close proximity one with another made it all the merrier.

It is a long time since, at a coffee morning, that nearly every part of our Church - even the creche - met together. This gave the workers of the Committee a real sense of satisfaction and hope that the true sense of Mission is growing within our Church.

The magnificent sum of \$180 plus was, through your efforts, added to our Church's contribution towards the cost of Mission '89.

Thank you one and all! Ethel Dearsley.

We thank our Minister most sincerely for the many Sermons and Addresses he has given us over the past 15 years, the help and encouragement he has offered to us and we wish him and his dear wife Mary a very happy holiday. We send greetings and love to their children and grandchildren. Ed.

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR SEPTEMBER IS AUGUST 26th.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY.

TARGET BOYS: Most of these boys were in our Junior Section. Each boy has an introduction to most of our activities and is expected to attend Church Parades, with the opportunity to join Junior Church.

ACTIVITIES: Weekends away from their homes, camping, boating on the Norfolk Broads, or on a canal boat at Guildford. Interests of their own. Sports. Evenings out visiting places of interest.

In November 1988 the Target Boys went away for a week end. We stayed in a Church hall in Storrington, the home of 1st Storrington Company. The idea was that they would produce a 'project' on the weekend. Joining us for the first time was Registered General Staff Nurse Sue Morris who works at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester. Sue comes to our Church regularly and also attends Bible Study lessons.

Our May camp (1989) saw us at Warnham, Horsham. This was first class! The weather was perfect, the best for 80 years, topping the much talked about summer of '76! During the school holidays we had a walk along part of The South Downs Way, and a day on Goring beach, with an eye on recruitment. Within the past few months we have had some excellent evenings. Our Summer programme activities included beach games and a visit to Highdown.

We welcomed the return of brothers COLIN and ALANEASEY, and they have been trying to get our band going again, with some success. Colin and Steffan joined us at Camp and did a good job. They arranged all the sports, walks, etc., Sue came along as our Medical Officer, and also to most of our weekly activities in the Church Hall.

We had a visit from two of our Battalion Officers, mainly to interview me, with the view of my being re-made up as Lieutenant. I had been temporarily absent since 1984, although I had not lost contact with the Brigade. I went to camp after my return in May 1988, as medical Officer and joined in some events. At the beginning of the last session I was once more attending regularly, being responsible for the TARGET BOYS. I had my letter of confirmation as Lieutenant in June 1989.

LT. MALCOLM NICHOLLS.

TELEOIS PROJECT: PERFECT IN CHRIST.

The Teleois Project seeks to serve God through his Word. Isaiah Chapter 58 verse 6.

This is a non-denominational Christian work, with Charitable Status, and is a Company limited by guarantee. Those associated with it are :

Rev. Kate Powell of St. Mary's. Broadwater.

Rev. William Connelly. (Chairman) of Goring U.R.C.

Mr. John Blackwood. F.R.I.C.S.

Mr. Geoffrey Dean F.C.A. (Treasurer)

Mr. Ievor Hames. (Solicitor) Mr. Hames is also a Director of Christian Publicity Organisation producing Christian literature world wide.

Mrs. Avis Morton and Mr. John Gordon. Worthing 38861.

They are seeking your support to share the work of providing funds to purchase a property in Worthing where up to 7 women can be housed while they are treated for the coming off of deadly drugs, and to this end ask you to join their League of Friends, sponsor events, have coffee mornings on their behalf, covenant money, and to Pray for them. They also have goods for sale from the Echoes range - Eau de Parfum, Cologne, Aftershave, Deodorants, Talcum Powder, Tablet Soap, Hair and Body Shampoos. Orders can be placed, on Thursdays preferably, at 13 Longfellow Road, Worthing. BN11 4NU. Worthing 38861. All profits will go to support the TELEOIS PROJECT.

Last year the Rev. Kate Powell dressed up as Dame Edna Everage and collected money near Holders Corner, Montague Street for the TELEOIS PROJECT. Last July (1988) a 12 hour Squash Tournament was held in Worthing Sports Centre. Mark Williams and Chris Watson collected over £210 for TELEOIS PROJECT.

In 1986 671 drugs misusers were attended to by DAIS (Drug Advice & Information Service of which Andrew Frazer is the Director) in the Brighton area alone. Of those, 260 were women. Female drugs misusers have more complex problems than men, when coming off drugs. Emotional changes caused by interrupted hormonal cycles, often there are children to be considered, HIV and AIDS to contend with. It is very painful, too, and expert assistance is needed at all stages.

John Gordon says 'We are developing a programme of vocational training and as it will be a Christian home there will be some Christian input. Time will be given to Bible Study and discussion, also for standard counselling.'

Anyone who knows and has met Avis and John will know how sincere and sympathetic they are. Help them all you can, please, to carry out the TELEOIS PROJECT in Worthing. Why not contact them every THURSDAY on Worthing 38861.?

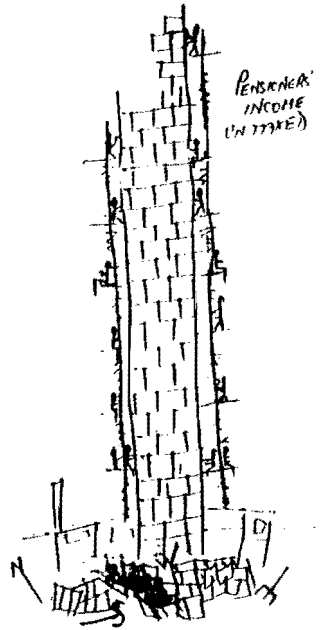
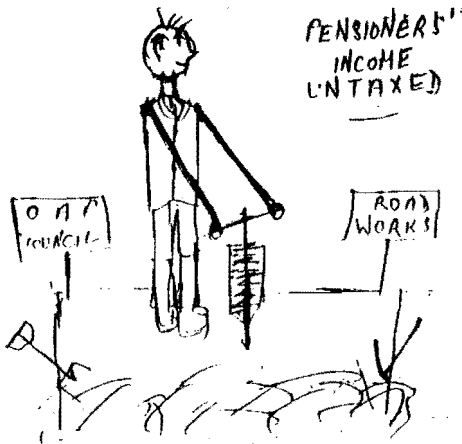
Teleois. The Law of Love. Why not read MATTHEW Chapter 5 Verses 43-48 and COLOSSIANS Chapter 1 Verse 28.

This report was requested by the editor & compiled by him.

Old Age Pensioners earned income untaxed after October 1st?

O. A. P. Navvie.

O. A. P. Steeplejack.



GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
ACCOUNTS 1988.

RECEIPTS.

F. W. O.	15683
Loose Cash.....	6257
Donations.....	120
Rents net.....	2632
Dividends.....	967
Bank Interest.....	1244
Gift Day.....	1425
C. Gen Ins. Tr.....	238
Refund Inc Tax.....	3346

Excess overspent.....3865

£ 35777

PAYMENTS.PULPIT.

Main Min Fund.....	6305
Pulpit Supply.....	144
Manse Expenses.....	2043
Supplement.....	1536
Stipend.....	6115
Nat. Ins. Contrbs.....	138
Car allowances.....	793

CHURCH.

Church cleaning.....	2808
Lighting/Htg. Net.....	1906
Rates.....	618
Insurance.....	963
Repairs.....	3097

MUSIC.

Organists' Fees.....	759
Organ Tuning.....	261
Sundries.....	68

Miscellaneous.

Junior Church.....	450
Printing/Stnry. net...	596
Church Telephone.....	258
Subs & Dons.....	124
Secretarial.....	223
Unified Appeal.....	4332
Sundries.....	2235

£ 35777

A MISSIONARY IN CHINA.
BY MISS CAROLINE MANN.

On a hot summer's day a group of students were sitting the Oxford Matriculation Examinations. They were to write an essay on one of several subjects; one was IDOLS.

I had spent all my life in China, having been born in KANSUH, North China, of Missionary Parents, and was at the school run by the China Inland Mission in CHEFOO, SHANTUNG. North China.

It was a subject I thought I knew something about, but while writing God opened my mind to the real meaning of IDOLS. There was I, a young Christian girl about to leave China, and, as I wrote, there seemed to be a voice saying 'You cannot, you shall not forget us, out here, in the darkest night; we are drowning men, we are dying men - send, O send us the Light!' And I promised God that if He wanted me, I would return.

My last evening in China, in Shanghai, walking in the Mission Compound, I heard the sound of drums and knew someone had died in the home opposite. The noise was to convince the evil spirits there was happiness in the home. This gave the spirit time to depart, to get away before the evil spirits found out and chased them. A reminder to me 'you cannot, you shall not forget

Nine years later, with Nursing training completed as far as certificates concerned, the sound of those drums still rang in my ears and I wrote to the China Inland Mission offering my services to China. While in London I was asked to help at a 'Caravan Mission' in a small village near Cambridge. I had always known that God had wonderfully supplied C.I.M. with all their needs, but could I trust Him to supply mine?

One week later, with the other worker, we went to buy our weekend needs. The purse was almost empty, so with a sausage each we had enough! But then we heard the Chairman of the Mission and his son would be with us for Sunday! No food, no money, and no means of telling anyone - except God. But a lad passed by and left a rabbit and an old man having been to his allotment left us a bag of vegetables! So there was enough and to spare.

After our meal we had a Bible reading in that little old Gypsy Caravan. The reading was on Isaiah on Elijah obeying God, going to the place of God's appointment and there finding God's provision. This and in other ways God was teaching me in His training school of life.

December 1933 our boat was nearing SHANGHAI when news came of the death of two missionaries. They had been murdered by the Brigands. There was unrest and danger throughout the land and Japan was beginning to infiltrate from without. On arriving at SHANGHAI our party changed into Chinese dress and went up the Yangtze river to YANGCHOW, joining the others already there studying.

The first night I was awakened by the sound of drums. Looking out of the window down to the cluster of Chinese homes below - one had a light - and watching the movements I knew that another person had died and the spirit was on its way, and the 'devil' would be following. It seemed to confirm my pledge to God to return to China.

Yet my life was not working in Inland China with the Chinese. Only a few weeks studying and the call came 'Return to CHEFOO - Measles epidemic!', and I was back nursing missionaries' children and missionaries in need, and those retired, having spent their lives for God in China.

The staff, like myself, were in China at God's call to work with Chinese, but were often sent to Chefoo when need arose. I remembered one nurse, when I was a child - I suppose we had been difficult! - she had said 'I did NOT come to China to look after you lot. I came to preach the Gospel!' and I had thought if ever I am asked to go to Chefoo I will go, and God had taken me at my word.

Yes, I did go to Stations inland, to HWAAILU in Hobeh, for about a year, but to Chefoo I was again sent, for an epidemic of some kind. It was a privilege to see God's care of his children. Often children were ill, and parents were hundreds of miles away. A local doctor was a wireless 'ham' and he used to contact his friends, so news of our needs would get through to the parents and friends. Jean, a 6 year old, having just left home, was very ill and we watched her day and night. Early one morning the crisis came, the servant came to light the fire, saw she was sleeping peacefully, so returned to tell the other servants that the little girl was better. Soon the old amah came, peeped in through the door and with a radiant face said 'Praise the Lord, the little girl is better' and the praying friends soon heard and joined in our Thanksgiving. She was one of many who were wonderfully restored through prayer when our human help was inadequate. God drew near and healed.

After five years I again asked if I could be released to go inland and really get a grasp of the Chinese language before having furlough. This time I did manage to pass the first two sections and was going to a City in HORPI, but was it God or the Japanese? After three months in Peking, waiting for further orders - others who had arrived after fleeing from their Stations due to the Communists were often sent to join a train to

Shanghai, but got off at a small stop and went through Japanese lines into no mans land and then into Free China to carry on their work - but for me, when the call came it was 'return Chefoo'. It was an utter disappointment. Why, God? Why?

I returned to CHEFOO, but looking back on those five years - years of Japanese occupation, internment in two camps, and then release and return home, I cannot doubt God's promises. His Power and Protection.

The School and Units and our old folks, elderly retired people, staff and children whose parents were in Free China were interned. As we were moved to small private homes across the City, 70 or so in a home, we sang as we left the Mission Compound :

'God is still on the Throne, and He will remember His own. The trials may press us and troubles distress us, He never will leave us alone. His promise is true, He will not forget you, God is still on the Throne'

It was true then and it is true today. We need not be in China or Africa to serve God as missionaries, but: 'Just where you stand - there is your place. Just where you think you are worthless - hide not your face. God put you there for a purpose, what'ere it be. Know He has chosen you for it, work faithfully.

CAROLINE MANN.

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With regard to my years in internment
see over page. CM.

MY YEARS IN INTERNMENT BY THE
JAPANESE IN CHINA. CAROLINE MANN.

Most who are nearing retirement will have their own special memories of the days when the clouds of war were very real and frighteningly near.

In our community, a small Treaty Port in North China, there were about 500 'Enemy Nationals', and of that number almost 300 were on our Mission Compound. There were the Resident Staff of the Schools, the Hospital, Guest House, the Business Department, Missionaries resting after escaping from their homes because of war, and those retired who had spent their lives in China and now wanted to stay on in the land they loved, also about 100 children, 75 of them separated from their parents by the armies of war.

Many stories of those days have been written by old and young. All different, as our jobs were different, but there is a recurring theme of God's care and protection in all.

I was with the Medical Department. My memories are not of trying to clothe growing children, feed them, keep them clean and happy in rooms with no beds or equipment. To teach them in these bug infested rooms. But, they coped. Clothes were made from curtains, tablecloths, anything of that nature. They mended patches on patches on patches. All the winters were very cold, the last winter the boys had no warm trousers; the Japanese would not supply us with anything, and so, after much thought and prayer, trousers were made of grey blankets! Yes, grey blankets! 'They went last a week' folks said - but they did, and nearly four months later, when there were the first signs of Spring, the boys returned to their summer shorts.

Eric Liddell [Chariots of Fire] was by far the best loved and popular man in our Camp. He was pointed out to me as 'Do you see that man with the shirt made of cretonne curtain? That is Eric'

He organised games for the young, taught them in the classroom, organised help for old folk who needed someone to get supplies, etc. I remember his infectious smile, the talks he gave when leading Services. He was Warden of our area and in charge as, twice a day, we lined up for our Roll Call. My last memory of Eric was the day before he died. Having lost the use of his legs because of a brain tumour, he was slowly trying to walk again. I met him at the ward door. He had a smile, and I noticed he held a stop-watch in his hand. Glancing along the corridor he said "That was a little faster!" Eric, who still held the 440 yards sprint record and Olympic Gold Medal, was NOT giving up. That night he reached the final Tape and received the 'Well Done' from his Master.

Now, back to the start of camp life in CHEFOO. The Japanese visited our homes twice daily. With banks closed and no visible means of aid, they hoped we would ask for their help and then they could move us, but after months we still seemed to have money to pay the bills! Japan had already taken possession of some of our property. One day they arrived with large red seals and marked everything they could see. The seal said 'This is the property of the Japanese Emperor!' Then we were to move out of several homes and go to the Guest Home. A few weeks later we were all evacuated to the other side of the town.

To pack my personal things was easy for what was not marked went into my cabin trunk, but what about the Hospital, Dispensary and Medical Supplies? Every item had been given by Christians in many lands - given to God. They were not our's to give to the Japanese.

We stood looking at the large cupboard filled with equipment for 30 beds, then we realised it was only the cupboard that was marked, so we left the Emperor empty shelves, and packed everything that was packable. In the same way the large antique bottles in the dispensary were emptied into small containers and marked, then packed - not

wrapped in paper, but hundreds of bandages and packets of dressings, leaving the Emperor shelves full of empty antique containers. The cases were marked 'Medical Supplies' and put with the ever growing mountain of things from schools and homes.

We were moved first to four houses on the other side of the city. Four houses for 300 people? It meant 60 to 70 in a private home, built for about 4 people! I was with the Girls' School and Staff families. It was a largish semi-detached bungalow - somehow 4 into 71 will not go, but it did!

For 10 months we managed, and in spite of the lack of room the staff were able even to do some teaching. Then we were moved again. This time it was two days in a small Japanese boat - no cabins, then a long train journey to Weihsien. It was a difficult journey. Our Doctor had several ill patients. On arriving at the Railway Station we were taken in open trucks to the Camp. This time it was a large American Mission Station, walled, with hospital, lecture rooms, Church, a playing field and rows and rows of rooms for the students. Sounds grand, but there were 1500 to 1700 of us! Hundreds had already arrived from camps in Peking, Tientsin and other areas, and they were beginning to try and bring order out of the chaos the looters had left.

The hospital needed a lot of cleaning and repairing, but the ground floor was soon usable, with 30 beds, and what other parties had been able to bring. The dispensary was working, and out-patients dealt with, but all urgently needed more supplies. The patients brought their own bedding and utensils. There were staff to care for them. When our luggage arrived - (many of the hospital boxes got through) - the empty shelves were soon full, the patients could be given clean sheets, while their's were washed. No longer the tin mug and plate, but a tray with china! Curtains and screen covers were there to give privacy and the extra equipment the hospital needed. So we knew now why we were to pack the hospital, and we knew that God and not the Japanese Emperor was on the Throne!

