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January, 1980No. 318FROM THE VESTRYInto a New Decade

Many idle and sensational words will be used to describe the past decade, and no doubt the inventors of slogans will be at work in prospect of the new one. Christians could benefit from pondering on these words from a hymn by Howell Elvet Lewis.

'The days that were, the days that are,  
They all are days of God:  
With Psalms of cheerful trust we tread  
Where Christ's own freemen trod .  
  
We tarry, Lord, Thy leisure still:  
Thy best is yet to be:  
Naught ever comes to late for man  
That is in time for Thee.'

The responsibility of the Christian is to live and act faithfully within the conviction that Christ is Lord of History. He is to hold this certainty in view, even when events may seem contrary to his hopes - realising that Eternal Victory is not dependent upon how we feel or how things may appear to us. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for you know ~~not~~ when the time is". - and perhaps Jesus adds ... nor what the time is!

We wish and pray you a 'happy New Year' in the grace and victory of Christ, who is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Nationwide Initiative in Evangelism Within this movement will be centred many hopes for Evangelism in Britain during the New Decade. Pray for Evangelism in Britain.

Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY



NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPIN MEMORIAM

Matherine May WALDEN	23.11.79
Marjorie Blanche CURTIS	28.11.79
Christine Keith BOOTH	28.11.79

"In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light"

Jesus said "I am the light of the world".

Miss C. Stott is making good progress following a fall, and Mrs. M. Spence is also recovering from an accident at home. Mrs. E. Curtis is unwell, and Miss Ella Robertson has also sustained injury following a fall at home. Mrs. C.E. Emery is greatly improved and we remember her and her husband. Mrs. L.M. Cuff hopes to celebrate her 102nd birthday on 15th January.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gordon Wraight on the celebration of his 90th birthday on 10th December.

We send love and blessings to all friends, especially to those away from us in hospital or Nursing Home.

THANKS to Mrs. D. Turner and to all who so beautifully decorated the Church for Christmas, also to Junior Church for their Festival, to the Party organisers, to the Choir and all who contributed to the music of Christmas.

It is good to be able to share in the Ministry of a Church that gives so much to make beautiful God's House, and to offer praise in such a generous joy.

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Mrs. E. Evans Telephone No. 46543

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MISS MARJORIE CURTIS

When we first came to Goring, sixteen years ago, I was asked if I would visit Miss Curtis who had recently had to go into a nursing home. This I very gladly undertook to do and I used to go and spend an afternoon with her once a month. We became great friends and although I originally went to try to cheer her it was really she who cheered me. She was a wonderful soul, very courageous in spite of a very difficult affliction and she was always interested in Church affairs and the outside world. She always had a table full of lovely plants which gave her great joy and when she was well enough, she looked after a little piece of garden in the Nursing Home grounds. I count her as one of my greatest friends and one who helped me very much. Since leaving Goring we have kept in touch with letters and I shall miss her Christmas letter this year.

These house-bound invalids have a great deal to teach us who are lucky enough to have good health and certainly Marjorie Curtis taught me how to be courageous under enormous difficulties.

We do sympathise with Miss Kathleen Curtis in the loss of her sister. She is the last one left in the family and will need our thoughts and prayers at this time.

from MARJORIE HAYWARD

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I was overwhelmed by the visits, thirty eight cards, 'phone calls and church flowers received from well-wishers on the occasion of my 90th birthday. I tried to thank everybody either by word of mouth or by telephone, but if any friends were inadvertently missed, would they please, through the medium of the Chronicle, accept my gratitude for their kindness.

GORDON WRAIGHT

"Thanks Bill, what a privilege to have a friend like you".

MARGARET McLAREN

My grateful thanks to the Girls' Brigade for the gifts and cheer they have given to me during my unhappy times. Also to Mr. Connelly for his encouragement which has helped me overcome many difficulties.

MISS E.G. HANSON

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FROM A SINNER

How sad to read on Page 4 of December's Chronicle that one so advanced along the path of living with Christ as to be a fully fledged member, should feel that only in church could he 'collect his thoughts'.

Where are the churches on the raging seas, in their inky depths, on the icy mountains or in the desert wastes?

Are we then cut off from His infinite compassion in such places? Surely 'peace and quietness' are in one's soul, not in a man made edifice.

As I understand it, the Church is the body of Christ through its membership, i.e. the congregation. We gather to praise God in joy and to share our fellowship in His grace, do we not?

Are we then to creep into church like frightened mutes? That, I submit, is the sanctimonious humbug which so disgraced the Victorian era and of which we are well rid.

No, dear friend, look inward for your peace and do not presume to berate those of us who still stumble so hesitantly in lack of enlightenment as to talk to one another.

If I am in error, then let ignorance be my advocate and our Minister be the censor.

In any event I will not hide behind the screen of anonymity and therefore sign myself

JOHN PARKER

PRAISE GOD! NOW WE CAN HEAR

To all concerned in the Hearing Aid venture, I should like to say 'thank you very much'. One of these has been a great help to me in hearing the sermon and the notices. May God Bless you in all you endeavour.

A. RIDGWELL

During the last few months six portable hearing aids, without attached leads, but correlated with microphones and a specialised inductive electrical circuit, have been in use in our church.

As a member of the older generation who is now somewhat deaf, I have been very glad to avail myself of the aid of one of these "Longnettes" which can be readily held against the ear. Thereby, clear undistorted reception of voices from pulpit, lectern and the Minister with his portable radio microphone is obtained.

It may not be generally known that the money to pay for these facilities has been raised by our company of the Girls Brigade, by sales, coffee morning and other activities. Also they are continuing their work in order to extend its scope.

Not only do I express my own appreciation, but also feel I am voicing the thanks of my contemporaries. Thank you, younger generation, for this reach out to those of us who are older, and further on in the journey through life.

RON F. HURT

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EAT YOUR CRUSTS & SAY "THANK YOU"

How there's a funny title for my second report on our Church Meetings, but it is something that stands out in my memory from this evening of fellowship, worship and praise.

Those of you who have been members of Girls' Brigade will know that dictum well but alas I was never so privileged.

I have to thank the Minister for this gem and as you may guess, he was reminding us of our debt to Girls' Brigade for their singular achievement in providing us with such a sophisticated hearing aid system which has so blessed the hard of hearing and those of our members who so benefit from the "Tape Ministry".

Special mention was made of the new 'porta-mike' which enables our Minister to go walkabout - without strings. Bill was at pains to point out that there is no truth in the rumour that he is now wearing a pacemaker (His pacemaker is entirely unseen and Spirit-powered).

The Girls' Brigade Captain received the Meeting's thanks somewhat later in the evening, having been unavoidably prevented from making the earlier part of the Meeting. She thanked everyone for their help and encouragement and apologised for the slight teething problems with the system. The Minister was asked not to wear things metallic, e.g. pens and braces!! as these can interfere with the equipment. I regret to report that he then took on the mantle of his Scots namesake, Billy Connolly, infusing some humour into the proceedings by making a case for wearing of a Cassock, referring to the multitude of things which such a garment can hide and indeed casting a new slant on the old joke "What does a Scotsman (Minister) wear under his kilt (cassock)." Anyway suffice to say that we had a good laugh and did not at all conform with that misguided impression some people have of Christians being sober-sided.

I am sure that I speak for all when I convey our individual and collective thanks to the girls of Girls' Brigade who through their selfless effort and giving from pocket money have given an invaluable blessing to and extending the ministry of our Church, but more than that, they, the children, have taught us adults in so many ways a lesson or two about Christian Living.

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven".



Thank you Jean Webb for enlightening us on the many duties and blessings which your girls perform for the sake of our family.

I make no apologies for dwelling on the above subject for so long - for obvious reasons. However, the Spirit was at work in other directions and I am glad to report that not only did the meeting support the Minister's recommendation that John and Barbara Titlow's membership be transferred to the Rushhill and Larkhall group of Churches in Bristol where John is now Minister, but also that their names be placed on our Associate Membership list. These two servants of our Lord have a very special place in our hearts and we trust that through their continued association with the membership both we and they may benefit from a special fellowship "across the miles". Gdd bless them in their service.