DESTRUCTION OF SENNACHERIB. BY LORD BYRON.

The Assyrian came down like a wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on
the sea

When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green
That host with their banners at sunset were seen:
Like the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown
That host on the morrow lay withered and strown!

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed on the face of the foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved, and for ever
grew still!

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,
But through it there rolled not the breath of his
pride;

And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider, distorted and pale,
With the dew on his brow and the rust on his mail;
And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,
The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,
And the idols are broken in the temple of Baal;
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord!

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MEETINGS HELD IN THE CORNWALL ROOM MONDAYS 8pm.

I'M VERY WELL, THANK YOU.

THERE is nothing the matter with me,
 I'm as healthy as I can be.
 I've arthritis in both my knees,
 And when I talk I talk with a wheeze.
 My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

ARCH supports I have for my feet
 Or I wouldn't be able to walk in the street;
 Sleep is denied me night after night,
 But every morning I find I'm alright.
 My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

THE moral of this, as my tale I unfold
 That for you and for me who are growing old,
 Its better to say 'I'm fine' with a grin,
 Than to let folks know the shape we are in.
 How did I know that my youth is all spent?
 Well my 'get up and go' has got up and went:

BUT I really don't mind when I think with a grin
 Of all the grand places my 'get up' has been.
 Old age is golden I've heard it said,
 But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed
 With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My eyes on the table - until I get up.

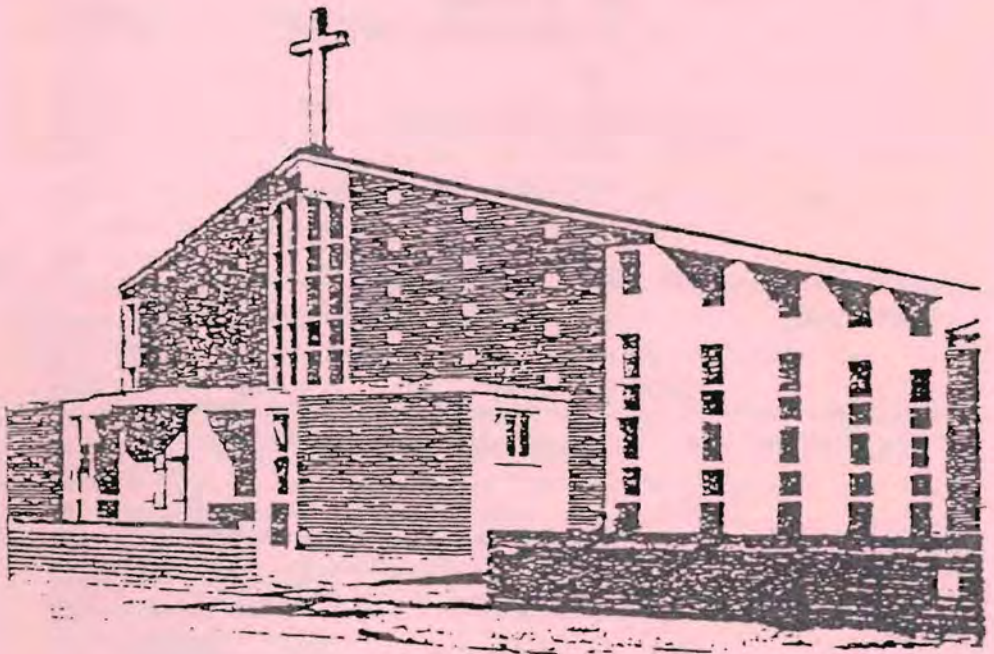
ERE sleep overtakes me I say to myself,
 Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?
 When I was young my slippers were red,
 I could kick my slippers right over my head;
 When I was older my slippers were blue,
 But still I could dance the whole night through.

NOW I am old my slippers are black,
 I walk to the shops and puff my way back;
 I get up each morning and dust off the 'wits'
 And pick up the paper to read the 'obits'
 If my name is not there I know I'm not dead
 So I have a good breakfast - and go back to bed.

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

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OUR MINISTER WAS ON HOLIDAY.H A R V E S T

We look forward with joy to the celebration of the harvest. A time to thank God for His gracious and generous provision of good gifts - gifts that so often we take for granted.

Already much of the cereal harvest has been gathered in and the undulating downland is golden brown with stubble and the great baled cylinders of straw are sitting in the fields like so many abandoned rollers. The miracle of another harvest, the symbol of God's faithfulness, is plain for all to see.

But harvests do not happen all by themselves. The harvest represents a partnership between man and God. No farmer can put life into a lifeless grain of wheat. It needs to fall into the ground and die before the miracle of new life can occur. The ground must first be prepared and good seed sown in season if there is to be a harvest at all. The farmer, therefore, must co-operate with God; must be in tune with the world of nature before he can expect a harvest.

Quite a number from this Church have sought to co-operate with God in the recent Billy Graham Mission '89. The ground was prepared by much prayer and many seeds sown as the Gospel was shared with renewed hope and vision. We praise God that so many were born again to become by the grace of God, new creations. But God wants more. He wants believers to become disciples - people whose lives will become fruitful for God as they co-operate with Him and in due time bring others into His kingdom.

The challenge of harvest is before us, to encourage all believers to become disciples. Are you and I ready to respond and play our part?

Richard Tuley.

This message was requested by your Chronicle editor.

CHRISTIAN AID

As Hon. Secretary for Christian Aid for Goring U.R.C. area I have deposited in the Christian Aid Account in Barclays Bank over £5,000 since 1986.

The breakdown of the various deposits is as follows:-

CHURCH DONATIONS	1986...	1987...	1988...	1989
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.	165...	158...	222...	--

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

CHURCH	.1324....	117....	233
HOUSE/TO/HOUSE		.794....	746

HARVEST FESTIVAL	.. 20....	392....	--
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SPECIAL APPEALS:-

MOZAMBIQUE	537
SUDAN	392
ARMENIA	176
BANGLADESH	222
ROBERT WRIGHT'S BOOK	35
ETHIOPIA	363

Donated by individual members during 1987/88. 166

Christian Aid donations by the Church are made during Christmas Eve, Christian Aid week in May, and Harvest Festival (Sept 24th this year). Any additional appeals i.e. for disasters, must be made through our Minister. The Christmas Eve and Harvest Festival donations for 1987 & 1988 were included in the total for the Special Appeals. It can be seen that the bulk of the money is obtained from House-to-House collections during Christian Aid Week. The number of houses allocated to us is 3,433 in a total of 77 Roads, Avenues etc, thus the amount obtained could be considerably increased if more collectors were available. Most people give cheerfully to this CAUSE, so please contact me if you are willing to become a collector, or if you want further information.

'SANDY' CLARKE. WORTHING.

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HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING.

Way back, in July 1979, our Girls' Brigade presented to our Church an induction loop connected to our public address system. A friend who had had a hearing aid for about two years discovered she could tune into this loop by switching over her aid to the T (telephone) position. Anywhere in our Church, she joyfully reported, she could hear the sermon, notices, readings and prayers amplified clearly through her own personal aid.

One of the system's greatest fans presented us with an R.N.I.D. sign, drawing attention to this induction loop. This is displayed in our Church Vestibule, above a notice to advise our visitors.

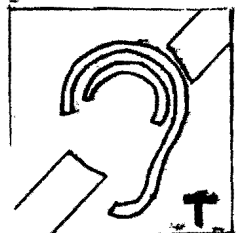
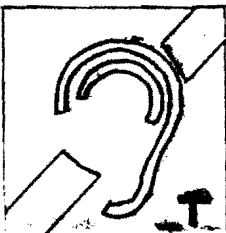
Some may find the acoustics of our Church difficult and hollow; others have difficulty with some voices and not others.

For these our Girls' Brigade has provided hand held aids, which you can borrow from a Steward in the Vestibule. Sit where you like - there are no wires to plug in. Switch on with the thumb wheel in the handle. Hold the red spot to your good ear. Adjust the volume for the best results - the more you turn the thumb wheel the louder the volume.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF after use (line visible on thumb wheel) to save the battery, and return to a Steward as you leave.

In the last ten years three aids have reached the stage of needing repair. Each is worth about £70. I would appreciate offers of help to restore them to active service.

ROY WEBB.



TAPE RECORDINGS OF SERVICES.

Tape recordings are made of Services every Sunday. If you would like to borrow a tape for a friend, or hear again that inspiring reading or sermon, please apply at the public address cabinet at the back of our Church, or to Dr. WEBB, Tel. Worthing 40546. We do not claim copyright, so please feel free to copy a tape, or provide a C90 tape and I will do it for you.

Unfortunately dozens of tapes are never returned - a drain on our budget! Please check your drawers and cupboards, or ask that friend to whom you loaned a tape to return it as soon as convenient. ROY WEBB.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

As the season for foreign holidays draws near can I remind you that GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND now accepts foreign coins for their funds. Please pass on your surplus currency when you get back all nicely bronzed - your bank will not accept them - in an envelope marked THE GIRLS' BRIGADE, and we will put them towards our Guide Dog project. Plus, of course, used stamps, British and Foreign, and aluminium - washed bottle tops, cake dishes, yoghurt tops, etc. They all help this worthwhile cause.

JEAN WEBB.

SCARECROWS HOLIDAY CLUB will be writing its own material for October - if anyone would like to help with preparations or during the club we would love to hear from them.

The Club Team.

KESTRO CLUB is the name given to the Worthing Stroke Club. It is made up from an anagram of the word 'STROKE'. We meet at the Church Hall almost every Friday throughout the year from 1.45 to 4.15 pm.

780 Members have attended during the first 22 weeks of this year, an average of 35 per week. We each pay 25pence a week, have a 5pence a ticket raffle, donate 5pence whenever we borrow a book or magazine to read and return, and those who are transported by car or Methold House ambulance contribute 60 pence towards the cost of it. The Club pays the difference.

From 2.30 to 3 pm exercises of the hands and feet take place to music on a piano played by Bernard Bowen. After tea and biscuits various games and quizzes etc., are held to exercise the brain, both for stroke victims and their helpers. Sometimes we are entertained by Members and sometimes by visitors. We had Puppets in the Hall this year. On two occasions, up to June 30th, we went by coach on outings. 36 persons to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire and 34 persons to Beachy Head and Eastbourne. What glorious weather we had on both occasions and everyone had a lovely and happy time. Not a sad face to be seen. Food and drink were donated by Members and delicious it was. Thank you ladies. Our Chairman, Mr. William Connelly usually sees us off, so we are assured of a fine and pleasant day out.

At our Meeting on August 11th lots of plans and ideas were forthcoming, and we are now looking forward to the second half of our year which starts on September 1st. It should prove to be as exciting as the first half.

Leslie Montford. Treasurer.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The first day-conference in this area is to be held on Wednesday 20th September at ST. COLUMBA'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, WORTHING, (OFF HEENE ROAD).

The theme, from Czechoslovakia is:-
"A BETTER TOMORROW - JUSTICE FOR ALL" and the DAY will include Speakers with an indepth knowledge of the Country, its People and its Problems.

Coffee will be served from 10 am and the Conference will commence at 10.30 am and conclude at 3 pm with tea. The Fee is One Pound, to include tea, coffee etc, but please bring your own lunch!.

We are hoping for a good response to this first area event in SUSSEX, and we are asked to send as many representatives as possible.

Please see MRS. ETHEL DEARSLEY or MRS. EILEEN RHODES during the first week of September to register your place.

Eileen Rhodes.

My! You people have a lot of writing to do. Fill the Chronicle with your impressions of MISSION '89; answers to 'Dying to Give'; and comments about 'On Being an Elder' All three items were FREE - be free with your replies, please - ready for OCTOBER issue of YOUR CHRONICLE!!! You have had two months to think about it!!!!

HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

Later this year, or in 1990, urgent consideration will have to be given to repairing defective reinforced concrete on external windows of the Church. Also preliminary proposals for improvements to entrance vestibule. We have been advised that as our Church buildings become older maintenance and replacement costs are likely to rise appreciably.

Colin Nodes.

CLOSING DATE FOR OCT CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS SEPTEMBER 26th.

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Did you know that Shoreham is in need of a new LIFEBOAT? See November Chronicle for more news about this.

Robin Bradley.

Your response to my request for impressions of Mission '89 has not been very encouraging. I have had 1 genuine and 1 imaginative report so far (August 26th)

Surely you can do better than that - unless, of course, it made no impression on you!

If you cannot write, mislaid your paper and pencil, or run out of ink, try putting your voice on tape and loan it to me for writing down. You will have to speak slowly because I have forgotten all my shorthand. I shall be reserving two whole pages in the OCTOBER issue of The Chronicle. See if you can fill them.

Leslie Montford. Your Editor.

You wont forget, will you, our Minister is awaiting your ideas about our Church's 50th Anniversary to be celebrated next year - AUGUST 1990. Do not worry - I shall remind you every month - in The Chronicle. There will be no escape.!

LM.

OUR MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

BANGLADESH. At the end of July, after several weeks of silence, we heard again from the Rev. Benjamin Biswas of St. Thomas' Church, Nittyandapur. The lack of response to our letters was readily understood when Benjamin explained that he, as Chairman of a village committee consisting of Hindus, Moslems and Christians, had been with them up-river from N'pur supervising the construction and installation of a sluice gate designed to control and divert flood waters from the village rice fields. Work had been temporarily suspended so that the working party could return home to plant their crops. This break has give Benjamin the chance to catch up on his correspondence. Money from Bishop Mondal had financed the project (it is possible his funds had come from the Council for World Mission).

At least three, and by the time you read this - hopefully five, Members of our Church are corresponding with individual Christians in N'pur.

GHANA. Two letters sent to Ghana seem to have gone astray, but contact has now been re-established. Fortunately a package containing letters written by some Members of our GIRLS' BRIGADE did get through and replies have been received from their counter-parts in ASSIN N'SUTA. Thanks to Captain Jean Webb's zeal the long held hope that young people from both Churches would become pen-friends is being fulfilled.

Our YOUTH CLUB has raised more than half the money needed to buy a bicycle for Samuel Nkrumah to use on his evangelising journeys; please continue to support their fund raising. Please also remember the 'GHANA TEA' at Bobby Hitchin's home on Tuesday 5th September from 3pm. The 50 pence admission will include tea and cakes and there will be a Bring and Buy and Cake stalls. All proceeds will be used to buy dressings and bandages from ECHO to send to ASSIN N'SUTA. In addition to these 'shop bought' items we will also be sending bandaging 'home made' from the sheets and pillow cases kindly given by so many of you. Thank you for them, and to those who came along to help the committee in the 'conversion' process. WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. Wm. Connelly, Rev. R.C. Christopher. William & Florrie Freeman, Ethel Dearsley, Jean Hillis, Audrey Stewart, Phyllis Wheeler, Joan Burrage, Charles and Pheniah Taylor, Sidney Hider.

MR. FRANK BULSIRODE would like to send his thanks for the prayers and kind enquiries during his recent illness. He much appreciated the visits of our Minister and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marsh, and was so delighted with the cards from Girls' Brigade.

Thank you all.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!!!!

Many people now like to think that the money they spend on Christmas cards goes to some charity.

The Challenge Literature Fellowship, of which the Christian Book Centre in Chatsworth Road, Worthing is a part, is a charity registered for the purpose of publishing and distributing Gospel literature. Any profit that is made from the sale of cards etc., in the shop OR from the Church Bookstall, goes back into the work to extend this Ministry. Therefore all these cards can be termed 'charity cards' whether they are marked as such or not.

So when the time comes please buy either from the Christian Book Centre, and have your purchase booked to GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH and/or through our Bookstall. I will willingly hold a stock of Christmas cards according to demand.

Ron Jordan.

'The Preacher for next Sunday will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch' 'QUOTE'

This gem was sent in by a Member of the Church.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Actual and potential Members are reminded that the first Meeting of our AUTUMN programme is on 12th SEPTEMBER.
Sidney Hider. Secty.

Extract from Rev. Beryl Chatfield's Newsletter:

As regards the progress towards new Church buildings, Stockwell Green is STILL waiting for the final Planning Consent for the alterations to the new premises. We applied last September, and are now being told that, all being well, the matter will go to the Planning Committee in JULY. (1989). At Streatham Hill the whole situation has changed yet again! The Shaftesbury Society applied a second time for funding from the Government Housing Corporation to purchase our land and have now been told that they have got it. This means that they will now revert to buying our land instead of building our Church! The deal is not yet signed, and the date when we can start building is MARCH 1990, which is the earliest we can get the next door car firm off our land.!

Thank you for your letters, thoughts, prayers and general interest. I always enjoy hearing news of your activities. People's lives are all so different and interesting! May yours be filled with many blessings.
All good wishes from BERYL.