Ruth Chatfield reported to the meeting on the Young People's Conference at Hindhead. I cannot do justice to the eloquence of that report and simply trust that Ruth will herself report to you elsewhere in these pages.

Again I will not endeavour to report on the Treasurer's Report, so ably delivered by Mr. Blakey, as this will also undoubtedly be reported, more accurately, by Mr. Blakey, himself.

The theme of our praise was naturally that of Advent, Hymns 92 and 717 being chosen by the Minister and Hymns 96 and 90 "from the floor". So you can see we did a lot of singing unto the Lord and were greatly blessed by the singing of His praise. The reading came from Malachi Chapter 3 and you are invited to read and consider its verses. As I write these lines I am preparing to celebrate Christmas and pray that when you read these words you will have enjoyed the Celebration of Christmas in His Spirit and that you will thereby receive His strength to venture into the new Decade with Christ at your side. God bless you all.

YOUR PUBLICITY OFFICER

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR ELDERLY FOLK

## Thanksgiving -

for our elderly in age, but not in heart,  
 who care for those who are much younger -  
 with their love, their faith, their gifts  
 of fruit and flowers and vegetables,  
 with which the Lord has blessed them.

## Thanksgiving -

for their prayers, the Lord alone knows  
 what grace has upheld and strengthened us,  
 has kept us following close to Him;  
 for the many blessings of age and experience  
 with which they have blessed us.

## Thanksgiving -

for their encouragement when times are hard,  
 for their example in lives of faith and trust  
 in God's love and faithfulness,  
 whatever circumstances come our way:  
 Lord Jesus Christ ... we bless You.

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THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP

To enter God's House should be both a privilege and an inspiration. Thus the time of worship has a relevance to the deeper needs of our body, mind and spirit. These three make up the wholeness of our personalities. We who meet together in Church come along very different roads of circumstances and experience. With all our variety in character and experience we come to worship God. Perhaps life has not been easy lately, coping with difficulties and problems and forebodings and disappointments and temptations. We come to the hour of worship out of our sense of need.

When I listen and take part in discussions on Worship I note that so often the discussion is on whether services are interesting. Whether they attract

the young or repel the elderly. Whether a traditional form of service is to be used, or whether some evidence of being "with it" and up-to-date is shown. Whether the music and hymns are to be more lively than perhaps good musical taste would allow. All this and much more will be heard in a discussion on worship.

Such considerations are useful, but there is so rarely mentioned the main point which Jesus made with such clarity: "Those who are real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth". The main object of Church Services is not the effect they produce on those who attend. This is so often the limit of our discussions on worship. The object is God's effect on us.

It is relevant to our worship that we come into God's house just as we are with our problems, perplexities, anxieties, joys and achievements. In the sanctuary we shall be conscious of our unworthiness - our privilege at being present - ~~our~~ being taken out of ourselves into the larger fellowship of God's people.

from a recent sermon,

R.C. CHRISTOPHER

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#### OUR FAMILY CHURCH WEEKEND

March 7 - 9th 1980

Old Rectory, Fittleworth

The next meeting of the Steering Committee has been arranged for 19.30h on Friday, 18th January at the Minister's house, 140 George V. Avenue. The Rev. Richard Tucker hopes to be there.

We should be grateful for firm bookings as soon as possible. This promises to be a very happy weekend for the Church Family, and will be the more so if we can allocate the beds and bedrooms in good time!

The cost, including all meals from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, works out at £15 per adult, £10 for the first child in a family, no charge for the other children.

BARBARA & WALLY KIMBER

CALENDARWEEKDAY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Spring Session starts 15.1.80)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS & SERVICES:    The Minister will conduct  
all services

1st Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
6th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - The Rev. W. Connelly "The Christian in a Naughty World"
8th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - New Year Party
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship Members' Afternoon - Musical Moments & Memorable Recollections.
	20.00h	Bible Study at 37 Ashurst Drive and 56 Bolsover Road
13th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
15th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

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20th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry Of Healing
21st Monday	19.30h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "A Visit to Beecham's".
22nd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "My Work as a Christian" Miss G. Green & Mrs. S. Batchelor (Two of our Elders)
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship "The Queen's Remembrancer" - Mr. J.F. Mason
	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive and 56 Bolsover Road
24th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
27th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
29th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
31st Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting

Deadline date for Chronicle Copy - Sunday 13th Jan.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

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## DRASTIC CUTS BY BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

A staggering £4 million has had to be slashed from vital Bible Society work world-wide next year - and this, despite an estimated 20% increase in income.

Mr. John Dean, World Service Officer based in London, has said "In 20 years in Bible Society work I have never experienced such a gap between what needs to be done and what can be done. It is indicative not only of inflation, but also of the growing value of the work done by all the Bible Societies. It is only the blessing of God that has seen such rich opportunities unfolding. HOW TRAGIC THAT WE CANNOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM ALL.

Samples of the cut:-

- In GHANA, where there have not been enough Bibles for two years, £150,000 is slashed from their budget.
- Roman Catholics in THE AMERICAS wanted a million copies of the New Spanish Version Popular. They will only get half a million.
- ZAIRE loses 225,000.
- INDONESIA loses £75,000 worth of vitally necessary printing equipment.
- Every Vehicle replacement requested by Bible Societies has been turned down but one.
- Translation budgets have been cut, free distribution projects reduced, mass media approach held back, and staff increases refused.

Most of us in the West have several copies of the Bible. Our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world haven't even a single copy!"

I think it is important that we think and pray about this. Donations may be sent direct to: The British & Foreign Bible Society, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4BX, or I will be happy to forward them.

BERYL CHATFIELD

WORLD CHURCH PAGERELIGIOUS FREEDOM - AGAINRome's Writs

The proposed examination of Prof. Schillebeeckx, the Roman Catholic theologian, by the Holy Office, raises several questions of importance regarding freedom, religious or otherwise. Of course, any organisation which exists to promote certain beliefs must retain the right first to examine and ultimately if necessary to expel any member who has moved so far from those beliefs as to make his continued membership impossible. The man who daily eats bacon and eggs and steaks and openly encourages others to do the same can hardly complain if his secretaryship of the Vegetarians' Society is called into question. However, the mode of enquiry and of disciplinary action is also of importance. It is on this point that many theologians, Roman Catholic as well as others, have been moved to protest against the action of the Holy Office, which appears still to retain a medieval form of secrecy in its dealings with possible heretics. This is a course which must be as self-defeating as it is unfair, since it will no doubt provoke some people who would otherwise have ignored them to read the works of the privily-arraigned professor.

Islam's Imprecations

If any good has come out of the otherwise totally evil events conducted by the Ayatollah Khomeini it must be that they should have shaken the complacent attitude of some christian (small 'c') extreme ecumenists who have been getting closer and closer to thinking that all religions have ultimately the same end. Even amid the sometimes horrifying attitudes and actions of 'Catholics' and 'Protestants' in Northern Ireland I have seen no reports of prayers of people of either persuasion that their opponents should die of cancer.

Buddhists Ban(ne)d?

'Chanting and carrying-on'. No, not a football crowd or rock session; this was one Worthing councillor's idea of the proceedings in a Buddhist Temple. He did not apparently intend the description to be complimentary though some might think it equally apt to many Christian Church services. Without taking a view as to whether any particular building should become a Buddhist Temple we must be very careful not to seem to oppose the concept of one being established. We can hardly support demands for religious freedom for Christians in lands dominated by other faiths while denying the same freedom to followers of those faiths in our own country.

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Isn't it odd?

When 'Which?' examines any electrical product it (rightly) gives the direst warnings if there is even the remotest possibility of anyone getting a shock. Yet when it compares the prices of Christmas drinks there is not the faintest hint that thousands of people have their lives ended or ruined, directly or indirectly, by these products.

R.F.B.

P.S.

"Since the above was written, the Holy Office has deprived the most evangelical Catholic theologian, Hans Kung, of his right to teach or continue to be a Catholic theologian."

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GIRLS' BRIGADE

"Happy New Year" and 'Thank you' for all the love and encouragement showered upon us during the festive season. We are so glad you enjoyed our Concert - what a happy evening it was.

We shall be back on 15th January, starting out on what promises to be a very busy and exciting year. As well as continuing our work for the Deaf Aid Scheme and looking after our elderly and housebound friends,

our main task is to reach our new target of £500 at our Bazaar next November, and work will commence for this straight away. The garden will come under the care of the Juniors during 1980, and we shall take with us through the year those words:- "If you say you will do something, you must try 110% to keep your word - try harder than you ever knew you could and its surprising what happens"!

Remember us in your prayers as we put these words into practice. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

### BOYS' BRIGADE

God's Blessings to you all in this New Year, from the Officers and Boys of the Company. We are trying not to think too much about the past year and all those things that did not seem to work out for us. The Company Section numbers have dropped somewhat so this has made it difficult for us to put the Band on the road. The Anchor Boys and Junior Sections have maintained their numbers. We could well do with at least two more officers, particularly in the Junior Section. As the men of the Church seem to be too busy to offer their services perhaps the ladies may be forthcoming! Thank you to those of you who made your usual generous contributions towards our B.B. Week Fund raising effort in November and December. The amount raised didn't come up to our expectations but nevertheless we are most thankful. By the time we have made our annual contribution to B.B. Headquarters and paid out on other commitments we will not have much to spare. I feel somewhat like a manager of a football team, finding itself at the bottom of the league table and not knowing how to sort out the situation. A team manager of course could be made the 'scape-goat' and get the sack! I suppose that could happen to me, but that would mean finding a successor and that might not be so easy. Please then, may we have your prayers, so that we may stride out into 1980 with determination and God's

strength to improve the situation. If you have the time please borrow and read a copy of the B.B. Gazette that is generally available in the Church lobby. I also have a copy of the Boys' Brigade Annual Report for 1978/79 which I would be pleased to lend out.

DONALD STEWART

#### ANCHOR BOYS

The Anchor Boys' Party What a pleasure it was to be one of the guests at the Party. We had such a happy time together. Sincere thanks to those who made it possible. God Bless you all!

DOROTHY TURNER

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#### REPORTS & NOTICES

Christian Aid Amount received for December - £34.00

many thanks, HILDA HELE

#### HAYWARD HOUSE

Has anyone a HAND BELL. We need one at Hayward House, so if you have one or know of one which might be available please contact ~~Mr~~ MRS JANE BOND Tel: 44157. We should, of course, be prepared to purchase the bell.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

December brought with it rain and gales making life outside rather difficult. But inside the Fellowship of the Guild there was warmth. Even the first meeting Miss Mann set the scene for the month the Spirit of Christmas comes. She told us of the life of Dr. Neave, a little lady who radiated the Spirit of Christmas all her life, in Poland, in the East End of London, in China even under Japanese occupation. How well Miss Mann conveyed that wonderful life to us. She too, had shared some of these experiences with Dr. Neave in China.

December 13th: all poised for a relaxed afternoon "Sing a Song of Christmas" with Miss Lena Phillips. At 2.50 p.m. a telegram sent off at 10.00 a.m. and left



in the Church porch indicated she would not be coming. So - a D.I.Y. afternoon - completely spontaneous with one and all rising to the occasion. Nowhere could you have found the Spirit of Christmas so much in evidence. Thank you one and all for your co-operation and help. Thank you Girls' Brigade, for the lovely Christmas decorations.

And now to 1980. The new programmes are out and we start on 8th January with our Party. A Happy New Year to everyone.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A warm welcome to you all in the New Year and especially to our first Meeting of the Session on 8th January. Our Members' Afternoon will consist of Music and Memories; The music to be provided by Mr. Lionel Knight and Mr. Bill Searle and the Memories, we hope, from other members. We shall be very pleased to see new faces at this meeting. On 22nd January, Mr. Jim Mason will be talking to us about some of his experiences in a memorable career.

As anticipated, we had a lively and entertaining afternoon when The Rev. John Lloyd James spoke to us on 20th November and we were certainly uplifted by the experience. Our trip behind the Iron Curtain by slides presented by Mr. & Mrs. Donovan on 4th December was most enlightening and the commentary was particularly informative.

REG GOODCHILD

### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Since my last report the fellowship has enjoyed an insight into the training and running of the Worthing Branch of the Samaritans, and interesting talk by our Associate Minister, the Rev. R. Christopher on Robert Raikes and a most fascinating demonstration and slides of cake icing by Mr. Arthur Mercer. Our last meeting was our Christmas Evening, led by Mrs. Robin Bradley who gave us a varied selection of beautiful readings, poems, and carols.

Our first meeting of the 80's will be on 7th Jan. when Mr. Connelly will speak on "The Christian in a Naughty World", so if anyone would like to join us,

do come along, you will be made most welcome. I should like to take this opportunity to wish you all A Happy New Year.

WILMA SMITH

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

6th Mrs. Gregory

20th Mr. M.E. Jones

13th Mr. & Mrs. Boyce

27th Mrs. Dearsley

FLOWER FUND My sincere thanks for £18.10 received during November & December.

CHURCH DECORATION A warm thank you to all who helped to decorate the Church in readiness for the Christmas Festival.

DOROTHY TURNER

Flower Secretary

FINANCE

Will the Treasurers of all Organisations please ensure that their Accounts are ready and available for the Auditors by Sunday, 20th January, 1980. The Accounts, with the final Balance Sheet in duplicate, should be left in the Elders Vestry on or before that date.

J.D. BLAKEY

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Dear friends, the Annual Service of Unity will be held in St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday, 23rd January at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Keith Walker, M.A., B.Sc., Canon of Chichester. Clergy and Ministers are asked to robe for this Service and assemble at 7.15 p.m.

L.W.R. BACON (Sec).

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

We are in need of drivers for our Wednesday Lunches. Those volunteering would be needed to fetch members and return them home again before and after lunch - not necessarily every week. Do please consider whether you can help in this way.

PAM STOWER

Hon. Sec.

STOP PRESS Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. R.Courtnadge on the birth of a daughter, Rachel on 14th December, 1979. May God bless them all.

LONDON LETTERCAT WOMAN

Have you seen the old girl who walks the streets of London?

Dirt in her hair and her clothes in rags?

She's no time for talkin' She just keeps on walkin'  
Carrying her home in two carrier bags.

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So how can you say you're lonely  
And say for you that the sun don't shine,  
Let me take you by the hand and lead you  
Through the streets of London,  
I'll show you something to make you change your  
mind.

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There are several 'old girls' I see walking the streets of London, sleeping on benches in the summer time, perhaps in Argyle Square or in a sheltered spot behind Camden Town Hall. In the winter they go to the Women's Reception Centre in Birkenhead Street or try to find a derelict building which does not have its doors and windows boarded up.

Their belongings can be carried in two carrier bags. A touch of luxury is sometimes added by the use of an old push-chair or pram to carry the bags. It also gives something to lean on when tired. There's a little push-chair which squeaks its way around King's Cross every morning as soon as dawn begins to break. Drab as a London sparrow, a poorly dressed little old lady trots along pushing the push-chair with a cardboard box on the seat. However, this little old lady isn't the 'old girl' who walks the streets because she has nowhere to live, neither does the cardboard box contain her home in the two carrier bags inside.

She sets off from her two little rooms early in the morning, the box contains two large plastic bottles of water, a couple of tins of cat food, some stale bread and a little bag of food scraps.

Up one street she goes, stopping at any likely-looking dustbins, taking out bones, meat scraps and bread, also packing on to the push-chair or into the carrier bags discarded clothing thrown out for the dustmen to take, whether it be men's, women's or children's. She knows after many years experience which are the best dustbins to visit on each street in the area. Her rounds each morning take about 2 - 2½ hours. She sometimes varies the order in which she visits the streets, but you can always tell when she has been along. At certain places and in certain corners, are to be found little margarine cartons, kept in place by pieces of brick. When the little old lady has passed by, the cartons will contain water and cat food. The 'Cat Lady' has been!