Thrice welcome back William, Mary and Irene.
(Welcome). We missed you.

CLOSING DATE FOR OCTOBER CHRONICLE IS 26th SEPTEMBER.

Quotation from a Church Member: 'We have wept with them that mourn, and rejoiced with them that rejoice'

555 MORNING GIRLS' BRIGADE
CAMP AT EDENBRIDGE KENT AUGUST 1989.

There were some to be heard saying it was a potty idea to even consider a two week camp - and that was before Captain's heart attack - but nothing daunted, on Saturday 5th August, she ventured forth with Dr. Roy Webb, three Officers, two Auxiliary Helpers and 18 Girls of all ages to HOLCOT, our Girls' Brigade house on the outskirts of Edenbridge.

We arrived amidst great excitement and were soon settled in, and so our first week of fun, fellowship and laughter began.

We were privileged to be asked to conduct the Morning Service at Marlpiitt Hill Baptist Church where we repeated our June Parade Service based on 'the Fruits of the Spirit', and this was well received.

We enjoyed days out at Chartwell and Godstone Farm, swam in the local school pool and walked over the fields and railway line into Edenbridge - a walk of about 2½ miles each way - and Captain was still going strong.

Saturday 12th August was changeover day when the first weekers went home after a happy week and were replaced by a further 19 girls, the staff remaining more or less the same - and another week of fun began.

Sunday morning found us along the same lane for Church Parade at Marlpiitt Hill Baptist Church where we were invited to sing, and indeed we remembered that 'All things are made by Jesus' as we sang to the small congregation.

The second week we visited Hever Castle and tried to lose a few of them in the maze, as well as another day at Godstone Farm, and of course we had the now familiar to us Officers anyway, trek into Edenbridge through the fields and across the railway line which, for those anxious over our safety, has not yet been electrified.

Those of us with energy left also enjoyed a game of Rounders in a local farmer's field. I think it is fair to say that common sense prevailed and this was about the only thing in which Captain did not take part!

Yes, it was hard work and yes, we were tired at the end of two weeks, but I am sure I speak for us all when I say it was well worth every minute of it. We give thanks that our dear Captain felt strong enough to tackle a new idea and pray for continued improvement in her health. Just think what we would have missed if we had listened to those people who thought we were potty.

Thank you, once again, Captain, for another store of happy memories.

Roll on 1990 and France and Bournemouth.

We start our new Session on 12th September, with a Jumble Sale in the Church Hall at 6.p.m. on 14th September. Please telephone Worthing 40546 or 43660 to arrange for jumble collection.

Lt. Brenda Brunton.

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FACTS AND FIGURES OF CAMP AT EDENBRIDGE AUGUST
BY 5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE, GORING U.R.C.

The food bill for two weeks camp came to
 £680.69p.!!!

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| 300 Tea Bags. | 12 pints of Custard. |
| 110 pints of Milk. | 11 lbs Cornflakes. |
| 65 loaves of Bread. | 4 legs of Lamb. |
| 18 lbs Bacon. | 16 lbs of Cabbage. |
| 25 litres of Squash. | 14 lbs of Sweetcorn. |
| 13 dozen Eggs. | 22 lbs Potatoes. |
| 8 lbs. Sausages. | 12 lbs. Oven Chips. |
| 120 Fish Fingers. | 16 Jellies. |

Plus, of course, Sandwich spread, Chocolate spread, Cheese spread, Peanut Butter jam, Honey, Marmite, Marmalade, Cake and more Cake, Fruit Flans, Lemon Meringue pies, Bread and Butter puddings, Salads and Fresh fruit. Also on the menu 2 Birthday Teas and several new recipes both sweet and savoury. Lollies and Ice-creams.

Within the next few weeks two 4 hour Videos - one from each week - will be available for hire at a cost of £2 each. If you would like to see one or both of the Videos some time, please let Roy Webb have your name to add to his list.

Next year it is off to France for the older girls July 26th to August 3rd, and Bournemouth for the younger girls - August 11th to 18th.

It is back to Edenbridge in 1991 - already booked August 3rd to 10th and 10th to 17th!!

What a forward looking lot we are!!

Captain Jean Webb.

How many of us stop to think of music
as a wondrous magic link with GOD; taking
sometimes the place of prayer,

When words have failed us 'neath the
weight of care?

Music, that knows no country, race or
creed;

But gives to each according to his
need.

Anonymous.

'Music has been called the speech of
Angels;

I will go farther and call it the
speech of GOD Himself.'

Charles Kingsley.

'When I would be content and increase
confidence in the power and wisdom of Almighty
God, I will walk the meadows by some stream, and
there contemplate the lilies that take no care,
and those very many other little living creatures
that are not only created, but fed (man knows not
how) by the God of nature, - and therefore trust
in Him.'

Isaac Walton.

More news on Christian Aid in October Chronicle.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER.

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER. An opportunity to join together in Thanksgiving at a Harvest Supper in the Church Hall.

Further details will be found in WELCOME at a later date.

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5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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| Explorers | 5 to 8 years. | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15. |
| Juniors | 8 to 11 years | " | 6 to 7.45. |
| Seniors | 11 to 14 years | " | 6 to 8.30. |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards | " | 6 to 9.30. |

Officers: Captain. Mrs. J. Webb.
Lieutenants. Mrs. B. Brunton.
Mrs. A. Baldwin.
Mrs. M. Craghill.
Miss D. Elliott.
Miss J. Gardner.

Session re-starts September 12th.

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What happened to the sponsored Sun Flowers?

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5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Session re-starts on 8th September.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

My first word this month is of congratulation to Leslie Montford, the Chronicle editor who, with the backing of the printing team of Eric Bond and Vernon Craghill, is producing for us a most helpful magazine.

May I suggest to both contributors and readers of 'WELCOME' our weekly news-sheet, and of the 'CHRONICLE' a marked distinction in style and content which, if observed, would help us all. 'Welcome' tries to give immediate news with a devotional content usually based upon the themes of the Service; for the Sunday in which it is published. The 'Chronicle', on the other hand, provides opportunity to write more reflective and longer articles on the life and work of the Church, which may include an evangelistic note through which it becomes a means of setting the Gospel forward.

You will realise that neither the 'Chronicle' nor 'Welcome' will do their proper work if they remain inactive in the Church vestibule. This is where you the reader, and we all, come in! Never hesitate to take extra copies to friends who may be unable to get out. Give one to a new neighbour - and remember that as an instrument of evangelism, NOTHING should ever be printed except to the Glory of God.

The coming weeks should provide us all with opportunity to continue MISSION '89. Take these reflections into your mind and heart:

'Evangelism is the perpetual task of the whole Church, and not the peculiar hobby of certain of its members'

E. Wilson Carlisle. Church Army.

'There is but one question of the hour. How to bring the truth of God's Word into vital contact with the minds and heart of all classes of people?'

William E. Gladstone. A former Prime Minister.

With love and blessings to you all

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

THE LEPROSY MISSION.

First - what is Leprosy? In the Bible Miriam, Moses' sister had leprosy (Numbers 12 v10) also Naaman (2Kings 5), and ten lepers went to Jesus for healing, although only one thanked Him for it (Luke 17). It is not known if their leprosy was the same as what we know as leprosy today, but, as in the Bible, leprosy sufferers often are chased out of home, job, school or village.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease caused by a bacillus, has a long incubation period, sometimes more than 10 years, and affects mainly the nerves, skin, eyes and nose. It is estimated there are more than 15 MILLION leprosy sufferers in the world today, over one third of these are women, and girls under the age of 12. Less than one quarter receive any treatment, and over 90% are found in developing countries.

The LEPROSY MISSION was founded in 1878. It is an internationally recognised Christian Organisation, aiming to reach the needs of leprosy sufferers world wide - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, working in over 30 countries, treating some 400,000 patients. Thanks to medical research leprosy can now be cured by the use of Multidrug Therapy (MDT). Thousands of patients are cured every year - mild cases in 6 - 12 months - serious ones, naturally, take longer. Patients attend clinics and dispensaries. Paramedical workers travel long distances to hold clinics, survey and treat those who have the disease. Hospitals provide treatment for ulcers caused by neglect. Surgery and physiotherapy restores movement to damaged limbs and eyelids, also protective footwear saves feet from ulceration. Health education and successful treatment are slowly breaking down the prejudice and social stigma attached to leprosy. If the disease is diagnosed early, deformities and ostracism can be prevented.

The Mission is supported by the efforts of the National Councils, Churches and support groups throughout the world. Members and friends of Goring U.R.C. have supported it for many years, by donations or through collecting boxes.

Mary Luckin - Church Representative T.L.M.
 Florrie Freeman, World Mission Committee and
 Secretary. Worthing Branch Committee of

T. L. M.

JUNIOR CHURCH COMMITTEE: -

Carole Davis, Rev. Wm. Connelly, Olive Bushby, Don Stewart, Jenny Merritt, John Bradley, Chris Byerley, Sue Clark, Mary Monnery, Mary Matthewson, Jean Courtnadge, Elizabeth Bond, Gary Merritt.

HOLIDAY CLUB 26th to 27th OCTOBER. Hallelujah Party October 28th with Fireworks as last year. Coffee Morning to cover the cost of the Fireworks

October 29th Family Service. Val Walters has agreed to give the Talk. NIGEL STILWELL is being Christened.

HANDS & VOICES OCTOBER 21st. At Hounsom Memorial Church Nevill Avenue Hove at 2.15pm to 5pm. We are entering two Bible Quiz Teams, a choir and choral reading group. Why not come along to support us?

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS.

Our 'New Year' began on Sunday morning September 3rd when our annual 'promotion' took place. This is when children move from one department to another, depending on their age, just as in school. We spent a short time together singing praises to our Lord (thanks Michael for stepping in to play the piano for us). The children were then told of a special 'project' for September. From time to time the total Junior Church collection for one month is given towards something special. The children are invited to bring some of their own pocket money over and above their usual contribution for the chosen cause. At the end of September we will be contributing all collections to the 'Mountain Bike' scheme that you have already read about in previous Chronicles. The children were given a Mountain Bike demonstration and were told why a Mountain Bike was necessary for the Minister in Ghana as opposed to any other type of bike. The demonstration was given to bring the project alive, particularly for the younger children, and we are positive of a good response from everyone.

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Coming up in October we have the annual HANDS AND VOICES FESTIVAL. This year a small festival will be held on Saturday October 21st at HOUNSOM MEMORIAL CHURCH HALL, NEVILL AVENUE, HOVE from 2.15 to about 5 pm. Teas will be served at this Festival. We will be entering TWO BIBLE QUIZ TEAMS, A CHOIR AND A CHORAL READING GROUP. You are welcome to come and support us, so please try to do so. Rehearsals begin on various evenings from 11th September and we appreciate your prayers and encouragement for the children, and all the extra work involved.

Also in October there will be a short holiday club, to be held on 26th and 27th followed by our, now, annual HALLELUJAH PARTY AND FIREWORKS on 28th, and a Family Holiday Club Service on 29th, during which the Christening of NIGEL STILWELL will take place.

As you can see, we have a busy few weeks ahead of us and JUNIOR CHURCH involves more than just an hour on Sunday mornings!

We continue to praise GOD for each child He brings into our care every week and for the many Blessings we receive as a part of GOD's family here at Goring.

JUNIOR CHURCH COMMITTEE.

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ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY, FOLKS.

It is planned to hold a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale in aid of TEAR FUND on Saturday OCTOBER 7th at 10.30 am in the main hall.

Goods produced by groups in the third world will be on sale, thus creating employment in very poor communities.

Offers of help with tables and chairs and gifts of cakes and bric-a-brac will be welcome.

Please come, and bring your friends.

Enquiries and/or offers to LIZ STILWELL or PHYLLIS WHEELER. See yearbook for 'phone numbers.

BILLY GRAHAM MISSION '89.

My visit to the Assembly Hall was on the Friday evening when Billy Graham was speaking about the Rich Young Ruler, but it was after Rev. John Flack's sermon on the very same subject on the previous Sunday, in our preparation for the Mission, that I felt prompted to write down the following thoughts. Perhaps they are a reflection of what many of us feel about the need to nurture and encourage the growth of Christians in our fellowship; at whatever stage in their spiritual journey they happen to be, and puts evangelical mission into perspective.

GREEN APPLES.

When we enjoyed the privilege of Mr. John Flack's visit to us on Sunday 27th June I was greatly impressed by the saintly and loving nature of this man and the way he was able to bring the story of the rich young ruler alive for us. He bade us, at the end of Billy Graham's Mission, to ensure that newcomers to our Church should be able to 'see Jesus', and where else but in our own lives. This from a man in whom this ideal was abundantly apparent.

I thought that this man's long years in the Ministry had made him gracious and sweet, and how conscious I became of my own shortcomings, and what a long way I have yet to go to mature like this. It was as if he, being a mellow and mature apple, ripened by God's influence in his life, and I being still a rather hard green apple, with a lot further to go to reach such mellow fruitfulness.

And I thought too of our young people, and people of any age, finding Christ for themselves for the first time. They are like apple blossom - beautiful, fragrant, and full of promise, yet not the end in itself, but rather the potential to become good fruit in God's Kingdom - an encouragement to us, just as Spring and apple blossom uplift our spirits at the end of Winter.

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I wonder, if Jesus had lived in England and not in Palestine, would he have had a parable about an apple tree - about fruit which stays on the tree until it is fully mature? About blossom and green apples which slowly ripen in the warmth of His sun and nourished by life from the roots and trunk of a strong tree - rooted and grounded in faith, and still able to hold fast in wind and storm (and drought, this summer!), until His purpose is fulfilled by each life reaching its full potential, abundantly apparent to the most casual observer - like a lovely rosy apple.

Jane Bond.

MISSION '89. IMPRESSIONS OF A CHURCH MEMBER.

I was able to hear and appreciate FOUR of Billy Graham's sermons. I much admired the efficient organisation of the MISSION - show business dedication to the Glory of GOD!

Three points of emphasis remain with me :

1. The Call of God, the Good News of Jesus. Our response to that Call and Good News is dependent on the initiative of God.
2. An emphasis on the Resurrection of Christ as suggested to Billy Graham by a Russian Orthodox Priest. There was this renewed emphasis in Billy Graham's preaching. We are saved by the atonement of the Cross. Through the Resurrection we are assured of Eternal Life.
3. I was pleased with the emphasis in the follow up of the Appeal, that followers of Christ need the Church, and should make their witness through the Church. There is a sense in which there is no Salvation outside the Church because the Church is the Custodian of both the Scriptures and the Faith.

RON C. CHRISTOPHER.

I was outside the Worthing Assembly Hall on Wednesday in good time. I expected to see Kevin Knowles waiting for me. He was my 'pagan' whom I was escorting inside.

(He said he was a pagan)

At 7.28 pm there was still no sign of him among the people of all ages and sizes who congregated there. I wore a red rose bud in my lapel; his would be white, I knew. We had arranged it. We had known each other exactly four days.

I had to go in - on my own - it was 7.30 pm. I hoped the stewards would direct him to the seat next to mine when he arrived. I made my way to my seat and found that all the other seats were taken. Kevin would have to take his chance or I would have to move to him.

Everyone seemed to be dressed in their best clothes, the ladies' hair do's were wonderful, matched by some of the men. Not mine, I hasten to add. I have just an ordinary hair cut and hope I can find where the barber has parted it in the days that follow!

It was cool, then, in the hall. The Service started on time. There was Earls' Court Stadium showing on the enormous screen, and the chatter in the hall silenced. We listened to exaltations, music and beautiful choirs, and tried to match the singing in our hall. Then Billy Graham asked us to go down in front to receive God's Blessing, through him, and that was when I saw Kevin Knowles.

He was not alone. He held hands with an older man and woman whom I took to be his Mother and Father. Right behind them came a man wearing a red rose bud in his lapel. I knew him. He goes to St. Mary's Church at Goring. His name is Tom Jones. That is my name, too, I did not mind a bit that Kevin was with Tom.

I was only glad that he had come to the Assembly Hall to hear God's word from Billy Graham.

I hope he goes to St. Mary's Church, Goring on Sundays, in future, or he could come to Goring United Reformed Church. He will always be made welcome here.

What a wonderful Service it was!

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THE ARK PARENTS AND UNDER 5s GROUP.

We have now been running for a whole term and the response from those parents who regularly attend our meetings has been a great encouragement to us. Most weeks we are thrilled to welcome approximately 20 families in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, on two occasions, we had over 25 families!!

Each week follows much the same pattern; we have plenty of toys out for the children and different 'making' activities. The mums are able to have a good chat over coffee and biscuits. At the end of each morning we have a time of singing, led by Val, and with her accordian, then we have a very short Bible Story for the children.

A number of the mums came along to the Billy Graham Mission '89, and three of them have joined a Discovery Group that was started in the Church, with a creche for their children.

At the end of last term we all took our much loved teddies out to the park at Field Place for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Great fun was had by all!