One day, last month, I found 'Cat woman' in Argyle Square, shaking out and folding clothes which she had found by a dustbin. "What a waste, my dear" she said to me "See how good they are, they shouldn't throw away stuff like that!" "I take it round to the Charity Shop so that it does somebody some good. Of course, they're not open 'till ten so I won't leave it outside. Sometimes I do, when its overcoats or something like that, and it disappears before the shop opens - somebody must need it!"

"Yes, I feed the poor little cats every day - scraps and bits of food and milk when I can afford it, else its water they get. I've been feeding the birds today - look at those poor seagulls up there crying 'cos they're so hungry". "Look! isn't that wicked! All that broken glass - its the winos come in the square and drink and smash their bottles on the ground. The poor dogs' paws get cut something dreadful. I sweep glass away or pick it up when I can. I can't do much today, though, my back's a bit bad. I'm getting arthritis in my hands, too. My leg? Oh, I keep that bandaged up, its a thrombosis. Still, I don't do bad for 81, I'm still getting about. The Lord's been good to me!"

MARY CONNELLY



PASSING NOTES -- GARDENING (AND KEEPING) YOUR ORGANIST III

How pleasant that my note No. 1 brought in John Rathbone's letter - right on cue, too, since I had intended to bring him into this month's note. Of course I agree with every word he has written and am only sorry that I obviously failed to make clear the intentionally light tone of No. 1.

It was in connection with the Voluntary that I wished to mention John. Many of us remember that atmosphere of peace and worship which he used to create as he played us into each service with his well chosen opening voluntaries. I frankly doubt whether he would be blamed to create this atmosphere if he were to return today. He will have noted also in the December Chronicle the complaint from "A Member" (who wasn't me!) about the noise before service. This often drowns everything that the organist has prepared, sometimes so completely that no-one, not even the unfortunate player, knows whether the instrument is still functioning or not. Even the advocates of silence before worship, whose opinion I respect, would probably allow that an appropriate voluntary is preferable to a cacophony of voices! If a church wants to catch and keep an organist it must make up its mind whether it wants him to play before the service and, if it does, allow him to do so.

DAVID A. RASON

BIBLE VERSES

John 3 vv. 16 - 17 (N.E.B.) God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life. It was not to judge the world that God sent his Son into the world, but that through him the world might be saved.



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A steady loss of membership in most 'main-stream' Christian Churches has been a sad feature of Church life during the present century of Christian witness in our own country. It is not so in many other parts of the world. S. America, and many African and Far Eastern countries have shown and continue to show a spectacular growth in membership of the Church. A striking feature of this growth is to be seen within the desire of these young churches to know CHRIST ... and the power of the Resurrection (Philippians 3 v.10).

There is now in our own land a new awareness of the need for the Church to GROW. A Nationwide initiative in Evangelism is one of the dominant themes for our work within the new decade. Our own Church, one of the youngest and happily one of the strongest, will be praying and hoping for GROWTH this year. We do well to remember that it is by our knowledge of Christ that we grow in that rich and deep and far-reaching way that can best express His Love to us and through us to the world. Read Ephesians 3 vv. 14-20 and you will see what I mean. "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 glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations of The Age of the Ages for ever, Amen."

Thank you all for your kind greetings and gifts to us at Christmas, and bless you in the New Year.

Do please remember that I am anxious to share with you your thoughts on Church Membership, especially as you are led to make the decision now at the beginning of the New Year - this could be a new growth point through Christ in You.

With every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPBaptism

Jennifer Susan CLAY 13.1.80

"Take this child and nurse it for me, and I  
will give you your wages" Exodus 2 v.9

Marriage

Bernard Sidney FRANCIS  
Dagmar Alexis Elfgard HAWKINS 29.12.79

In Memoriam

Arthur William CLEVERTON

A loyal member of Christ's Church for many years, Arthur died on Christmas Day after many months of weakness. To his wife and family we send love and blessings. At the funeral service the Rev. John Muir was present to share in the service with the Minister. A note of triumph and thanksgiving was struck, as we gave thanks to God for a good man who has been a means of blessing to us all.

"He that followeth me shall have the  
Light of Life"

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Miss C. Stott writes from Bexhill to tell us that she is now making good progress and hopes to be home soon. Mrs. C. West is staying with her family at present and is rather unwell.

Mrs. E. Curtis is recovering well after illness but is staying away from the district at least for a little longer.

Mrs. L.M. Cuff has celebrated her 102nd birthday. We give thanks to God for her continuing health and joy in Christ's service.

"As thy days so shall thy strength be"

### OUTREACH AT DURRINGTON

A steering committee has been at work considering the possible project of a Community Centre to be erected on a site in the new shopping development of West Durrington. The Rev. Victor Daley and myself serve on this Committee. I also act as the Committee's Secretary. The first step towards a Community Centre will have to be the formation of a Community Association. So far the Durrington Residents' Association has been the body that has taken a lead and initiative in the calling of meetings. The proposal will be that the Durrington Community Centre Association be formed. The Association would be for the benefit of the Durrington and Salvington Municipal Wards.

The steering committee is somewhat concerned as to what extent there is an enthusiasm for such a Community Centre. Without enthusiasm for the project there cannot be such a Centre. On the other hand, one of the results of a questionnaire was fifty nine offers of help of various kinds in relation to the Centre. It cannot be over-emphasised that no Centre can be built unless Associations interested and individuals work for and raise the required money.

A meeting for the Associations known to be interested and for anyone individually interested is to be held at - St. Symphorian's Church Hall on Wed. 12th March at 7.30 p.m. This may prove to be a decisive meeting as far as the Centre is concerned.

As far as Christian witness is concerned in the new development area it must be of an experimental nature at this stage. It is therefore proposed to hold experimental FAMILY SERVICE on Sunday, 2nd March at 4.0 p.m. in the Hawthorn School Hall, Poplar Road. Such services will be held on the first Sunday in each month. The second one will be on ~~April~~ Sunday.

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I would like to know of anyone in the Durrington and Salvington area who would be willing, as part of the Outreach, to open their home for a group of neighbours or acquaintances to meet for social and religious purposes. It may be a meeting for people to chat together - to get to know each other over a cup of tea or coffee. It may take an objective form of Bible Study, or discussion group. Whether social, religious or discussion is a matter for a host and group to decide. Please let me know your ideas or offers on this.

Especially I ask for the prayers of our Fellowship concerning the Outreach, because I believe the next few months will be decisive for the future. Remember The Rev. Victor Daley and myself together with the Worthing Council of Churches as we seek the ways in which the Churches may have an influence and be of help in this very attractive neighbourhood development.

RON CHRISTOPHER

#### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

##### New Members

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Telephone No.

Mr. & Mrs. K. IRVING

Storrington  
86 3730

##### Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. W.W. FREEMAN 72 Ripley Road

48014

Non-Serving Elder - Mr. K. IRVING

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

John and I and the boys would like to thank our friends at Goring for all the concern and kindness shown to Mother and Dad over the past two years. Your prayers, and the knowledge that someone was caring about them, has made our worries and problems easier to cope with from this distance. A special thank you to Bill whose constant care and regular visiting gave my Dad encouragement and hope in a very restricted eighteen months. For Dad, a happy ending and the answer to all his struggles and frustrations. For Mother and us, sadness at his leaving

us, but joy to know that at last he is at rest.

Thank you to you all, but especially to Bill -  
a true friend in God.

DOROTHY MUIR

My Dear friends at Goring,

I was very much touched by the many remembrances of me at Christmas. I am afraid it was impossible for me to send cards in return but I really did appreciate every one I received. Thank you all.

Although a little late when you receive this I should like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year. Yours with love, MARJORIE HAYWARD

Dear friends,

We praise God and give thanks to you all for your love, care and especially your prayers, during our daughter Sarah's short stay in hospital. She was delighted with the many cards, gifts, flowers and enquiries after her well-being!

Praise the Lord for His loving and caring Church.

RICHARD & IRENE TULEY

### BIBLE VERSES

### TRUE HAPPINESS

Jesus Gathered his disciples round Him and began to teach them:

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor,  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Happy are those who mourn,  
God will comfort them.