Through the summer holidays a few of us have met at Field Place on a Thursday morning, but we are all looking forward to starting back at the Church Hall in September.

On the 16th November we will be having a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to raise funds to buy some small tables and chairs for the children for their craft work.

We thank you all for your prayers and support these past few months, and trust that you will continue to support us in this Very Important Outreach for the Lord Jesus.

Please feel free to come and visit us any Thursday morning between 10 and 11.30 am.

God bless you all.

Donna C. Shroeder. Ark Secretary.

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TELEOIS - ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL. WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1st.
 10 to 12 noon. COFFEE MORNING. BRING & BUY WOOL SALE AND
 BRIC-A-BRAC. Don't forget their Thursday mornings, too.

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 CLOSING DATE FOR NOVEMBER CHRONICLE IS 15th OCTOBER!!!

'The Minister announced that they would be having an additional font placed in the Church so that babies could be baptised at both ends' A quote from a Christmas Cracker.

MUSIC AND HEALING.

'Music is a kind of spinning of Christ's garment, for all beauty is the garment of God, and whoever, in faith, touches the hem of His garment finds healing. It can be an avenue to God. We can pass through it, but not dwell in it.

If we go home from Church and only say of the music "How well the choir sang," or "How beautifully the organist played" we may have missed that for which the music exists.

Music:- That strange voice of humanity crying out in the wilderness of the infinite is the translation into sound of part of the loveliness of God, and we must love God as well as admire his garment. Leslie D. Weatherhead.

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FROM A FRIEND.

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping that you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you, and I waited. You never came. It hurt me - but I still love you because I am your friend. I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight on your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you. You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain. If only you would listen to me. I love you. I try to tell you in the blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colours of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and bigger than the biggest need in your heart. Ask me. Talk with me. Please do not forget me. I have so much to share with you. I will not hassle you any further. It is your decision. I have chosen you and I will wait because I love you. Your friend, Jesus. (Author unknown. Supplied by ELLA)

1 Corinthians Ch.12 vv 1-13.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were heathen, you were led astray by dumb idols, however you may have been moved. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another interpretation of tongues.

All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks etc., slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all the mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became adult I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

SO FAITH, HOPE, LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE,
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

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Are you 'Dying to Give' your answers to the questions in the book? And your impressions of Mission '89. The blank pages are gradually filling up! You have until October 15th for NOVEMBER CHRONICLE! Come along - use a stick if your pencil has broken or your pen has run dry!

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STRIVING.

Why do we strive in life to succeed?
When it only tends to fuel our greed,
We only have to look at the earth
To understand our reason for birth,
It is to worship the God of creation,
To seek His way for our Salvation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN AID.

Sharing the earth is not easy. Perhaps the saddest moment of the year for me was the death of Chico Mendes. He was the charismatic leader of the rubber tappers in Brazil.

He organised his people to resist the destruction of the forest and with it their livelihoods by those who prefer to rape and exploit the earth rather than share it. Chico was shot by his enemies three weeks after we met.

But there have been much brighter moments. I remember laughing with a huge, strong woman in Zaire. The crops all round us were coming up to our ears. She had reclaimed some land and with nine other women had filled the fields and their hungry families with good things.

This report highlights the struggles and achievements of the poor, but it also reflects what you have shared with them - your money in record amounts, together with your understanding, your active commitment, your admiration and your love. I hope it encourages you, as it does me, to persevere.

Michael H. Taylor.

MIDDLE EAST.

Christian Aid continues to support the Palestinians in their struggle for peace and justice. Since the 'uprising' in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, bringing with it increasing numbers of casualties, cases of land confiscation and human rights violations, Christian Aid has provided emergency assistance to partners involved in medical, legal and agricultural work.

Christian Aid is also involved in emergency relief and long-term development work in Lebanon, Egypt and North Yemen.

CHURCH MISSION NEWS.

BANGLADESH:—We have had no further 'official' news from N'pur but we hope that correspondence between individual members of the Churches is continuing. We now have another link with the country in the shape of Mariam Bairoi who comes from KHULA, some miles south of N'pur, but she does know the Rev. B. Biswas and his wife, as she was a pupil at a school where Mrs. Biswas taught. She was also at University with the son of Bishop Mondal who was instrumental in linking us with N'pur. Our thanks go to everyone who played a part in entertaining Mariam who, we know, enjoyed herself. Our gratitude is echoed by the Council for World Mission's personnel secretary who wrote recently 'I would like to thank you all who have supported Mariam and eventually CWM'.

What an opportunity our Church had to stimulate our interest in the work of our Overseas Mission. As our Church is now linked with the Church in Bangladesh Livingstone House, our C.W.M. HQ asked if we could entertain a student from that country.

Mariam, a student of 23, came here to begin her training for mission work from Selly Oak College, the URC & Baptist centre for such training. She is one of 10 students in a group from different countries and cultures, e.g., from Holland, Samoa, Jugo-slavia, Jamaica, Papua, France, Denmark, all on a crash course in the English language. In her own country Mariam holds a Degree in Commerce. Her country is a Muslim state with a small percentage worshipping Buddha and an even smaller number following the Christian faith. Quite naturally her friends are of various faiths, but 'We live in peace together and respect one another's religion' (Her words!) She was working in a Christian home and school which is next to the prison run by Moslems who do co-operate when necessary if there is trouble.

It was a real experience having her with me for a week before she went to stay with Irene & Richard. We quickly got to know each other. However, we soon discovered how different are our ways of living, eating, etc. She could not understand why I lived alone. 'In my country that would not happen'.

Cooking - one morning she wanted to cook breakfast. It was certainly a change! Then she said 'Saturday I cook Bangladesh dinner'. Of course, I hadn't half the ingredients, so we went shopping. Come Saturday I soon found my saucepans were hardly adequate. I became 'weeny' at the sink while dinner was prepared. Jean Hillis joined us for dinner and it was jolly good!

I must sincerely thank all Church members who so willingly helped to entertain her throughout the week. She shared all her experiences with me. Without that help her week with me would have been very limited. As it was she met Church members of all ages. I am sure members will remember her as she graced our Service wearing her sari. One member said 'she walked with such dignity'.

She is now in London with her fellow students, being briefed for her return to Selly Oak for serious mission training in October. I hope we shall all follow her progress in her great adventure for Christ, remember her in our prayers and ask for God's guidance for her future. Ethel Dearsley.

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G H A N A .:- Two recent letters from Samuel Nkrumah tell of his continuing problems, but contain one item of promising news - that a male medical assistant has been appointed to the village clinic! As far as we can gather from Samuel's letters, the clinic is little more than an empty hut, but thanks to your support for our SHEETS APPEAL and the TEA AND B & B SALE at Bobby Hitchin's home, we have eight boxes of supplies purchased from ECHO plus a carton of more than 75 home made bandages etc. We hope that by the time you read this the Ghana High Commission will have arranged collection and sent them on their way to Assin Nsuta. W. M. C.

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REFORM. THE MAGAZINE OF THE U. R. C.

It is time now for me to order REFORM for 1990. I will assume that all present subscribers will continue unless I am informed to the contrary by Saturday 17th NOVEMBER 1989 at the latest. It is good to know that the annual subscription is not to be increased and remains at £5.50. If anybody would like to take advantage of an Introductory Offer made by Church House you can take 6 copies of REFORM for £2.25 starting JANUARY 1990! Any new subscribers can be assured that they will have a satisfying and thought-provoking read. Thank you, SHEILA GOODERHAM. W.506452.

Read page 1 out loud when you get home, then write it down, and then go back to August & September Chronicles and write page 1 down AND SAY THEM ALOUD. You will see the difference from just reading them to yourself. I have typed them 2 or 3 times already and altered their character sizes to get them on the pages as neatly as I am able. Would you prefer to have the MINISTER'S MESSAGE in the middle of the Chronicle? Then you can lie it flat on the table in front of you instead of weighing it down with a fork or your glasses case. Do you gloss over the first page to see if I have spelt a word or two wrongly in the other pages? Shame on you, if you do!

Answers please, with those you are sending in for August next year. Remember? Our Golden Jubilee! 50 years. Thought I'd forgotten, didn't you.

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If you are on your own say the Page 1 words out loud - you are not really alone. He is there, but even He cannot read what you are reading, but He can see what is in your mind, and what William, Paul and Richard are telling you.

I for one, when Irene reads the Scriptures, am with her at the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls and gates or standing with my sword protecting those who are working at them. I am in the market place listening to Ezra telling us about the new laws. And I am one of those who need having them explained to me again afterwards.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting for the Autumn Session was held on Tuesday 12th September when we were joined by the Men's Fellowship. About 40 of us heard the address given by Mrs. Ethel Dearsley and readings by Mr. Hider & Mr. Blackwood. Our meeting on October 10th will include a talk by Mr. L. Baker on Music Halls and Oct 24th we hold our Anniversary Service. The address on this occasion will be by Sister Eileen Hale. Betty Hislop. Secretary.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. 2.45 ALTERNATE TUESDAYS.

October 10th Illustrated talk on 'A recent visit to China' by Margaret Meredith. A collection will be made at this meeting

October 24th Joint meeting with our Women's Guild. Anniversary Service.

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A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

I thank you Lord for this beautiful day,
 The scenes of nature demand that I pray,
 For the earth is created by You alone,
 You made us all with sinew and bone,
 Your command was given to people the earth,
 And Nations from ashes were given their birth,
 To everything you gave a season,
 To life and love You gave the reason,
 And so with grateful heart I say,
 Thank you Lord for this beautiful day.

Bobby Hitchin.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Have you considered becoming a Full Member of Goring United Reformed Church?

Please approach the Minister forthwith, if you have.

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ACTION PARTNERS.

If you do not know about this Organisation why not find out by coming to a half-day conference at St, Stephen's Church, Angola Road, Worthing on Saturday 14th October from 2.15 to 6.30 pm?

Tea will be available.

The conference will be chaired by the Rev. Peter Dominy, and the main speaker will be Colin Smith Assistant Director of Action Partners (formerly SUM Fellowship)

Sidney Hider.

LADYBIRDS HAVE MIGRATED.

Last October we were one of many Churches which responded to a 'BOOKAID FOR AFRICA' appeal with particular emphasis on 'Ladybird' books.

From Christian Literature Crusade comes the news that 50,000 Ladybirds will by now have arrived in UGANDA following the enthusiastic welcome given to a sample shipment sent earlier this year.

Then the letter of thanks included such sentiments as 'On behalf of the school staff....I thank you very much for the 80 English books you sent us I really cannot find suitable words to describe our gratitude....these books have created a library which was not existing at this school.... we teachers find them so useful....we enjoy the stories a lot...'

Leaders of Brigades and Junior Church are asked to make sure their young people know of this happy outcome which has made our combined efforts so worthwhile.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

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ONE WORLD WEEK EVENTS :

OCTOBER 21st 10am to 3pm SHELLEY ROAD U.R.C. Hall. 'VALUE FOR PEOPLE' FAIR, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE Council of Churches.

You are invited to bring items that can be transformed into real value for people in poorer countries; such as old jewelry auctioned for Christian Aid, tools for wood and metalwork, hand sewing machines, scissors, thread, pins, needles etc.

There will be lots of stalls at the fair, where what is on display may not be the cheapest Value for Money, but will certainly be Value for People!

U.N.A. Service SUNDAY OCTOBER 22nd at 6 pm at St. John the Divine Church. Vigil with hourly prayers.

'VALUE FOR PEOPLE' minibus tours to see workshops for disabled, homes for elderly etc., OCTOBER 25th. SAINT BOTOLPHS Church.

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LAST DAY FOR NOVEMBER CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS OCTOBER 15th.

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5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE

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| Explorers | 5 to 8 years, | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15, |
| Juniors | 8 to 11 years | " | 6 to 7.45, |
| Seniors | 11 to 14 years | " | 6 to 8.30, |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards | " | 6 to 9.30, |

Officers: Captain. Mrs. J. Webb,
 Lieutenants, Mrs. B. Brunton,
 Mrs. A. Baldwin,
 Mrs. M. Craghill,
 Miss D. Elliott,
 Miss J. Gardner,

After the long Summer break we are back, and what a wonderful start we have had to our new session. £201.00 raised at our Jumble Sale. This money will help finance our Awards & Display Evening and also help to pay for our Young Leaders to attend the District Training week-end at Storrington From Friday October 20th to Sunday October 22nd.

October is a busy month for us. On Sunday 8th we shall see Brenda Brunton's 10 years as an Officer recognised. She actually received her 10 year award whilst we were at camp since the all important date, August 6th, happened to be the date we took the Service at Marlpit Hill Baptist Church, Edenbridge. As a Company, we want to say 'thank you Brenda and bless you for all you have done and are doing for us all, but especially for your care of our Explorer Section'

As well as our own Church Parade on October 8th the Annual Youth Parade in Worthing will take place on that afternoon with a Service in the Assembly Hall at 3 pm open to all.

The Young Leaders will be going to Storrington later in the month, as already mentioned & then on Tuesday October 24th (half term week) a coach will take 24 girls and 2 Officers to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Centre at Wokingham where we shall present our cheque for £1000 which will provide a guide dog for a blind person. At the time of writing we are £50 short of our target but once the sponsor money is in from our recent SUNFLOWER grow I am sure the final amount will have been reached. It has taken us just three years to reach our target but what a thrill to know that somewhere someone will gain freedom and a new way of life all due to a dog and the love and care of a Company of girls and their friends and their families, not forgetting our friends in the Church who have encouraged us so much over the last three years. Please do keep your foil and usec stamps coming in as we shall be starting to raise money for a brand new

project in the New Year. The foil is sold by weight and the stamps are auctioned and the money is then added to whatever charity we are supporting at the time.

We have a new Warrant Officer! JUSTINE KINGSTON passed her test recently before leaving for Balliol and 1st Oxford Company where she intends to help out in her spare time. TERESA KINGSTON, meanwhile, has left for Pontypridd Polytechnic where she is to study for the next couple of years. We are hoping to link her up with a Company in that area. Both will be back in time for the Display!

Margaret Craghill is now back with us full time, as is Alison Baldwin, so Captain now hopes Tuesday evenings will be a little less hectic for her!

Whilst writing we await the arrival of baby Hibbs, and rejoice with Brenda that each day sees her a little stronger after her recent operation. (BABY HIBBS ARRIVED 25-9-89 - A GIRL)

Do please continue to support us in your prayers. God Bless.
Jean Webb.

What happened to the sponsored Sun Flowers?

See November Chronicle.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart,
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

The first week in September we had a weekend camp at Binstead. Kevin & Daniel Murphy and Andrew Hunt joined the Company Section, who were represented by Richard Jellis and Richard Cave. Although we were only small in number we all had a good time. On Friday night we went up to The Trundles to try to discover Captain Stewart's flashing beacon in Yapton & it was successfully seen by Andrew Hunt. Saturday was spent at Pagham, where three boys braved the sea. That was followed by an interesting visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum where the boys and cars ran riot!!

All the parents visited for the barbeque on Saturday night. Grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Jellis for supplying and cooking the food. This was followed by a night time treasure hunt.

Thankfully the weather stayed fine although it was very cold early morning.

The major question arising from this camp is 'DOES ANYONE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF CAPTAIN DON STEWART'S LAMPS?? Not a lamp to be found - only one candle for the whole weekend which added to the fun.

Future events include a walk along South Downs at Findon. All new members are welcome to join us. Lt. MALCOM NICHOLLS.

Our Best Wishes go with SHEILA on her visit to Australia and New Zealand this month and we look forward to her safe return.
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BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP AND I.B.R.A.
Membership for 1990.

Will Members of the above requiring any alteration to their orders please let me know as soon as possible. I would like to increase the orders for the Bible Reading Notes and would welcome New Members. Please contact me if further details are required.

Please note that B.R.F. Bible Notes are now £4.65 per annum and I.B.R.A. 'Light For Our Path' and 'Notes on Bible Readings' are both £2.25 per annum.

I should like to thank those who have already contributed to the I.B.R.A. International Fund and would appreciate any further donations.

Mrs. B. Barnett, Worthing 62217,
11 Twyford Road, Durrington.

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Youth Club October 21st. Ten Pin Bowling with instruction. Please make your own arrangements for getting to and from Worthing Bowl, 7.45 for 8pm until 9.30. £2.

KESTRO CLUB DATES FOR OCTOBER.

- OCTOBER 6th Bring and Buy Sale. 2 to 4pm.
- 13th 'The History of Dolls' talk, with slides, by Dr. Sally White of Worthing Museum.
- 20th Q U I Z.
- 27th The work of the R.N.L.I. Talk by Mr. Langridge. Christmas cards and gifts for sale.

OUTING JULY 14th by KESTRO CLUB TO PAULTONS PARK HANTS.

39 of us went to Paultons Park, north of Southampton. The weather was glorious and we had a very pleasant ride there, lots to see and entertain us, and eats supplied by the ladies once again, and a carefree ride home. Quite a few of us got sun burned. The coach driver, as usual, was a tower of strength with the numerous wheel chairs and getting members comfortably on to seats, with the assistance of the retired experts.