Happy are those who are humble,  
They will receive what God has promised.

Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do  
What God requires, God will satisfy them fully.

Happy are those who are merciful to others,  
God will be merciful to them.

Happy are the pure in heart, they will see God.

Happy are those who work for peace,  
 God will call them his children.  
 Happy are those who are persecuted because they  
 do what God requires,  
 The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Happy are you when people insult you and persecute  
 you and tell you all kinds of evil lies against  
 you because you are my followers.  
 Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept  
 for you in heaven".

Matthew 5 vv. 1-11

### MARK'S GOOD NEWS

The Moderator of the Southern Province, of the U.R.C., the Rev. Cyril Franks, has suggested that we all study the Gospel according to St. Mark, and discover its relevance to ourselves, to our Church and to the Churches of the Southern Province, and he has provided some questions on each chapter to get us going:-

#### Chapter 1.

1. What do you consider the greatest ills (sins) evident today?
2. What is the Good News we want to share?
3. Are we in the business of catching men & women?
4. What have you learned of/about/from Jesus in the last six months?
5. How many people have you spoken to about Jesus in the last 12 months?

#### Chapter 2

1. What do you praise God for?
2. To which outcasts have you "called"
3. Are you using any new cloth, any new wine?

#### Chapter 3

1. What are you angry about - for Christ's sake?
2. What gives you the greatest sense of "being with Jesus"
3. What are you doing to enlarge the family of God?

More next month, meantime, two of our Church Bible Study Groups are studying "Mark" and you will be very welcome to join them - either at the home of Eric & Barbara Popplestone, 56 Bolsover Road, fortnightly, or at Ray & Dora Newell's home, 37 Ashurst Drive, Goring. See your order of service for the respective dates.

DORA NEWELL

### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### A CLASH OF SYMBOLS

A symbol of love It is a long-accepted paradox that the celebration of Holy Communion, which on the basis assumed by most churches should surely be the most loving and unifying act of the Church, has over the centuries all too frequently provided the occasion for controversy and bitter strife among Christians. My own eccentric, though scripturally defensible, view is that a Christian family saying Grace at an ordinary meal at home is nearer to the heart of the matter than any ritualistic gathering at a purely symbolic meal in Church - but I would not go to the stake for that view or send anyone else there for disagreeing. Most of us would surely agree that any use of the Communion as a weapon, whether as a device to detect heresy, to coerce waverers or merely to embarrass abstainers, is inappropriate. Is it justifiable to use it even to challenge would-be believers, as the Cross itself is (rightly) used.

A symbol of peace The scriptural symbol, depicted on the occasional Christmas card, of the lion lying down with the lamb, has never seemed a particularly realistic one to me - it smacks somewhat of a lion-inspired propaganda picture (distributed by British Lion or M.G.M.?) composed just before the two beasts came together in an irreversible amalgamation. Yet such things do happen. Having in recent years discovered the delights of the Cuckmere river I was interested to see in a recently published book a



view of that estuary taken in rather unusual and far from peaceful circumstances - from one of a flight of Dornier 17 bombers about to hedgehop its way up the Cuckmere valley for an attack on Kenley Aerodrome on 18th August, 1940. The link between the two pictures is that by careful research the author of the book was able to bring together some of the German aircrew from that raid with the British air-men who had shot them down or been shot down by them. Since that meeting some of the families have become firm friends.

A symbol of - er - longsuffering? It seemed appropriately symbolic of our debased times that the Queen's Speech should have been followed on B.B.C. 1 on Christmas Day by a special long edition of the moronic and materialistic Generation Game. If the Communist Bloc and the Third World wish to adduce any evidence of the greed and falseness of Western Society they need look no further than this series. It may not have a specific commandment to condemn it - Moses's stones had no electronic chips - but the dreary ritual of Mammon worship is surely condemned by a fair proportion of the ten.

R.F.B.

In reply to "Isn't it odd" January issue

R.F.B. says about Christmas drinks "thousands of lives have been ruined by these products." Not so, R.F.B. I perused the prices of these products. I even took a price-list home, and what did I buy - a bottle of Stones 'Ginger' wine. So the products which have 'ruined thousands of lives' are still on the shelves so far as I am concerned. Its the man, R.F.B., and not the product!

H.G.

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#### ST. PAUL'S HOUSE, PORTSMOUTH -

A home for homeless women and girls in Portsmouth and the surrounding area.

As long ago as 1908 the women of the Free Churches through the Free Church Women's Council, felt compelled

to do something for the homeless girls and those not really able to take care of themselves, and so a small house in the Portsea district was taken over. Portsea was then the poorest part of the town.

Not long after, this house was proved too small and a larger one was purchased to house the girls. "Woodlands" as it was called was used as a mother and baby home until the outbreak of World War 2. Then the girls from Portsea were evacuated and the mothers and babies were found homes in private houses.

As the need for a mother and baby home lessened, Woodlands became the home for the girls returning to the city at the end of the war. This house continued to function until it became, as so many large old houses did, too expensive and inconvenient for modern living.

As the need was great, the local Council offered the Women's Council a site in St. Paul's Road, and a house suitable to its requirements was built there, and it was officially opened in November, 1966.

This house is still continuing to care for girls and older women up to the age of 50 who are homeless, or stranded in the city with no friends. They may stay for two or three nights or for several years, indeed one or two have lived there for upwards of five years. The girls, if able, go out from the home to suitable jobs in the City, some fulltime and some part time. More recently "Shelter" has been added, in which short stay girls are accommodated - sometimes missed the last train home, no money for return ticket, or quarrelled with family or boyfriend walked out on them, and no place to sleep. The girls are generally brought in by a social worker or the police. There is also a specially equipped "cot room" where a mother and small baby can be accommodated.

The house is financed by the women of the Free Churches with help during recent years by grants from the Social Services in the City.

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WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

<b>Mondays:</b>	18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	17.30h Girls' Brigade - ½ Term: 19.2.80
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	17.30h Anchor Boys
	19.15h Boys' Brigade
	19.30h Choir Practice
	20.15h Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
<b>Thursdays:</b>	19.30h Badminton Club
<b>Fridays:</b>	19.15h Boys' Brigade
	20.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
<b>Saturdays:</b>	19.00h Youth Fellowship
	19.30h Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES    The Minister will conduct all services except those on 3rd February which will be conducted by The Rev. R.C. Christopher.

3rd Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h Divine Worship
4th Monday	20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship - Voluntary Services, Mrs. Batchelor
5th Tuesday	14.45h Women's Guild - Participating with the Church in Nigeria, Mr.G.Dearsley
	14.45h Men's Fellowship - Joint with ladies
	17.30h G.B. Sponsored Walk, Silence & Clean
	20.00h Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
10th Sunday	08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h Divine Worship
	18.30h Divine Worship
11th Monday	Family Circle - Quiz Evening

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12th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 37 Ashurst Drive & 1 Arun Close
14th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
17th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
18th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship = Members' Evening, Bring & Buy
19th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "Round Britain Quiz" Slides - Mrs. D. Turner
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - The Rev. Dr. Levi Dawson "This was my life"
		20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
21st	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
24th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
26th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 37 Ashurst Drive & 1 Arun Close
28th	Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy - Sun. 10th Feb.

Much could be said about the devoted work carried on by the Superintendent, The Rev. Eva Marlow, and her staff consisting of two assistants full time and a part time cook. The management of St. Paul's House is in the hands of representatives from the Free Churches who are known as the "House Committee" and meet at the House every Monday. As in all voluntary organisations the financial position is sometimes worrying. The main sources of income are the proceeds from the Annual Gift Day and Sale held in September, and from legacies, although valuable financial assistance is now given by the City Council through their various social bodies; ~~and as some girls now do full or part time work, they~~ pay according to their income.

A story from Sister's last letter to the "Friends of St. Paul's House", "In the past three months we have accommodated one young mother and baby. It was necessary for them to stay only 4 days, after which her mother came and took her and her baby home to her native Scotland. There was much rejoicing over a 1st grandchild although much sorrow over a broken marriage". A story with a happy ending.