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MISSION '89.

It was in October 1988 that I received a telephone call from Wilfred Rhodes requesting that I attend the inaugural meeting of the Worthing Churches to discuss the possibility of participating in the Billy Graham Mission of 1989. I agreed to attend as a representative of our Church little knowing what was to come.

Tony Sargeant, pastor of Worthing Tabernacle, explained that on one of his morning jogs along the sea front he had a vision of all the Churches between the Arun & the Adur, & as far north as Steyning & Storrington, becoming involved in the Billy Graham Mission of 1989. On returning from his jog he shared his vision with his leaders and subsequently all Churches were invited to attend the meeting.

TWENTY SIX Churches were represented at this meeting where we were advised of the dates of the Mission and were then asked to consider venues, the cost and the commitment. We were to go back to our respective Churches and request the leaders to see if they wished to support and participate in the Mission. I am pleased to say that our Minister, Elders and Church Meeting unanimously gave their support, so I attended the next meeting in November 1988. At this meeting a full Mission Committee was formed covering all aspects of the Mission from publicity, prayer, venues, satellite communications, counsellors and many other aspects including finance, for which Geoff Dean was nominated.

It had been discovered that the Assembly Hall, although booked for that week, had become free, so a booking for the Mission was made. The estimated costs for the WORTHING LIVELINK were £20,000 and it was agreed that, as no offering was to be taken at the Mission meetings, the costs would be borne by the participating Churches.

I subsequently reported the events to our Minister, Elders and Church Meeting, where it was agreed that we as a Church would give full support to the Mission both in financial and spiritual terms.

In the early part of 1989 I had been appointed Mission Co-ordinator and we, as a Church, were requested to supply counsellors for the new Christians that would be coming forward at the actual meetings. Prospective Counsellors were asked to attend three evening meetings at Worthing Baptist Church and, having attended the meetings, to pray and, if led, offer themselves for this Service. I am pleased to say that quite a few people from our Church responded and became Counsellors. We were then asked to request our Church members to attend a series of meetings to be trained as group leaders. DISCOVERY GROUPS were to be formed to offer homes for the new Christians to meet once a week for 6 weeks after the Mission to share their problems and to have a set course to introduce them to the Holy Bible, praying and eventually into the Church and its ways.

We were truly blessed, as TWENTY EIGHT people attended these meetings and became potential DISCOVERY GROUP LEADERS.

The week finally arrived and the Assembly Hall was full every night, and the overflow facility was used where a video of the previous evening was shown. During the week 577 People went forward for first commitment or recommitment. 555 were referred to some 46 local Churches of which we received 37. 22 were special referrals and 2 foreign students were referred to their local Churches at home.

As a result of our referrals SIX DISCOVERY GROUPS went into operation, all of which have now completed their course, although there were some delays during the holiday period. These groups are now continuing under the title of DISCIPLE GROUPS and there is space for YOU in any of these groups. There are daytime and evening meetings in various homes, usually at fortnightly intervals. All ages are welcome. These groups are designed for fellowship with other Christians and to help you in your walk with JESUS in these worldly times.

THE BILLY GRAHAM MISSION IS NOW OVER.
BUT OUR MISSION IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING.
WARWICK DAVIS.

A Launching Committee met together at The Manse to formulate a continuing strategy and plan to continue the impetus in growth and fellowship occasioned by the BILLY GRAHAM MISSION '89.

They made the following proposals to our Elders which were accepted that :

The Elders sanction, encourage and participate in the following - 1. The setting-up of a separate 'service' to act as a gateway for those who are non-Christian, seekers and new believers who are strangers to the 'culture' of the Church.

2. The continuation of DISCOVERY GROUPS for new Christians and enquirers.

3. The expanding of the number of DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS, with the participation of existing Church Members and any new Christians.

4. The setting-up of FELLOWSHIP GROUPS, preferably based on geographical areas for all Members of G.U.R.C.

We further ask that Elders be prepared to lead the FELLOWSHIP GROUPS, if asked, and they so wish. Also, a LAUNCHING COMMITTEE and/or an OVERSEERS COMMITTEE be appointed (A Life and Witness Committee?) with due consideration to preparatory work already done.

WILLIAM CONNELLY, MICHAEL DONNELLY, WARWICK DAVIS.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIDGADE.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

Our B.B. Fund Raising week starts on SATURDAY 18th November and ends the following SATURDAY November 25th. Leaflets and donation envelopes will be distributed on SUNDAY 12th November * we would be most grateful for you to give them your most generous consideration. On SATURDAY 18th November we will be holding our annual COFFEE MORNING & BAZAAR at 10am. On SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 2pm a JUMBLE SALE. For both these events we would appreciate your support by your attendance, your gifts, and any jumble you may have. Gifts of cakes, jams, plants, tinned and packet food, trinkets, bric-a-brac, and unwanted items etc. You name it and we will probably take it!! Our stalls will be varied, including competitions, do come along, as we do so look forward to seeing you. If you have anything that needs collecting please inform us. We try to limit our fund raising efforts, but in this particular busy week we endeavour to raise enough money to cover our outgoings of subscriptions to HQ. Battalion and the high cost of replacing our necessary equipment. Some of our camping equipment needs replacing this year.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

My thanks to you all for the kind thoughts, prayers, visits and gifts during my recent spell in hospital: also thanks on behalf of Mary who, only just before my illness, spent much time travelling to and from the hospital to visit my daughter Tracy who, I am glad to say, has now recovered.

I now appreciate more some of the things occasionally taken for granted or not noticed because of the pace at which we lead our lives - a walk through a park, the smell of newly cut grass, beautiful gardens in the neighbourhood, etc.

Although there were approximately 300 patients in the hospital it was disappointing to note that when I attended a Church Service in the hospital Chapel the congregation consisted of three other worshippers. We have so much for which to give thanks in the world and I pray that the thoughts of the other patients will be provoked and stimulated after their release from hospital. God bless you all.

JOHN MATTHEWSON.

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5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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| Explorers | 5 to 8 years. | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15. |
| Juniors | 8 to 11 years | " | 6 to 7.45. |
| Seniors | 11 to 14 years | " | 6 to 8.30. |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards | " | 6 to 9.30. |

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| Officers: | Captain. | Mrs. J. Webb. |
| | Lieutenants. | Mrs. B. Brunton. |
| | | Mrs. A. Baldwin. |
| | | Mrs. M. Craghill. |
| | | Miss D. Elliott. |
| | | Miss J. Gardner. |

The sponsored sunflower grow has been most successful and at the time of writing (10/10) £170 has come in. There is still more to come and prizes for the tallest flower and most money raised will be presented at the DISPLAY in DECEMBER! This means we now have our £1,000 to take to the Guide Dog Centre at Wokingham, and I shall hope to report on that day out in the December Chronicle.

We need to look to something or someone else now that we have paid for our Guide dog. Our thoughts have turned to 'children'. Do you know of anyone special in particular need that we might support? If so, please let me have details, and we will consider the matter at our next Officers' Meeting.

It is good to have Margaret Brunton as an auxiliary worker in our Explorer Section - welcome Maggie - what would we do without the Brunton family, I wonder?

A number of girls have left us recently for a variety of reasons - let us remember them all in our prayers and trust that some good has been sown during their time with us.

Please note the date of our Display.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th.

WEST PARK SCHOOL, MARLBOROUGH ROAD, GORING-ON-SEA, Worthing. 7pm

We hope to see you there.

BLESSINGS. JEAN WEBB. Captain.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR DECEMBER NOV.16th.

AN IMPRESSION OF MISSION '89.

Billy Graham reminded us that responding to the Gospel requires a response of heart, mind and will - the conscious decision followed by the activity of doing, much as in the same way that if we decide to cross the road we remain on this side until we actually put one foot in front of the other. This act of faith may be relatively easy when hearts and minds are stirred by great speakers, but needs much more courage when we are on our own.

On Harvest Sunday we sang the words :-

God is our hope and strength today,
Therefore we will not fear:
Therefore we will not fear.

In this great affirmation of praise and faith, (*) the combination of words and tune together cannot but encourage us in our daily acts of will, and steps of faith. All Christians love to continue to make these acts of will, and our coming together in public worship certainly helps me to find the strength to do it.

(*) CP651. Let all our brethren join in one
To lift the heart and voice,
The Lord has done great things for us
And therefore we rejoice:
And therefore we rejoice.

JANE BOND.

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HAYWARD HOUSE, 2 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, GORING-ON-SEA.

Some of our Congregation may not know of Hayward House. The Church has the responsibility and privilege of running Hayward House, which comprises five flatlets which are home to retired Church people. Our present residents enjoy warm, secure, companionship there.

If anyone would like their name put on the waiting list, or would like more information, please telephone Mrs. Bobby Hitchin on Worthing 49580.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. CORNWALL ROOM. 8 pm.

One important date for your diary is NOVEMBER 20th when we shall be holding an open meeting to hear MR. ASHLEY speak to us of the work of the ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE.

Did you know that Shoreham is in need of a new Lifeboat?

Please come and swell the number and help this worthwhile appeal!

Robin Bradley.

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"Blessed is he that considereth the poor" Psalm 41.1.

The TEAR FUND/TEARCRAFT Coffee morning on OCTOBER 7th really 'took off' and proved to be a happy and profitable occasion.

The tickets and bring-and-buy stalls raised nearly NINETY FOUR POUNDS (£94), since made up to £100! While sales and orders for TEARCRAFT goods topped £250!!

TEAR FUND projects are many and varied and are mostly in the 'Third World', but a recent report in the 'EUROVANGELISM BULLETIN' showed Cliff Richard with a group of Hungarian children, from a Blind School, who had received folding white canes from TEAR FUND.

TEARCRAFT sets up groups of workers in poor communities, using native skills or teaching new ones. The goods are then marketed in the United Kingdom. Self-help, where possible, is better than 'charity'.

We thank God and all who help to support this splendid work.

Liz Stilwell & Phyllis Wheeler.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On October 10th we were visited by Mr. & Mrs. Baker who took us back to Music Hall days of song and story. We enjoyed them, & they certainly enjoyed the singing of our members who were in great voice - especially our two soloists!

On September 28th the Guild provided tea for 86 members of the 'Drop-in-Club' from Burnham Beaches, & on the 11th October a party of 35 ladies and their coach driver came from Walton-on-the-Hill. They were all most appreciative & we spent a very happy time with both parties.

We look forward to our fortnightly meetings, to the fellowship as well as the interesting speakers who come along, so why not join us - a warm welcome awaits you.

Betty Hislop. Secretary.

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On October 9th I attended the open meeting of Monday Evening Fellowship in the Cornwall Room, with about 20 others, to listen to the account of holidaying on a Narrow Boat on canals and rivers in the U.K., and over the Llangollen Aqueduct, by Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes. They showed us films, too, and talked us through them.

It reminded me of the lock on the River Lea at Ponders End, where I was born. The water on the west side was at least 10 feet lower than on the east. We always knew when a barge, pulled by a large horse, was due, as the water lapped higher up the bank. A number of these canals have a reservoir to make sure there is a navigable depth of water in them at all times.

Thank you Eileen and Wilfred, for a very pleasant evening.
Editor

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Do not forget it is our Golden Anniversary next Autumn.
A report on this matter should appear in DECEMBER.

As the rain that cometh down
 And the snow from Thee,
 Watering the thirsty ground,
 Spreading fruitfulness around,
 So Thy word shall be,

Bread for every hungry soul,
 Seed to them that sow,
 Word of rich fertility,
 Doing that which pleases Thee,
 Who its power can know?

So our labour not in vain
 In the Lord shall be,
 In His work let us abound,
 Sow the living seed around
 And 'believe to see'. P.W.

My word not void. ISAIAH 55, 10 & 11.
 Your labour not in vain. I CORINTHIANS 15, 58.

H A R V E S T,

Lord of the Harvest we give you our Praise,
 Our grateful oblations to you we gladly raise,
 For seed time, and Harvest, for fruit on the tree,
 For gardens of plenty, and fish from the sea,
 For rain in its season, for sun at its height,
 For the stars and the moon that guide us at night,
 All of our needs by you are provided,
 By your Holy Spirit our footsteps are guided,
 Help us to follow wherever you lead,
 To share your great bounty with all those in need,
 And let us again in melodious song,
 Continue our Praises all ages long.

P R A Y E R,

Take my hand in yours Lord,
 Keep it day by day,
 Guide my thoughts and words in Prayer,
 Help me know you're always there
 Watching while I pray.

Bobby Hitchin.

CHRISTIAN AID.INCOME - WHERE IT COMES FROM. :-

The largest increase in regular donations in the past year has been in general giving, up 17%. Christian Aid Week, too, continues to hold its own, this time reaching £6.2 million. £6,200,000.

Such generosity has been greatly needed. It has been a sobering year, with repeated disasters and the certain knowledge that the number of people who are poor and oppressed constantly rises. But supporters and the general public show no sign of 'fatigue'. Floods in Sudan and Bangladesh saw extremely generous responses.

The spirit of 'glasnost' was particularly noticeable as Christmas approached. Remembering lives shattered by Armenia's earthquake supporters spontaneously channelled £280,000 through Christian Aid towards a major rehabilitation programme there.

Our own Church, this last appeal, during Harvest Festival, raised £300. 'Sandy' Clark. Secretary.

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River wash over me,
 Cleanse me and make me new,
 Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew,
 River wash over me.

Spirit watch over me,
 Lead me to Jesus' feet.
 Cause me to worship and fill me anew,
 Spirit watch over me.

Jesus rule over me,
 Reign over all my heart.
 Teach me to praise You and fill me anew,
 Jesus rule over me.

WELCOME October 8th 1989.

FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

IS YOUR HEART AND SOUL IN THE GOSPEL?

"So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you were dear to us"

First letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. Ch.2. V8.

To have one's heart and soul in the Gospel it is vital that one has enjoyed the fulness of the Gospel. We cannot have this experience for ourselves except we are led by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul makes this clear to us in First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians Ch. 12 V3. "No one can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit".

The Holy Spirit leads us to the enthroning of Jesus as Lord, and the Holy Spirit Himself, in the words of a 9th century hymn is 'Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love'. No one can be giving his heart and soul in the Gospel to others unless he/she is living in Christ - who is God's Heart and Soul. But the writer to the 'Hebrews' in chapter 6 verse 1 reminds us of the dangers of 'dead works' substitute affection through the activities which, without care, may tend to glorify the work - and the worker, rather than God Himself. We must put our energies into the Gospel, but in deep humility, knowing that by this means we are not saved. Salvation lies in God's grace, and not in our efforts.

I MAY HAVE MY MIND IN THE GOSPEL.

But if this means no more than 'and I have a library' of books, a theological and philosophical degree to prove it', it may mean no more than an intellectual assent to the Bible, or icy regularity in reciting creeds. As St. Paul says, this may be a knowledge which comes to an end - and an end in which Christ Himself may not be present. It is LOVE with faith and hope AS HER WINGED MESSENGER that abides - since GOD IS LOVE.

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I MAY HAVE MY SINCERITY IN THE GOSPEL.

It has been wisely commented 'we are not saved by sincerity, but we may certainly be lost through insincerity' No Church or fellowship can commend its Lord unless it is sincere. But how sincerely we make mistakes! Our letters, our lives, may be signed 'Yours sincerely' but sincerity as a human endeavour may be little more than good intentions. Our salvation, our very life is not achieved by our sincerity, but by God's rich free gift of grace and love in Jesus Christ.

This teaching is most important and should be given a higher priority in the life of the Christian Church than is sometimes the case. Consider the many ways in which we seek to teach or express the Gospel.

I MAY HAVE MY ENERGY IN THE GOSPEL.

A Church or a Christian person may be very busy expending hours of effort in Christian causes - and certainly 'Faith without works is dead' James Ch. 2 V 17.

Let us come to the heart and soul of the subject : to the very essence of what St. Paul means by his text.

He sees the Good News - the Gospel of God as being effective only in the way of Sacrifice, in the form of Christ's Sacrificial death on the Cross. St. Paul sees the Cross as Love in Action, and visible to all who will come humbly and kneel before the Cross of Calvary. His word to his Christian friends speaks of a necessity to put one's HEART, SOUL, LIFE into the message of Salvation.

Men and women looking for God will not see or hear Him merely through our MINDS, nor through our ENERGIES, GOOD WORKS or even our SINCERITY. It is as we Love people with the sacrificial spirit of Christ that they will see God in us.

JESUS said 'Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' St. John.15.v13.

IS YOUR HEART AND SOUL - YOUR VERY LIFE IN THE GOSPEL?
IN THIS SPIRIT?

God bless you and keep you. William Connelly.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. 26.9.89.