This is a splendid piece of Christian work by the women of the Free Churches, and it has been my pleasure and privilege to have had some part in the work for several years.

KATHLEEN FLORY

I should be delighted to hear from anyone with a newsy piece such as the above. Do let me hear from you if you can think of something interesting for our readers, either your own experience, or something you have heard about.

EDITOR

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WANTED For purchase, a second-hand - drop-side cot with mattress.

please phone Mrs. Christopher,  
W.30330

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP "Do it yourself" has been the keynote of our last two meetings - one accidentally and the other intentionally! The disappointment at the unfortunate non-appearance of Miss Lena Phillips on 18th December was more than adequately compensated by the impromptu programme of carols, readings and interesting stories from members, efficiently co-ordinated and stage-manged by Mrs. Ethel Dearsley.

Our first meeting this year on 8th January saw the debut of the Shavian Trio, comprising Geof Shave (piano) Lionel Knight and Bill Searle (violins) and they gave a lively rendering of three items, finishing with a selection from Elgar's "Pomp & Circumstance". Our vociferous singing of "Land of Hope & Glory" must surely have been heard far and wide. Between the musical items we listened to interesting tales from the past from some of the members.

We now look forward to our two meetings in February details of which appear in the Calendar.

WOMEN'S GUILD It was cold outside, but inside we were welcomed into the warmth of the Women's Guild New Year's Party at the first meeting of 1980. Once again the Party was in the capable hands of our Secretary, Mrs. Dearsley and our brains were taxed with the enjoyable competitions which she had devised - where does Ethel obtain her original ideas for our entertainment?

Mrs. Nowell also made us rise from our chairs and perform action songs, which was quite a change. The party concluded with a wonderful tea prepared and given by the Committee. What a joy it was to see Mrs. Cozens-Walker once again in the Chair following her enforced rest due to her recent indisposition.

Thank you Mrs. Dearsley and friends for a most enjoyable afternoon.

FREDA CALSTEREN

On 5th February our Men's Fellowship will join with us. Our speaker Mr. G. Dearsley who is General Secretary of the Sudan United Mission, and who spent five weeks last autumn in Nigeria, takes as his subject "Participating with the Church in Nigeria". On 19th February Mrs. Turner will take us on an illustrated Round Britain Quiz. E.D.

FAMILY CIRCLE On 11th February we are having another popular "Quiz" evening and as unfortunately, Mr. Lewis, who master-minded the programme last year, has died recently, we are providing our own entertainment this time, based on popular T.V. shows. We shall require a number of participants from the audience and look forward to a good attendance.

During the interval there will be a display and sale of handkerchiefs in aid of the funds of the Family Circle. Those attending the Quiz are invited to bring along a handkerchief to be displayed on a live model, and sold.

The Annual Photographic Competition takes place on 10th March, and will be run on similar lines to last year's. Entry forms will be available shortly and must be completed and returned with the slides/photos by Sunday, 2nd March. Mr. Chester Fromm will again be the judge and will also show some of his own slides of Ibiza.

MOLLIE HAWKE

FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY On behalf of all Choir Members, we should like to thank the many friends who have said how much they enjoyed the Carol Service; we have been much encouraged by this.

On Saturday morning, 1st March, we are holding a Coffee Morning, Bring-&-Buy Sale and informal Auction, in the Church Hall, in aid of the New Choir Fund. Details as to time will be announced later, and we hope that friends will give us their generous support on this occasion.

HILARY REDMAN  
EILEEN FISHER



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will be held on 7th March, this year. Those of you who support the evening service may be interested to know that a Choir is being formed for the service and volunteers are asked to come to a practice on 26th February at 19.30h at The Vicarage, Bramble Lane, Durrington. A further practice at the same venue will be held on 7th March. Anyone seeking further details should contact Mrs. G. Dean, or Mrs. B. Popplestone. The Service will be at 20.00h at St. Symphorians, Durrington.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE Girls' Brigade Week occurs during February and on Tuesday, 5th, the girls will be very busy raising money both for ourselves and our sisters overseas. The Explorers will be walking round the Church car park - as many times as they can manage in ½ hr. The Juniors will be silent (we hope!) for 1 hr. and the Seniors and Brigaders will be cleaning the Church premises between 18.00 - 21.00hrs. All these events will be sponsored, so now you know what the pieces of paper are, if waved under your noses! An Exhibition of recent work can also be seen in the East Transcept during part of February.

May we ask you please for a couple of items? Any odd wool you may have and also your used Christmas cards; we have plans to use these items both for Company work and for our November Bazaar.

For their spiritual work this session, our Seniors will be looking at some of the chapters of the book "God'll fix it" by Jimmy Savile. Margaret Craghill will be leading and directing their thoughts, so please remember her in your prayers.

Our thanks, as always, for all your interest and support. God bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

3rd The Connells	17th Mr. & Mrs. Young
10th The Girls' Brigade	24th The Flower Fund

FLOWER FUND: Thank you for £3 received

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: My sincere thanks for all the help given by David Bruford when the Christmas decorations in the Church were dismantled.

There are several free dates on the Flower Rota in March. If you wish to donate flowers during that month please insert your name on the Flower Rota to be found in the Church Vestibule, or contact me,

DOROTHY M. TURNER  
Flower Secretary  
Tel: 43843

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for January - £8.15 received with thanks, HILDA HELE

**GIFT DAY &**  
**coffee morning**  
**When? - May 3rd**  
**Where? - Why?**

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**BOOK THIS DATE NOW! YES - NOW!**

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**DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S CHRONICLE**  
**— for further details —**

ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE As details of this do not appear to be widely known, we have ascertained the following:

Where Day & Night attention is necessary, payment is made of £18.60 per week

Where Day OR Night attention is necessary, payment is made of £12.40 per week

The payment in both cases is tax free and irrespective of income. As you will see, this allowance is a great help in meeting Nursing Home fees, etc. It is also paid in respect of people being looked after in their own homes.

Claim forms may be obtained from the Department of Health & Social Security, Crown Buildings, High St. Worthing. The incapacitated person, wherever possible, must sign the form.

HELP THE AGED CLOTHING APPEAL Wed. 5th March, 1980.

Once again our Church Hall will be open to receive gifts of good clothing - blankets or money - for the use of elderly refugees in many countries. This year the need will be even greater. Invasions, earthquakes, revolutions, have meant hardship and loss of homes to many and the Help the Aged Appeal is only one of several that are made to help those who suffer. If you can help by bringing items to the Hall, please do so between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the above date. Anyone able to help staff the Centre on that day, please get in touch with me.

MRS. S. BATCHELOR

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL, 1980 Our sincere thanks to all who shared in the Vigil from 7.00 a.m. until 11.00 p.m. What a joy and privilege it was to share together in prayer, as we prayed through all the names in the Church Handbook. We pray that in 1980 we may be drawn together in deeper fellowship with our Lord and with each other.

RICHARD & IRENE TULEY

WITHOUT COMMENT

In a Church of another denomination recently attended, the following admonition hung, framed, on the wall facing the congregation -

Whosoever thou art who entereth this Church remember it is the House of God. Be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful, be prayerful, and leave it not without a prayer to God, for thyself, for him who ministers and for those who worship here.

The presence of God makes this place holy.

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TWO ADS.

Christ Church U.R.C., Chelmsford is seeking a husband and wife team from church people who would like to work for them as Caretakers and work with them in Christian Fellowship in exchange for a modern house and reasonable salary.

Any couples (no older than fifty five) who would be interested in this proposition are invited to write to: The Secretary, Mr. J.R. Tyler, 667 Galleywood Rd., Chelmsford CM2 8ST to obtain an application form.

RAY NEWELL

FOR SALE Ladies Bike - Raleigh 20 £35 o.n.o.

contact EDITOR

or

TEL: Brighton  
500457

LETTER FROM CLIVE & ADELINE PERRETT

Adeline would like to thank the Congregation for their thoughts and prayers during her recent stay in Hospital, and in particular for the visitors, cards and flowers which were very much appreciated. Adeline is now out of Hospital and well on the way to recovery, and hopes to be well enough to travel to Manchester in the last week of January.

We leave to return to Papua, New Guinea at the beginning of February. We shall first fly to Northern

Ireland to spend a few days with Adeline's family before flying on to New York for an overnight stop. We then plan to spend a week touring the Grand Canyon National Park area and then on to Honolulu for a couple of days before the final leg of the journey across the Pacific to Port Moresby, the capital of Papua, New Guinea. Our journey to England before Christmas was most interesting as we stayed for a few days in each of several Asian countries (Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand and India).

Our biggest impression of Asia was of the enormous gulf between the rich and the very poor. This was particularly noticable in India, where the rich in New Delhi lived in magnificent style whilst a short distance away in Old Delhi we were surrounded by lepers and begging mothers and children. To be actually surrounded by such poverty is profoundly disturbing.

We are looking forward to next year. Clive will be entering his third year of lecturing in the University and apart from his teaching duties many of the rural development projects he helped initiate are now well under way. Adeline will be continuing her part-time external University course in Social Science. Whilst in Worthing Adeline purchased flannelgraph material and books for the University Sunday School in Lae and is looking forward to getting the Sunday School under way for another year. Our eldest son, Paul, will be starting pre-school in February and David, the younger one will be starting the University play-school in a few months.

We have all enjoyed our stay in the United Kingdom and look forward to returning again in the not too distant future. We should like to wish you all God's Blessing in 1980.

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#### LONDON LETTER

"Well, it will be a nice change being away from School for a few weeks, away from the noise and demands of the children. You'll be able to relax a bit!" So they said! "I should leave your car in the playground and go by Tube, a lot less hassle! Think of crossing

Trafalgar Square by car in the rush hour! It would be dreadful" So they said!

So - I leave my car in the playground and make my way to the entrance to the Kings Cross Underground on Euston Road. Down I go, round the corner - and suddenly meet an onrush of people coming out of the exits from the District and Circle lines. So I fight my way across the stream (Stream? NO, more like a dam-burst!) Ticket machine. How much? 40p to Victoria? Help! Down the escalator, advertisements on one side, people coming up on the other. Some searching every face- what for? Most of the faces have no expression- blank looks. Once in a while perhaps you catch someone's eye, but past they go, carried on by the escalator. Some people are rushing past down the moving steps to gain a minute or two. Just missed it! Oh, here's another - crowded of course! People pile out. Still doesn't seem much more room than before, but we pile in. (Why is it that those already inside are so reluctant to move further in?) You just can't get any more in. Oh yes you can! "Move right inside". More and more push in "Mind the doors!" The doors begin to close, the train moves, gaining speed, Faster, faster.

I came out dressed for the cold. Everyone else came out dressed for the cold. It's certainly not cold in here! Phew! I'm getting hotter and hotter, pressed close against, between, among ..... strangers. 99% of them avoid each other's eyes and assume flat expressions on their faces. How often do you stand this close to someone, even of your own family?! - looking into someone's ear, or down the back of their neck? One has to put on a kind of invisible shell to protect oneself.

Two young men are in a corner, joking with each other. "Now I know what a sardine feels like!" "What's the best way to get out? Shall we turn green and foam at the mouth?"

The train lets some off, some on, and hurtles on its way. At last - Victoria! Thank God. two

escalators coming down, only one going up. We shuffle and slide and gradually the mass of humanity, hundreds and hundreds of people under the ground, flow towards the escalator and upwards - up - up - out through the ticket barrier - up move steps and out into daylight.

Right! I'll nip across the station and out on to Buckingham Palace Road by the Cartoon Cinema. That's not as easy as it sounds! Streams of people are coming out from the platforms from the South West. I have to cut across them, trying not to get in anyone's way to hinder them. Everyone is going somewhere, not all coming from the same place, not all going to the same place. Wherever you go you seem to have to cut across someone, somewhere.

You go the opposite way to some, you go the same way as others .....

MARY CONNELLY

#### THEME AND VARIATIONS - CATCHING YOUR ORGANIST IV

If it is agreed that organ voluntaries are normally a 'good thing' then, apart from allowing them to be heard, the congregation need not necessarily play any other part in the matter. However, they may actually want to listen to them and if they do they should, if possible, be helped by the music towards a better appreciation of the theme of the service. In our Church the organist and congregation are fortunately very well served in this regard, for the Minister makes clear the theme of the services well in advance of the day by providing sermon titles and listing the Bible readings and hymns. Sometimes it is possible to make every voluntary and incidental piece during the service relevant to the theme. More frequently, only the occasional piece can be made directly relevant but the organist can nevertheless seek to ensure that all the music is as far as possible consonant with the spirit and mood of the proposed theme for worship. Harvey Grace tells the story of the Anglican organist who, having vowed that during Lent he would play only Bach, launched himself after an intentionally solemn service into a loud and lively jig which the master had turned into one of his most boisterous fugues. Excellent, perhaps for Easter Day, but hardly fulfilling the organist's good intentions!

Dai A Pason



March, 1980No. 310FROM THE VESTRYON THE MARCH

Good Friday - April 4th, and in the morning of that day the Churches of Goring are hoping to join in a Procession of WITNESS. We shall all receive details later on, but please keep Holy Week - 31st March - 6th April, as free as possible for UNITED CHRISTIAN WORK IN GORING. What a happy year this is becoming for us as Christians, with united services of Praise and Healing, and now a prospect of more work to be shared together with friends from our neighbouring churches.

Your prayers are invited for what we hope will become 'growth points' this year: Work among children and young people including many hopes for the future, the Scripture Examination (14th March) and Spring Festival on 18th May. Gift Day at the home of Fay and Douglas Blakey on 3rd May, Family Church Weekend, when a large party of us will be away to pray and think about the life of the Christian in today's world, 7th - 9th March.

God bless you in your Christian Life and may we grow together to God's glory.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPMarriages

Geoffrey Neil Dumbrell  
Susan Irene Collins

26th January

Trevor William Plank  
Roxana Stevens

9th February

"That theirs may be the love which  
knows no ending"

In Memoriam

Hector Clarence Hall

10th January

Lilian Margaret Cuff

1st February

aged 102 yrs

George Gilliat

5th February

"Thee will I love and serve  
 Now in time's passing day;  
 Thy hand shall hold me fast  
 When time is done away,  
 In God's unknown eternal spheres  
 To serve Him through eternal years."

Miss Ella Robertson who is making slow but sure progress, following her accident, has been appointed Publicity and Press Secretary to the Worthing Council of Churches; a work she will do with the zeal and insight that she has given to her many tasks here and in London.

Miss Lilian Harris is still unwell. We do miss her faithful presence - and send blessings and love.

Mrs. C. Emery is now in Highdown Ward in Swandean Hospital. Blessings to you when you read this, and to your husband!

Miss W. Burns continues her progress and to her we send loving thoughts and prayers.

Many friends are in need of our prayers. Do please help us in our ministry of visitation and intercession by using the Prayer Book in the Chapel.

TO READ

"The story of THE WEDNESDAY GROUP" by Sydney Burkinshaw. A must for all men who have any association with St. Martin in the Fields, or with Toc H. A copy is available in the Vestry.

It has come to my notice that one of our Church Members, Dennis Gill, has nearly completed his year of office as Chairman of the Worthing & District Group of the South Eastern Society of Chartered Accountants.

May I take this opportunity of offering him belated congratulations on his appointment.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

How can I thank you all for the visits, flowers, and fruit; For the phone calls, for my growing plant with its many buds still to come, from the Church; for the frequent, happy visits from our Minister during Kit's illness.

All this has meant so very much to us, and above all, for the Prayers and good wishes of you all. That Kit is making progress is a happy sight, but, oh, so very slowly, but continue to pray, won't you? I say for happier times Thank God, and to you all a big Thank You.

J.G.HOLMES

for

L.R. SEXTON

My grateful thanks to The Rev. & Mrs. Connelly, members and many friends, for thinking of me, in sending that beautiful African Violet which I shall care for and cherish for many years. Thank you also, Captain Webb and your splendid Brigade, for my gift, so beautifully done.