Our guest speaker was the Rev. Roy Parkington and his subject was 'WORDS'. Languages were discussed. Seven to be precise. The only known languages in England: German, Normandy French, Anglo Saxon, Cornish, Welsh, Manx, Celt. Before 1066 our language spoken was Anglo-Saxon. A mixture of German and English. After 1066 more French came into it, although Cornish people had their own way of speaking, as did the Manx, Celt and Welsh. Now we have a mixture of many languages in ours including Asian & African. I found The Sermon on the Mount in Anglo Saxon quite untranslatable. I searched for 'Piers the Plowman' to see what the words were but failed to find it. Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer I found in Children's Encyclopedia but even that was different from the words supplied by our guest.

'Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote
 When that Aprille with his showres soot
 The droghte of March hath perced to the roote
 The drought of March hath pierced to the root

There were 12 members to greet our Guest.

On October 10th prayers were offered by our President and then Mrs. Margaret Meredith was welcomed. She spoke about her visit last October (1988) to China and showed us a great number of slides. She reminded us that the Chinese knew how to write and use gunpowder 5000 years ago. They built the Great Wall - the only thing that could be seen on Earth from the Moon. The Chinese wear Western clothes and most ride bicycles. Their shops are like Market Stalls. Friendship Shops are for tourists only and special money is needed for spending in them. The zoo in Peking has very few animals, but Pandas can be found there. In CIAN the Silk Road ends. There is a magnificent 7-tier pagoda to be found there. Shanghai is a tenement city, swarming with people. Buses are driven on diesel and the fumes are horrific. There were 14 members present. Les Montford.

R E F O R M.

As I have been away, this is just a reminder to all subscribers to Reform to let me know if there is any change in their order by SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 1989. Subscription still stands at £5.50. Thank you.

Sheila Gooderham. Worthing. 506452.

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A quote from a Christmas Cracker :-

Seen outside a Birmingham Church in November!!
COME THIS SUNDAY _ AVOID THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

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ANGELS - BY BILLY GRAHAM. Page 159.:-

In the Acts of the Apostles the Philipian jailer asked the Apostle Paul : "What must I do to be saved?"

Paul gave him a simple answer : "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"

This is so simple that millions stumble over it. The one and only way you can be converted is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Saviour. You do not have to straighten out your life first. You do not have to try to give up some habit that is keeping you from God. You have tried all that and failed many times. You can come 'just as you are'. The blind man came just as he was. The leper came just as he was. The thief on the cross came just as he was. You can come to Christ right now wherever you are and just as you are - and the Angels of Heaven will rejoice!

Just a couple more lines from the same book:-

A little girl heard a clock strike 13 times and ran to tell her Mother. "Mother, it is later than it has ever been before!" she cried.

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I expect you knew that Billy Graham's wife's name was Ruth, but did you know that her parents, Dr. & Mrs. L. Nelson Bell were Missionaries in Tsingkiangpu, Kiangsu Province, China?

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Just a reminder that THE ARK CHRISTMAS FAYRE is being held on November 16th. They would be very grateful to receive any contributions towards this event. Handicrafts, home made preserves, cakes, mincepies, and Christmas gifts. All enquiries please telephone DONNA SCHOEDER on Worthing 47408.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Nov. 7th One Act Play. (Goring Marine Townwomen's Guild)

Nov 21st. California - Here I come! Mrs. D. Turner.

Meet in Church Hall 2.45pm. (Tuesdays)

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Nov. 7th Lt. Col. J. DALE will speak about the SALVATION ARMY.

Nov 21st Mr. Leslie ROUSSEL will describe life in OCCUPIED GUERNSEY.

Meet in East Hall on Tuesdays at 2.45 pm.

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A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME :-

O Lord, all this seems new and strange. Are you really here, and are these people what we call Christians? Help me to listen to GOOD NEWS .. You know how much I need it, and open my eyes that I may see JESUS. May I meet someone here to help me, to bless me and to guide me as I seek to know and follow JESUS. Amen. (From WELCOME 8.10.89)

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BOXED CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE DISPLAYED ON THE CHURCH BOOKSTALL FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER TO-DAY! Ron Jordan.

VOCATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th 1989.

On Vocation Sunday all Churches are encouraged to remind members of the need for Ministers and leaders both at home and overseas. In many areas the work of the Church is suffering because of a continuing shortage of ordained and lay leaders.

The Basis of Union reminds us that 'The Lord Jesus Christ continues his Ministry in and through the Church, the whole people of God called and committed to His service and equipped by Him for it'

There are approximately 127,148 members of the URC called to share in the continuing work of Jesus Christ. Some have already responded to the call to engage in particular Ministries to enable the whole Church to fulfil its calling. More are needed urgently. The opportunities are varied.

At present there are:-

Approx. 15,000 elders who share with ordained Ministers in the pastoral care and oversight of local Churches and on the wider councils of the Church. More are needed.

Approx. 69,536 children and young people in the URC who are served by an unknown number of dedicated leaders who help them learn about the Christian faith and encourage them to grow in faith and service. More are needed.

There are 6 accredited Church-related community workers who are paid by the URC to enable the Church to work with its local community. There are others, too, paid by local Churches to work in the community. More are needed.

Approx. 1051 lay preachers who regularly lead worship in a variety of Churches within their districts and sometimes further afield. More are needed.

Over 1000 Ministers who serve in a variety of ways, as Ministers of local Churches, as part of a team, ecumenically, as Chaplains in industry, the Forces, hospitals, and higher posts, at Church House, as college staff and as provincial Moderators, in rural and urban priority areas, town or city centres, the suburbs and on housing estates. More are needed.

A few people who serve the Church overseas through CWM & other partners in the world Church. Requests are normally for Ministers, theological educators, teachers & occasionally for people with administrative & medical skills.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDRESS OF BOOKSHOP

WORSHIP MATERIAL FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th 1989 and
 LEAFLETS ON MINISTRY contact U. R. C. BOOKSHOP.
 36 Tavistock Place. London. WC1H 9RT.

Christian believers in the Soviet Union have been given a boost as the far-reaching effects of 'glasnost' mean more and more Bibles are allowed into the country - but Bible Societies and their supporters have been caught 'dragging their feet', unable to cope with the sudden number of import permits for Scriptures.

A £1.15 million emergency appeal has been launched this summer by the United Bible Societies, in the hope of supplying over three quarters of a million (750,000) Bibles and New Testaments to Russia and Eastern Europe - and Christians in this country have been asked to help, through Bible Society.

At the launch the UBS said that the permits are approved and the Christians are waiting. The spectacular development in Bible interest and opportunities in the USSR has taken many by surprise. In the last 18 months over 2 million Bibles or New Testaments have been imported into the country, nearly 20 times more than in the previous ten years, and during the last year alone more Scriptures went into the Soviet Union than in all the years since the Revolution in 1917. Dr. Hans Florin, the UBS Regional Secretary for the Europe/Middle East Region reported.

Youngsters in the capital of Latvia can now take part in Bible Study classes, according to TASS. Students in Riga can now study the Bible with a pastor teacher, after talks between school teachers, parents and pupils proved fruitful. The classes, for children aged about 16, are not compulsory and mark a change from the usual Soviet policy of prohibiting religious education in schools.

The principal of one Riga school, who is an atheist, said that he was convinced that the Bible, as a monument of human thought, must be studied, adding 'In it are the sources of culture, ethics and morality ... Biblical subjects inspired by painters, writers and poets to create great works of art and literature'

Latvia has a strong Lutheran tradition.

CHRISTIAN AID.

AFRICA. In Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Zaire, Mali and many other countries throughout Africa, Christian Aid's partners struggle to help the poor find their share of the earth. Christian Aid is joining forces with them to improve their land, grow more food and provide health care. But the year has seen war and civil strife escalate in many regions making the task of food production, development and rehabilitation so much harder.

In Mozambique the attacks from Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) continue, wrecking areas in which Christian Aid is giving significant emergency help as well as supporting small workshops like carpentry and sewing co-operatives. But our partners do not give up, and during the year Christian Aid assisted with the rehabilitation of one district in Mozambique which had been completely destroyed by MNR attacks and occupation.

Elsewhere in southern Africa projects of literacy, income generation and food production are all hampered by destabilisation and the continuing State of Emergency in South Africa. As the year ended Christian Aid prepared to help the Namibian Council of Churches receive the tens of thousands of refugees returning home in preparation for elections and independence.

In the Horn of Africa the fighting has spread and is affecting millions of people. Even so, in Somalia Christian Aid is supporting projects supplying water to nomads; in Ethiopia peasant associations are assisted with seeds, tools and oxen; and in Eritrea village-level health and agricultural work goes on.

In August, floods in Sudan highlighted the desperate plight of the poor there, not only from the floods but also from war. Christian Aid responded immediately with medicines, plastic sheeting, water purifying tablets and containers for uncontaminated water. But the floods have made the longer-term work of providing food, seeds and tools in the region more difficult. As the year ended Christian Aid was still funding a daily relief from Nairobi, Kenya, to Juba, in war-torn southern Sudan.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.

New Members :-

3a * EBELING Mr. & Mrs. M, 32 Chelwood Avenue, 40448
 3a * EBELING Miss C, ditto, 40448
 3a * SAPSFORD Mrs. E, ditto, 40448

Non-serving Elders, MR, R. CLOSE, MRS, M. EBELING,

Telephone Number,

15b * EAMES Mrs. D, 13 Pentland Road, 68489

Delegate Sussex West District,

Mr. N. Dobson,

YOUTH CLUB,

Those of you who attended the Church Meeting in September will know that we started our Autumn programme on September 9th with 18 on the books. This number has now grown to 21, although in reality we have about 15 young people at any one evening.

We all had a good time at the Harvest Supper and those who 'waited' on you found it amusing and good fun, too, dressing up.

We have been invited to St. Columba's URC on October 29th for a 'Trivia' evening; a fireworks display has been organised for 11th November and we are planning a Disco for December 16th and Carol Singing on December 23rd.

Any help with the singing will be greatly appreciated.

Do come along!

A full programme is always pinned up on the YOUTH NOTICE BOARD in the main HALL.

GRAHAM REDMAN,

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR DECEMBER IS NOVEMBER 16th.

At Kestro, on October 13th, we had a talk, with slides, by Dr. Sally White, about The History of Dolls. Only 5 boy dolls are in the possession of Worthing Museum, and a much greater number of girl dolls. They were all dressed in a myriad of clothing styles and materials. Two were unclothed, showing how the jointing of limbs had changed over the years. Some were rag dolls, others all wooden, and still more with wooden bodies and limbs and china faces made from clay or kaolin. They were very beautiful. Thank you Dr. Sally White.

There were 41 members present.

Z I G G I E S and the F A M I L Y L I N K project come under the umbrella of the CRESCENT YOUTH CENTRE Management Committee. 11 CRESCENT ROAD. WORTHING. Telephone. 34497.

Ziggies is a night club without alcohol and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Noon to 4pm as a Drop-in centre for young people. A range of helpful leaflets on various subjects are available.

Discos are held every Friday evening from 7.30 pm to 11 pm. Regular D.Js. are Marcus and Clive. Additional discos are held on the first Saturday and the second Tuesday of each month.

To help fundraising efforts we are selling Christmas Cards and Birthday Cards and gifts. Please ask for a catalogue. More in December issue.

Last day for December Chronicle material is NOV. 16th. Please do not leave your article to the last minute.

VERSES FROM THE HOLY BIBLE.

All the days of Adam were 930 years.

Genesis ch. 5. v. 5.

All the days of Noah were 950 years.

Genesis ch. 9. v. 29.

Noah's sons were named SHEM, HAM, and JAPHETH,

So Joseph died being 110 years old.

Genesis ch. 50. v. 26.

Amram took to wife Jochebed, his father's sister and she bore him Aaron and Moses. Exodus ch.6. v.20.

Amram lived 137 years.

The time that the people of Israel dwelt in Egypt was 430 years.

Exodus ch. 12. v. 40.

Moses was 120 years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. Deuteronomy ch.33 v 39.

And Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Numbers ch. 33. v. 39.

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

5th WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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| Explorers | 5 to 8 years. | TUESDAYS | 6 to 7.15. |
| Juniors | 8 to 11 years | " | 6 to 7.45. |
| Seniors | 1 to 14 years | " | 6 to 8.30. |
| Brigaders | 14 upwards | " | 6 to 9.30. |

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| Officers: | Captain. | Mrs. J. Webb. |
| | Lieutenants. | Mrs. B. Brunton. |
| | | Mrs. A. Baldwin. |
| | | Mrs. M. Craghill. |
| | | Miss D. Elliott. |
| | | Miss J. Gardner. |

Did the sponsored sunflower grow bring us in enough money to pay for our Guide Dog? Yes, indeed it did! £200.00 to be precise. Midland Bank were therefore asked to prepare one of their very large presentation cheques for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and on Tuesday October 24th 22 girls 3 Officers and Dr. Roy Webb (with camera and video camera) set off for the Wokingham Centre. King of the Road took us in one of their new coaches with Johnny their driver whom we first met when he took us to Felixstowe to camp in 1977! The weather was glorious and the autumn colours were surely at their very best. We had our picnic lunch in the grounds of the Wokingham Centre before being called into the lecture theatre just before 2 pm.

There we were given a brief history of the Association and were joined by Margaret and Gussie. Margaret is a blind lady who works at the Centre and Gussie her six year old golden retriever guide dog. She presented us with a lovely colour photograph of INCA, a very pale coloured golden retriever guide dog and in return we handed over our cheque for £1000. It was a very moving few moments, and what an achievement for 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade!!

We did not see INCA, of course. She has left the Centre and is already a working guide dog, but our £1,000 has made it possible for Inca to be the eyes of someone somewhere.

After the presentation it was out on the lawns in the sunshine together with Margaret and Gussie and the very large cheque to have photographs taken. These will be available in due course.

Back in the lecture theatre we heard lots more about the work of the Association and were then taken on a tour of the kennels. We saw some 80 dogs in and out of the kennels, and then it was into the dining room for refreshments.

After that we saw the Blue Peter puppy block and the obstacle course and the afternoon finished with a ½ hour film narrated by Katie Boyle. We saw the birth of a litter of puppies and followed the life and training of one of the litter until she finally went home with her new blind owner.

A lovely day out, a great achievement for all the Company and all we hope and pray is that INCA and her owner will have many happy years together.

On SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th. at WEST PARK SCHOOL, MARLBOROUGH ROAD. GORING-ON-SEA. Worthing. at 7pm we shall be holding our ANNUAL DISPLAY AND AWARDS evening. Girls will rehearse during the afternoon, and we hope that you will all give your support on this happy occasion. Entrance is FREE but there will be a collection to offset the hire of the premises, and a Christmas stall with cards, paper and small gifts will be available.

Meanwhile, remember that you are always welcome to drop in and see us on any Tuesday evening between 6 and 9 pm. Christmas cards, paper and small gifts are also available on Company nights. The profit from the sale of these items goes towards Company funds.

Our session will end on December 14th when hopefully we shall be carol singing in Roseberry Avenue before having a bit of a party.

On a personal note - as it is almost a year since my heart attacks - may I just say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who have loved and cared for me and willed me through the last year. It has indeed been a wonderful year in so many ways - each day is a bonus. I trust there are a good few bonus days for us to enjoy together in 1990.

May God Bless you all this Christmas time.

BLESSINGS. JEAN WEBB AND THE 5th.

50th ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING
 DATES FREE SO THAT YOU CAN
 ATTEND OUR CHURCH'S GOLDEN
 JUBILEE .

SATURDAY 28th JULY and
 SUNDAY 29th JULY 1990.

WILL ALL CHURCH GROUPS
 PLEASE SEND A
 REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING
 ON THURSDAY 11th JANUARY
 1990 at 7.45 pm. IN THE
 CORNWALL ROOM, WITH
 SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY
 WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE IN
 DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
 OF OUR CHURCH. OR IN
 WRITING BEFOREHAND TO
 NORMAN DOBSON.
 11 CHUTE AVENUE. WORTHING.
 (<PHONE WORTHING 65593>)

NORMAN, COLIN, GRAHAM.

CHRISTIAN AID.

In LATIN AMERICA the problems of grinding poverty are compounded by war and violence. In EL SALVADOR the civil war has claimed thousands of lives and displaced many more from their homes. With Christian Aid's help many Salvadorean families have been able to return from exile. Despite the war around them they are now planting crops and establishing their own communities.

The PATA XO INDIANS of north eastern BRAZIL face a different kind of violence. So far 8 of their leaders have been shot by gunmen as part of the landowners' effort to expel the Indians from their forest land. A grant for a herd of cattle has strengthened the efforts of the Pataxo to survive.

Political changes in CHILE have brought a new impetus to development. Christian Aid's partner, the Evangelical Service for Development, is promoting community development in the poor districts of Santiago, working particularly with youth and women's groups.

Living with floods has become a way of life for millions of people in ASIA as they look for ways of controlling what is becoming an annual problem.

A second, consecutive year of devastating floods in BANGLADESH held up the long-term development work of organisations supported by Christian Aid, but again these organisations came to the rescue with emergency food, shelter and medicine.

Homes are being re-built of flood-resistant material, on raised mud platforms, and engineers are helping to build protective embankments. The People's Health Centre (GK) has been co-ordinating research into long term solutions to flood control.

The environment has also been an important part of work in INDIA, where tree planting has continued with the co-operation of local communities. Wells are being dug to help people cope with future droughts.

In times of crisis long-standing partnerships can prove invaluable. When Hurricane Gilbert struck JAMAICA in September 1988 Christian Aid was able to channel funds for immediate relief and later for long-term reconstruction through its established partner, the Caribbean Conference of Churches, and other Jamaican groups who rallied round to set up a joint emergency fund.

Housing programmes are well under way and 'tool pools' have been set up to enable people to share equipment as they re-build.

WHERE CHRISTIAN AID MONEY GOES :=

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. 11,623,000
 E M E R G E N C I E S. 6,000,000
 R E F U G E E S. 1,303,000
 OVERSEAS STUDENTS. 913,000
 CHURCH RELATED PROGRAMMES. 279,000
 DESIGNATED FUNDS. 2,180,000
 TO BE ALLOCATED. 812,000
 UNITED KINGDOM/IRELAND. :
 COMMUNITY & RACE RELATIONS. 142,000
 DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION. 2,211,000
 ADMINISTRATION/FUND RAISING. 2,931,000

YEAR TO MARCH 1989 : = Approx. 28,292,000

Snippets sent in by Members:

'Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall'
 LADIES, WHEN YOU HAVE EMPTIED THE TEAPOT PLEASE STAND
 UPSIDE DOWN IN THE SINK TO DRAIN.

'CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH NEEDS "JOINERS".'

'HAVE YOU A LONG STANDING PROBLEM? TRY KNEELING!

'DO YOU USE PRAYER AS A STEERING WHEEL
 OR AS A SPARE TYRE?'

SHEILA AND ERIC.

HANDS AND VOICES, 21st OCTOBER 1989.

On a wet and breezy Saturday afternoon at 1.30 pm several cars full of happy laughing children set off from Goring United Reformed Church to take part in the 1989 Hands and Voices Festival at Hownson Memorial Church, Hove.

This year it was a 'mini' Festival with just a Bible quiz, a choral reading and a choir. We entered each section, with two teams competing in the quiz.

The afternoon began with a time for Praise together in the Church, and then the children went off to their various locations to take part in the competition.

In between times the children were able to wait in the Church hall where there were games and competitions for them.

The children and the adults all enjoyed the afternoon immensely, and I am happy to say that our Choir obtained FIRST PLACE. Our Bible quiz team and Choral reading team did not fare so well. Never mind, they did their best.

At about 4.15 we ate our tea together in the hall and at 4.45 we went back into the Church for the closing Service which included the Bible quiz final and the presentation of the cups.

On a less happy note I have to report that the West Sussex branch of the N.C.E.C. (National Christian Education Council) of which we have been a part for many years, has now been closed and, therefore, the 'Hands & Voices Festival' on 21st October was the last.

Carole Davis.

 LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR JANUARY IS DECEMBER, 21st.

ARK - DATES FOR DECEMBER!!!

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| 'Normal' Meeting | Thursday 7th December 10 to 11.30 am, |
| Ditto, | Thursday 14th December 10 to 11.30 am, |
| | Christmas Party, |
| | Thursday 21st December 10.30 am, Short
Christmas Service for Mums and Toddlers
in Church. |

KESTRO CLUB seeks Drivers with cars to collect Stroke members on Fridays at 1.30pm & take them to Church Hall & home again at 4pm. Or they can remain in Hall & join in the fun. Names to Miss Margaret Briggs, Hon. Secretary if you are able & willing to help us, please.

JESUS EXPRESS HOLIDAY CLUB,
THURSDAY 26th to SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 1989,

AFTER making their way through the very busy ticket office, one hundred and forty five (145) children boarded the JESUS EXPRESS at platform seven. Promptly at 10am the Express departed, albeit from the wrong station!

It's journey took the children through a number of stations, completing it's journey on the following Sunday, when we learnt about the Final Station - HEAVEN.

Entertainments aboard included singing, drama, aerobics and competitions. In smaller groups the children were taught about SIN, and how they could get rid of their Sins, and in their place ask JESUS into their hearts, to live inside them forever.

Friday morning saw the Express make an extra stop to hold a ROLLER BOOT RACE. Once round the outside of the Church went Julie, Val, Elizabeth and John, noisily cheered on by the children and helpers. Great excitement as Julie was first past the post.

Saturday afternoon we held a HALLELUJAH PARTY. There was an hour of fun and games, including a lolly licking competition, then tea, hot dogs and cakes, etc. Our special Guest for the afternoon was Graham Read, who introduced the children to 'MAURICE' and the TATOR family. The afternoon closed with singing and a 'party bag' for every child.

Sunday saw the climax of HOLIDAY CLUB with a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, led by our Minister and Val Walters.

We would like to thank everyone for their support. To everyone who covered us with their prayers, those who cut out all the material for craft, and those who so generously gave donations. We also thank British Railways and Debenhams for their generosity, and the support and love we received from our Minister and Elders.

Blessings, THE HOLIDAY CLUB TEAM.

(Thank you for the lovely Service on Sunday, Team. Ed.)

A THOUGHT FOR A VISITOR.

If, after Church, you wait a while,
Someone may greet you with a smile,
But if you quickly rise and flee
We'll all seem cold and stiff, maybe,
The one beside you in the pew
Is, perhaps, a stranger too.
All here, like you, have fears and cares,
All of us need each other's prayers.
In fellowship we bid you meet
With us, around God's Mercy Seat.

ANON.

BEANO CLUB.

Julian Brewer and I were aware that there was not an active social event for the young men in our Church, and this concern came to light when we were sharing our thoughts, so the BEANO CLUB was formed.

Why BEANO? Well it stands for Boys Evening And Night Out!

We did not wish to limit this Club to just members of our Church as we wanted to bring men in from the fringes of the Church, and indeed we did not particularly want to restrict it to just young men; in fact, anybody is welcome to join our fellowship.

We now always meet on the Second THURSDAY of the month in the evening. We usually have an activity, such as Bowling, Pitch-and-Putt, Skittles, etc., and we have had one Social Evening at the Church Hall with Table Tennis.

On December 14th we have a quiz evening planned and all other organisations are welcome to join in. In fact, we would welcome you all for the evening, whether you are single, married, in pairs, fours or sixes!!!

In the New Year we have a Bowls evening planned, as well as another Social at the Church Hall, and other events all through the Spring and Summer. (Watch out for these appearing in The Chronicle)

All men in the Church are welcome, whether you participate in the games or not. It is just a means of getting to know each other better and not just meeting on Sunday mornings and sharing only a few seconds of chat. We would welcome new Members. Warwick Davis.

THE JESUS EXPRESS.

By JASON ENTICKNAPP.

The guard blows his whistle,
As the train pulls away.
We're on the Jesus Express
For to-day.
It chundles along,
Along the track,
It's really exciting,
There's no turning back.
There's Art and there's Craft,
And lots of things to do,
So it's really surprising,
That you don't come too.

MISSION NEWS.

BANGLADESH. We have recently received a long letter from our friend Revd. Benjamin BISWAS which included the joyous news that his wife had presented him with a son - their first child. He has been christened Basiel Devabrota and he and his mother are well, in spite of a hazardous few hours before his arrival, about 10 days earlier than expected. A car, unable to make an intended journey because of excessive mud on its planned route, was therefore available to take Mrs. Biswas to the nearest Mission hospital where her arrival coincided with the unexpected return of its only doctor whose Course was suddenly cancelled. Benjamin is sure that this was Divine Intervention. Further good news is that the flood control sluice gates are effective and the rice harvest looks like being 'considerable'. The villagers are now sowing their winter crops of mustard, wheat and dhal (one of the Pulse family). Benjamin ends by asking us to remember the Community in N'pur in our prayers, with a special thought for their baby son.

G H A N A. At the time of writing we are still waiting - with growing impatience - for some reaction from the Ghana High Commission to two letters we have sent informing them that the cartons of dressings (presently stored on Church premises) are ready for collection. Time may not matter to them, but it is important to the People of Assin N'suta where a new medical assistant has been appointed but who can do little until the supplies arrive. We shall continue to exert polite pressure. Copies of correspondence with Assin N'suta have been added to the Ghana folders which are, very nearly, up-to-date.

MISSION COMMITTEE.

THE JESUS EXPRESS. By LISA JACKSON.

Chuff, chuff, chuff
 Goes the Jesus Express,
 Learning about Jesus
 Everywhere they go,
 No more Badness, no more Sin,
 Let Jesus bring the goodness in,
 Each day we make something new,
 A drawing, a painting, a collage or two.
 Lots of fun and games we play,
 Quizzes and races quickly pass the day.
 We start at 10 and end at 12,
 So, come along and enjoy yourself.

Winner of the HOLIDAY CLUB 'Special' Prize kindly donated by
 Frazer and Joan Finlay.

FREE WILL OFFERING.

May I commend this system of Regular Weekly Giving to those who are not already participants of the SCHEME. Membership is confidential, but by commitment to giving a Regular Sum weekly you are greatly helping our Treasurer in the difficult task of managing the day-to-day finances of our Church.

Envelopes for 1990 will be available in our Church vestibule on Sunday DECEMBER 3rd.

If you would like further details of this Scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Telephone Worthing 47168 or 1 Chester Lodge, Lansdowne Road.

PAT TYE.

I am happy to say that my Hip operation has been successful and I hope to be mobile once again in the near future.

I have been uplifted by your Prayers and deeply touched by the concern of you all.

For the flowers, cards, letters, and enquiries after my well-being, please accept my very grateful thanks.

AUDREY HIDER.

R E F O R M.

November's issue brings articles from the Assembly Moderator Keith Forecast and other contributors, including the editor, on the events in SOUTH AFRICA - from the Churches' point of view. A new series on 'The Light of Scholarship and the Holy Bible', and a good article on music in the Church. There is a moving story of the Healing of Rachel, a baby of 7 months of age, also information of the work by Members of the U.R.C. for the homeless, and use of the New Service Book in Worship. Poems, Prayers, a puzzle, news and views from other Churches and Members, including a letter from one of our own members, book reviews and advertisements. An inspiring read!!

Please see Sheila Gooderham for more information, and why not read the poster in the Church vestibule, ('phone Worthing 506452)

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS.

New Members:

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|-----|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 15a | * ARKINSTALL | Mr. & Mrs. K. | 3 Colne Close. | 63157. |
| 15b | * WOODS | Mrs. V. | 5 Brendon Road. | 67802. |
| 0 | * MORRIS | Miss S. | 17 Howard Place, L'ton. | 717475. |
| 11b | * TAYLOR | Mrs. E. | 20 Cumberland Ave. | 501881. |

Change of address:

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| 5 | * MARTIN | Miss M. | St. Michael's Nursing Hm | Downview Rd. |
| 6 | * MONTFORD | Mr. L. | Flat 5, Hayward Hse. | 43698. |

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT TREASURER.

In 1990 the cost of the ministry provided to the 23 Churches in the Sussex West District is estimated at £187,000 (£187Th). All the Churches concerned, having prayerfully considered their financial situations, have now made known the amounts they feel able to offer towards meeting this cost (i.e. their contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund). These offers total just over £181,000, leaving a shortfall of approximately £6,000.

Southern Province as a whole is able to meet the full cost of the Ministry supplied throughout the Province - this means, therefore, that other Districts are having to help pay for the ministry enjoyed by Sussex West.

The District Council at its last meeting felt this to be an unsatisfactory situation and one that should not be allowed to continue. I have therefore been asked to appraise Churches of this state of affairs in the hope and expectation that our District's 1990 offer to the M.O.M. fund can be raised. To help achieve this your Church will be looking to you to increase your own level of giving.

Clearly the shortfall of £6,000 could be met by every one of the 2350 U.R.C. Members in our District giving an additional £3.00 per annum to their local Church. Indeed, an extra 10 pence each week in the plate from each of us would enable the District to meet its full ministerial costs and make a useful contribution towards the ministerial needs of less wealthy Districts in the more deprived areas of the country. Surely this is what Christian Giving is all about?

Finally, in asking you to review your own level of giving, may I remind you that the only figure that has Biblical Warrant is the figure of 10% and that the U.R.C. General Assembly in 1980 resolved that Members should be encouraged to give half of this sum, 5% (£5.00 in every £100 of income), to the local Church.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP TO THIS CHALLENGE?

A. Hamilton, October 1989.

I have moved from 100 Downview Road to Flat 5, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, as from 17th November. As the telephone is a communal one I shall hover in its vicinity from Mondays to Fridays at 6.05 to 6.20 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at 5.30 to 5.45 pm. Other times may be an inconvenience to my friends in Hayward House or cause a delay in answering your valued calls. Reports for The Chronicle should be put in the BOX in the Church Vestibule.

Leslie Montford.

HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE.

At the Church Meeting held on Thursday 26th October 1989 it was agreed that repairs could be carried out to the defective reinforced concrete window frames on the external elevations of our Church. Four competitive estimates were obtained, the lowest quotation was from Ashdale Concrete of Maidstone (Head Office located at Brighthouse). This amounted to £3439.65 including VAT, and a photo copy of remedial proposals and comments is included in this Chronicle. Ashdale Concrete were the only firm who took away a sample of the defective concrete for testing purposes. Their brochures give photographs of various properties which have been repaired and I am making enquiries as to how the material has performed. It is stated that the process will effect a long term repair. Representatives from the firms viewed the interior of our Church and they felt that it was essential that the internal concrete frames are kept painted. Accordingly the House and Fabric Committee are proposing to incorporate this work in the 1990 Budget. Due to concrete repairs and possible alterations to front entrance vestibule, the outside painting of our Church will be left in abeyance until 1991.

Colin Nodes.

FOR SALE: Fibre clothes trunk, wood bound, with 2 locks and keys. carrying handle at each end. Colour brown. Size 30" x 20" x 20".
 £10.00. A smaller similar trunk, without keys. £5.00.
 Or £12.00 for both. Proceeds to be donated to Congregational Housing Asscn, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue where the trunks may be seen and inspected.

A correction to a paragraph included under MISSION '89, November Chronicle. The editor apologises for the word 'love' instead of 'have'

'In this great affirmation of praise and faith the combination of words and tune together cannot but encourage us in our daily acts of will and steps of faith. All Christians have to continue to make these acts of will, and our coming together in public worship certainly helps me to find the strength to do it.' J. Bond.

MATERIAL FOR JANUARY CHRONICLE TO THE EDITOR BY DECEMBER 21st PLEASE.

FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-HEARTENING DAYS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

These are heartening days in the life of the Church. The whole fellowship is warming to Christ and in Him warming to each other. When we speak to each other, or listen to each other, there is an encouragement to learn more of God in Jesus Christ, and to love and serve Him more willingly and completely.

The very things that are, or have been, our difficulties have become God's opportunities, but we must not ease off in our discipleship, in our prayers, in our proclamation of Christ as Lord. The Holy Spirit does not give 'the kiss of life' to a Church, and then tuck it up for the night.

One of the earliest songs to be sung in encouragement to Christians in the first days of the Church was 'AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPEST, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE THEE LIGHT' Ephesians 5 v. 14.

May I offer a further word of encouragement and counsel as ADVENT approaches? Mark well the themes for Worship on Sundays and seek to enter more fully into their meanings. We proclaim Christ crucified and risen from the dead, and we live in the Age of the Holy Spirit. A renewed interest in what might be called 'NEW AGE' speculations and predictions is likely to form part of the hysteria that always attends the ending and beginning of centuries and millenia. A look back to the year 1001 AD and the strange prognostications then, will prove this. Christians will continue to look to Christ alone for guidance and inspiration.

'And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of Light' Romans 13. vv 12.13.

Christians live in HOLY HISTORY held in the heart and hands of God, and given to us in Jesus Christ.

ADVENT - BLESSED SEASON OF HOPE IS UPON US!

A final word. One of the more encouraging things in Worship today is the steady increase in the number of Communicants. May God's Table continue to be honoured by the presence of many guests, for Christ Himself is the Host, and in His invitation our joy, nourishment and health.

Yours with every blessing.

William Connelly.

OUR CHURCH AND LOCAL SCHOOLS.

November 14th saw the start of a newly formed PRAYER GROUP for parents and staff at WORTHING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, where our Minister is one of the Chaplains. It met in the Church at 7.30 pm, and will again in the New Year.

Since February 1985 the Durrington High School Prayer Group has met monthly in our Church on the second Thursday afternoon at 2 pm.

Other members of our Church are involved in Prayer Groups for Goring Church of England First School, West Park Middle School, and John Selden School. Over a dozen schools in Worthing now have their own Prayer Groups.

6 members of our Church are involved in 3 different schools as School Governors. They would value your prayers as important decisions are made regarding the schools - Paul Archer, Eric Bond, Valerie Close, Warwick Davis and Charles Ward.

Irene Tuley.

A SINCERE 'THANK YOU'. I would wish to thank all who supported me in prayer, flowers, cards, gifts, kind messages and visits, during and after my recent stay in hospital. I should like especially to thank our Minister for his caring and healing Ministry to me. Also, my Elder, Fred Marsh and Jean Marsh, who were both quite magnificent in their caring and visitations. True Eldership in action! All this gave me strength and courage when I needed them most.

Ella G. Robertson.

CARES & PRAYERS.

Learn to entwine with your prayers the small cares, the trifling sorrows, the little wants of daily life. Whatever affects you, be it a changed look, an altered tone, an unkind word, a wrong, a wound, a demand you cannot meet, a sorrow you cannot disclose - turn it into prayer and send it up to God.

Oh - many an arrow will reach the heart
 For which it was never intended
 If a careless marksman wings the dart
 And hurt can never be mended
 And many a friendship may be lost
 And many a love-link broken
 Because of neglect to count the cost
 Of words that are lightly spoken.
 SAW.

 The Minister of St. John's was called in to see a man who was very ill. Neither the man nor his wife was a member of St. John's, and as the Minister was leaving the house he paused at the door and asked the lady, earnestly: "My good woman, why do you not go to Church?"
 "Oh, but we do, sir. We go to St. Mark's."
 "Then why in the world did you send for me? Why didn't you send for your own Minister?"
 "Oh, we wouldn't risk him" she replied "My husband's trouble is infectious!"

Some of the things that Mother taught us.

Do what you can being what you are;
 Shine as a glow worm if you cannot as a star;
 Work as a pulley if you cannot as a crane;
 Be a wheel greaser if you cannot drive a train.

Being what you are, strive to improve;
 Never let dull slothfulness get you in a groove;
 While the Master gives you engine wheels to grease;
 Do it gladly, thankfully, knowing that He sees.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIDGADE.

Officers: Captain Don Stewart.
Lieutenant Malcolm Nicholls.

Our grateful thanks to you all for your support during our BOYS' BRIGADE week fund raising efforts. The envelope giving in our Church exceeded £50. I am sorry not to be able to thank you all by name.

Our coffee morning and bazaar was also well supported by parents and friends which enabled us to raise the magnificent total of £180.00. Thank you especially, ladies and gentlemen who helped on the stalls.

The Anchor Boys, the Juniors and Company Sections received their Membership cards from the Company Chaplain at the PARADE SERVICE on Sunday 19th November 1989. In addition NATHAN SMITH, GUY JOHNSON, GENG SPICE, JON TWEED, and NICHOLAS JARRETT received their WHITE ACHIEVEMENT BADGES. They had to know about the Boyhood of JESUS, simple drills, the Boys' Brigade Badge, Company and Church, Uniform and salute. Their next step will be obtaining their GREEN Achievement Badge, which will take a little more effort, covering Spiritual, Physical, Community, Adventure and Interests.

Officers and Boys wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and bright prospects in 1990.

God Bless,

Don Stewart. CAPTAIN

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL FOR JANUARY
DECEMBER 21st.

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Translation of a French prayer, taken from the
Prayer Fellowship Handbook 1988.

Lord, when I am hungry, give me someone to feed,
When I am thirsty, give water for their thirst,
When I am sad, someone to lift from sorrow,
When burdens weigh upon me, lay upon my shoulders
the burden of my fellows,
When I stand greatly in need of tenderness, give me some-
one who yearns for love,
May Your grace be my bread,
Your grace my strength,
Your love my resting place.

PRAYERS FOR THE PAST: O Lord, our God, we humbly present ourselves at Your throne of grace, remembering those who in past days have sacrificed their lives that we might live and worship in freedom. For those young lives, cruelly and abruptly terminated by actions of war, we give You thanks and cherish their memory.

In Your name we would not forget the bereaved families who for many years have struggled to survive without the love and companionship of those so tragically taken from them. We pray that through Your love, any hatred they may harbour in their hearts may be turned into full acceptance of Your love. Continue to be with them as day succeeds to day.

We remember, too, those crippled in mind and body in the cause of freedom. We give You thanks that in their years of pain and suffering they have been sustained by the love and care of others. Help us not to forget and we ask that Your love and compassion may continue to be showered upon them.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRESENT: O Lord our God, we are reminded that You are our Father and that we can talk to You. Many pray for peace and yet wars continue to abound. There is no glory in war and so we pray that the sacrifices made in previous times will not have been in vain now. We cannot believe that war or tyranny or famine or sickness are the conditions under which You intend men to live. In spite of our prayers for peace wars have not been completely averted or eradicated. The tyrant falls only after he has caused much misery and despair. Famine is still rampant and is the norm for so many people throughout the world. Sickness still takes its toll. But we rejoice in the new signs of man's concern for man, of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall and of the increasing signs of the breaking down of religious, political and social barriers.

Lord God, we need the love only You can give - love which is prepared to accept great sacrifice, to contribute creative thought and endure untiring patience. We pray, give us that love.

We give You thanks for the life of Olive Epps, a well-loved and long serving member of this Church. Help us to be true to her example and live closer to You.

PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: In Your name, Lord, we face the future with hope. Hope secured by Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the Cross. Hope enriched by His resurrection and the new life in Him, promised to us.

We are encouraged by the signs of hope we see all around us. Help us to be alert to the challenges of a Christian life and to be aware of what we must do in Your name.

Make us worthy of the heritage bestowed upon us by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and of our predecessors. May we understand Your purpose for Your Church and for each of us. Help us to believe in You with greater confidence. Above all, instil a new hope and resolve in our hearts to love You more and serve You better. NGP.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY AND THE COMING DAYS.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace. Amen.

Words from the Hymn writer John Greenleaf Whittier.

THE TELEOIS PROJECT received £93 from the Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale at St. Paul's Church held on November 1st. Also a gift of £2703 from Worthing Livelink, a part of BILLY GRAHAM'S MISSION '89.

O PRAISE THE LORD.

The recent SONGS OF PRAISE held in our Church was a most spectacular evening. Our choir of 10 easily out-sung the 'congregation' of 14. We all made a 'joyful noise unto the Lord'.

The programme was divided into 4 parts. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING, MP173 & 248, CP 31,279, 601. HIS CHARACTER & GLORY, MP110 175 CP 179 182 754. GUIDANCE & HIS ACCEPTANCE OF US, MP25 45 CP385 408 412 421 458, ASSURANCE & DEDICATION, MP130 142 275. Go on - look them up! You will see what you missed if you weren't there. All the old favourites. The tea went down well after all that singing.

Thank you Choir and Organist.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1990.

The Annual Prayer Vigil will take place on MONDAY January 1st 1990, and we invite ALL to share in prayer during this day for this CHURCH, this TOWN, the NATION, and THE WORLD!!

COME any time, to the Little Chapel in our Church between the hours of 8am and 10 pm.

PRAY AT HOME, using the Church Handbook, if unable to join the Vigil in person.

I look forward to hearing from you if you would like to be responsible for a particular time.

'BE PERSISTANT IN PRAYER, AND KEEP ALERT AS YOU PRAY, GIVING THANKS TO GOD'

Colossians Ch. 4, V. 2.

Irene Tuley.

G R A C E.

Mistress of truth; Teacher of discipline; Light of the heart;
Solace of affliction; Dispeller of sorrow, Expeller of fear;
Nurse of devotion; Fountain of contrite tears.

KNEEL AND ADORE.

Kneel and adore - in humble reverence pray
Beyond the stable door the manger stands
In which there lies, enwrapped in swaddling bands
The Infant Jesus, on his Natal Day
The lowly shepherds simple homage pay
And soon, the Maji from the Eastern lands
Shall greet the Child with present-laden hands
And with prophetic gesture point the way
To universal rule the Christ shall claim
Over the hearts and lives of all mankind.
And man, inured to sin shall find new birth
Deaf ears shall hear, and eyes no longer blind
Shall make His glory their unceasing aim!

R. D. BROWNE.



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11 October 1989

Mr. C. S. Nodes
5 Parklands Avenue
Worthing,
West Sussex
BN12 4NG

Dear Sirs,

Goring United Reformed Church, Shaftsbury Avenue, Worthing West Sussex

We would refer to your letter of 31 July 1989 and the subsequent meeting at the above between yourself and the writer and would advise you as follows:-

1. Generally

The precast concrete elements comprising the door and window surrounds are generally in fair condition although some cracked spalled concrete and corroded reinforcement is evident, generally in the sill section to the East and West Transept windows and the window over the Entrance Lobby. There has been some weathering of the concrete and the surface is friable and porous.

The damaged sill sections are fairly slender and there is a throat formed in the underside which follows, approximately, the line of the steel bar reinforcement. The cover to the steel reinforcement is reduced at this point.

Generally the depth of carbonation of the concrete is low and therefore the cause of the deterioration may lie elsewhere.

We took a sample from the East Transept window sill and this is currently being tested for the presence of chloride ions, since it may be that chlorides were added at the time of manufacture and/or the proximity of the church to the sea has resulted in external contamination.

We will advise you separately when the result of the chloride test is to hand.



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2. Remedial Proposals

We would suggest the following remedial and treatment measures:-

- * Pressure wash all external concrete surfaces to remove all dirt, loose particles, contaminants etc. where present.
- * Carry out visual and hammer test to determine extent of cracking and spalling.
- * Break out cracked and spalled concrete to expose corroded reinforcement for the full circumference and clean steel of all corrosion products and treat with liquid silicate Gelbe followed by a slurry coat of fine mortar. Where the steel has lost a significant proportion of its section new steel to be inserted.
- * Exposed substrate to be treated with liquid silicate diluted 1-1 with water and followed by a coat of fine mortar slurry. Section to be repaired to new profile providing greater cover to the embedded steel using silicate enriched coarse mortar.
- * When the repairs have cured the whole of the external concrete members to be protected using Arpax 50 Textured Composition comprising one coat of Resistex F750 sealer and two coats of Arpax M50. A brochure and colour chart is enclosed in respect of this material.
- * Ancillary work included is the removal of the loose mortar pointing at the jamb of the 10 No. stained glass panels and replacement with Sikaflex 11FC grey polyurethane joint sealant.

3. Quotation

Our quotation for carrying out the above work is £ 2,991.00

CRESCENT YOUTH CENTRE,

11 CRESCENT ROAD, WORTHING, BN11 1RL,

Telephone Worthing 34497, Co-ordinator : Sylvia Dent.

MEMBERS' NIGHTS. Every Thursday evening a range of activities and subjects are organised by ZIGGIES members. Something different each week, such as: 'popmobility' discussion groups, members committee meetings, drama, music, etc. The Club will be open from 7pm to 10 pm.

BABY TALK. A self-help group for young single mums on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm, giving them the opportunity to chat over a free cup of tea or coffee and seek information about baby-care, housing, childminding, etc.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

On November 7th Lt.Col. John Dale came to tell us about the role he played as a member of the Salvation Army during the Second World War, also what they did after their inauguration. It sounded fascinating and sometimes dangerous, but all their tasks were carried out with love, friendship and joyfulness. John Dale was in Germany as soon as he was able, assisting the German people as best he could. He brought back memories to me of seeing their tea vans in the most unlikely spots, quite often not too far from the danger zones. Like the Arabs of the Western Desert, they seemed to materialise out of the ground but, whereas the Senussi were not always welcome the Salvation Army was.

On November 21st we listened to Mr. Leslie Roussel talking about life in Guernsey during the German Occupation. Guernsey is the second largest of the Channel Islands, 25 square miles in area with 300 miles of roads. Its main Commerce pre-war was tomatoes exported to U.K. and France, but when the island was occupied by the Germans, from 30th June 1940 that was all changed. Other vegetables were grown on every conceivable place, including lawns, to feed the population. Just before the invasion a large number of French refugees landed on the island and then went to the U.K. with 10,000 Guernsians. The Germans landed 10,000 troops plus 10,000 P.O.Ws, so the population returned to its original size. Restrictions and curfews were ordered immediately but the use of the Churches as places of Worship were never stopped. After supplies of tea and coffee ran out Carrot tea, Bramble tea, and Parsnip wine were made to take their place. Not very palatable, he said, but better than water. Leslie Roussel said it was necessary to be calm, cool, and behave naturally to enable them to outwit the Germans and use wirelesses when they were forbidden. The Germans surrendered on 9.5.45.

The editor wishes to thank all contributors to your Chronicle and hopes all his friends and acquaintances have a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year. A few more 'special' verses from the Holy Bible would be appreciated, please. Last day for January Chronicle material is December 21st.

Extract from 'THE CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRY'by MORRIS MADDOCKS, BISHOP OF SELBY. Page 103.

The Rev, Howard J. Cobb was raised from a bed on which he would surely have died. He was healed from sleepy sickness after receiving the 'laying on of hands' from none other than James Moore Hickson, during which his Church was filled with his parishioners in silent prayer. He saw it as a sign that he must give his life to the healing ministry. He became Rector of Crowhurst in East Sussex and in 1928 founded the Crowhurst home of healing now situated in the Old Rectory there. From the first it had its connections with Divine Healing Mission. Among the wardens of Crowhurst (and all have been great men and leaders of the ministry) was George Bennett who died on Ascension Day 1978. Trained as a medical student, the healing gospel of Christ had meant more than anything to George since he became a Christian. His experiences in the Coventry blitz and as a hospital chaplain, and later back at Coventry Cathedral where he began monthly healing services, strengthened his conviction. In 1958 he became chairman of the D.H.M. and warden of Crowhurst later that year. His remarkable ministry there with his wife Margaret is written up in the first of his books. After 11 years he felt called to extend his ministry and, as President of the D.H.M. and supported by a Trust, he began conducting healing missions and clergy schools all over Britain, in Europe, and the United States of America. Many today owe their vision of the Christ who heals to his tireless work. Few can have exercised so great an influence on their fellow clergy and ministers and given such abiding leadership to a movement. Services of praise and thanksgiving for his ministry were held in York Minster and Holy Trinity, Brompton. At the latter he had frequently ministered at the regular services of healing, carrying on Godfrey Mowat's great ministry.

WOMEN'S GUILD.ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OCTOBER 24th 1989.

A beautiful day, a lovely crowd of people, including many visitors from local churches, and some not so local, a most interesting Speaker, and her sister with a beautiful voice to share with us - all these things together with our many members and those of the Men's Fellowship, brought us a meeting enjoyed by all, as we gave praise to our Lord in our Church.

The guest Speaker, Sister Eileen Hale, had served the Methodist Church at one time in the island of Jamaica, a most beautiful mountainous country, almost a paradise. From the beaches it was possible to gather conch shells, one of which she brought to show us, along with a star shell, looking for all the world like one of our star fish, of giant and chubby proportions.

All too soon for her, Eileen was asked to move on to the Bahamas, a low lying group of some 800 islands, devoid of Jamaica's charm. Here she found extremes of richness and poverty, many more problems of deprivation, and many needy people whom she set about to help. Particularly urgent seemed to be the need of prisoners and we heard of several cases where Sister Hale was able to lighten their days a little by teaching such things as embroidery etc. Indeed, we saw an embroidered pillow case made from a discarded sugar bag and decorated, by a young woman prisoner serving a long and lonely sentence, Another prisoner asked for a piece of wood, not easy to find, but eventually he produced a pair of figures carved from it with a kitchen knife, which he insisted on giving to her, and she brought them for us to see. With her wonderful charm and God given grace she was able to help many of these troubled people. She educated 8 of the girls. 'Angela' became a nurse. Another item she brought was a handbag woven from dried banana leaves cut into narrow strips. Some of these were coloured, making a lively pattern.

Not only did Sister Hale charm us with her Caribbean tales, but twice she left her seat to go to the piano where, with great expertise, she accompanied her sister, Mrs. P. Titmus, as she sang two lovely songs for us, in her remarkably clear and melodious voice.

A mention was also made of the Theological College Conference Hall in Antigua which she attended.

A collection raised £70 for 'Careline', an organisation formed in order to supply elderly folk, living alone, a means of getting in touch in case of emergency.

After a rousing singing of 'Christ for the World we sing' we repaired to the Church Hall for a welcome and enjoyable tea, much appreciated by all.

Kathleen G. Green.

I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread. (When dad was out of work)
It shall not come nigh thee, fear them not. (When bombs were falling all around) Supplied by SAW.

An inscription at the church of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, London, says : "O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship"

When I read this I thought of a piece written by the late Dr. W. E. Sangster, the Methodist preacher. He tells us that one Christmas Day, when he was in the Army, he felt lonely. He had been to a church Service and was walking back to the barracks in a murky drizzle. Suddenly out of the darkness stepped a civilian. He had seen the doctor in church, and wondered if he would care to spend the rest of the day with his family.

Will Sangster was made very welcome. He sat by the fire and played with the children, experiencing the true meaning of the season.

This Christmas season may we too 'Make the door of our home wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship.

Francis Gay.