May God bless you all and our Church, for many years to come.

Yours affectionately,

EVA PULLINGER

TO - WITHOUT COMMENT

Read Psalm 139 verses 1 - 12 inclusive, for your comfort.

H.G.

BIBLE VERSESSome words of Jesus

Jesus said "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work". John 4:34

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners". Mark 2:17

"Do not be anxious, saying "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well ....." Matt. 6

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free". John 8: 31,32

BIBLE STUDY - MARK

Here are some more questions provided by our Moderator, The Rev. Cyril Franks, who suggests we all should study Mark's Good News, and ask ourselves the following questions:- (see last month's mag. for questions on Chapters 1 - 3).

Chapter 4

- a) What is the best soil available to you in which to plant the seed of the gospel?
- b) Are you putting bowls on lamps?
- c) What don't you believe?

Chapter 5

- a) What has the Lord done for you this year?
- b) What surprises has Jesus given you?
- c) How hard are you trying to "touch" Jesus?

**Chapter 6**

- a) What stops miracles where you are?
- b) What surplus kit are you carrying?
- c) Are you too busy to be alone with Christ?
- d) "How much bread do you have?"
- e) Have you any storms Jesus cannot quell?

If you wish, share your discoveries with our Ministers or with the Moderator, Southern Province Synod Office, U.R.C., Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CRO 5LP.

— — — IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE — — —

ELDERS' ELECTION,  
1980

It will be necessary to arrange for the next Election of Elders to take place at the monthly Church Meeting on 3rd July, 1980.

The Elders who will retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-nomination are:

Mr. D. Blakey  
Mr. R. Countradge  
Mr. C. Nodes  
Mr. R.H. Newell  
Mr. D. Stewart  
Dr. R. Webb

There are therefore six vacancies. Nominations, which should be in writing, signed by the Proposer and Secunder, but not needing the consent of the Nominee, should be in the hands of the Minister or Secretary not later than 31st March, 1980. Each person so nominated will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who have accepted will be announced at the Church Meeting on 1st May, 1980.

It is earnestly hoped that all Church Members will take a prayerful and active part in both the nomination and the voting processes. Ballot papers for those who, for good reason, are unable to attend

the Church Meeting on 3rd July, will be available on application to the Minister or the Secretary. These should be returned prior to the time of the commencement of the Meeting.

R.H. NEWELL

## F I N A N C E

### From the Covenant Secretary

Will all those who covenant their giving to the Church through the Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme, please ensure that contributions are up to date on Sunday, 30th March, if valuable tax relief is not to be lost.

May I thank all covenantors for their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ through this Scheme. Tax refunds received last year amounted to £1250.

RICHARD J. TULEY

### From the Church Treasurer

## THE UNIFIED APPEAL

Our Unified Appeal target for 1980 has been fixed at £1300. This sum is raised in three ways:

- 1) By a weekly contribution included in the F.W.O. envelope,
- 2) By a regular contribution by means of the mauve "Missions" envelopes - a supply of which is available in the Church Vestibule,
- 3) By a contribution from general Church Funds when the totals of 1) and 2) do not reach the target.

It would be a great help if everyone made use of the mauve "Missions" envelope as such a regular contribution would reduce the amount required from General Funds.

Our contribution of £1300 will be used as follows:

P.T.O.



For Mission Work	£666.90	For Concern for	
For Our Churches	£106.60	Society	£18.20
For Ministerial		For the Central	
Training	£41.60	Secretariat	£39.00
For Ecumenical		For Publicity &	
Activities	£23.40	Information	£36.40
For Welfare of the		For the General	
Ministry	£26.00	Assembly	£26.00
For Moderators	£78.00	For the Central	
		Office	£91.00
For Finance & Administration £146.90			

J.D. BLAKEY

REPORT ON RECENT ELDERS' CONFERENCE

At the Elders' Conference held at Shelley Road on 9th February, the reading forming the basis of our study was Romans 12, read with deep understanding by The Rev. C. Charlton who steered the Conference through the day. He left us with much to think about, and much to do in the future. During the reading, I must be forgiven for my mind switching to our Guild Meeting when our two Elders, Miss Green and Mrs. Batchelor, told us of their work, one a nurse, one a Social Worker, both committed Christians using their Gifts "allotted to them by God's grace" for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

"The gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's grace and must be exercised accordingly".

Read ~~Romans~~ Chapter 12. Are you using your gifts?

ETHEL DEARLEY

WORLD CHURCH PAGEU R NICE, CANTUAR

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Runcie, explaining on television recently that his aim would be to represent the broad 'middle-of-the-road' Churchmen, exhibits little enthusiasm for those, as he put it, on the fringes. This seemed reasonable until one realised that it is probably the fringe people who are the most active and know what they stand for (even if misguided in the opinion of some on either side) while the middle-of-the-road people, as in all denominations, include many who don't really stand for anything in particular. The Archbishop has to spread himself very wide to encompass the Anglican Communion; yet it is perhaps unfortunate that the new incumbent should be known mainly for some of his negative views - on the ordination of women and the Methodist Union plan for example. However, all Christians will wish him well and rejoice that he has won his first encounter with the State to ensure that service will be rendered to God on 25th March and that to Caesar deferred to the following day.

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This month there have been enough news items to fill this page ten times over. So I will look only at 3 items from my postbag and simply list the rest as a PS.

1. NOTE FROM H G ON ALCOHOL (FEBRUARY CHRONICLE) - I am glad that H G does not take alcohol - would that all our members were of his mind. He says its misuse is the fault of man. True, but not the whole truth. What about children, H G? Have you not heard of the increasing numbers already 'hooked' on alcohol, usually under the perverse influence of parents, the media, some schools and even the Church? Have we no responsibility towards them?

2. BMS NEWSLETTER FROM FRANK AND DOROTHY VAUGHAN, BMS missionaries in Brazil, who have recently started

a new work in the slum areas of Sao Paulo. The need (in every spiritual and material sense) in that vast city is enormous and the labourers are few. Just one item from Frank's terse letter:—"I was very glad to be able to give a Bible to one of the young women because I know something of her need. Just before Christmas her 5 month old baby died. It had been her first live baby. She had previously lost two. She was desolate. A few of her friends came to the funeral, and her's drove to the other side of Sao Paulo. No connections at all with our Church and no Christian perspective. From her response to the words of Christ I sensed that there may be a new beginning. Today she gladly accepted the Bible and promised to read it."

3. PULPITARY PROCKING FROM CHRISTIAN AND COMPROMISING-CHRISTIAN AID BODIES - concluding, further afield, the following items (column inches):-

- 44c directed against South Africa  
 11b directed against South American states  
 772 directed against Thailand  
 4 concerned refugees from Afghanistan,

with no mention at all as to which states are which politically correct is recognizable from the following list:-

A 4-page plug for an internationally-organized Left-wing magazine.

An 8-page plug for an anti-capitalist organization.

A leastest showing the destruction of CIA funds, many very worthy but including grants towards "civil rights" work in rights-wing countries. It can find no mention of grants toward the African continent.

P.S.

R.F.B.

The Roman Catholic Church's actions against Kuang, South Vietnamese and other Christians.

Have Roman Catholics Church's back on action against the IRA.

The whole Church's lack of reaction regarding Afghanistan.  
 Anti-Christian violence in Israel.  
 Whatever happened to exchanges of pulpits?  
 The Prayer Book and modern revisions.  
 Yet another version of the Bible?  
 The Life of Brian.  
 The Roman Catholic Church's local imposition of a 6-  
 month waiting (or cooling-off) period before marriage.  
 The feminists and 'Our Father'.  
 Women in the Church. etc. etc. R.F.B.

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"Don't they deserve a Home for their Retirement?"

This phrase formed the main heading to the full page advertisement on the back page of the January issue of the "Reform". Should you take Reform but have not seen this advertisement, may I commend it to you. However, should you not be a regular reader, please borrow one and maybe order future issues through Miss Mollie Hawke.

The plight of Retired Ministers, not forgetting of course their widows, must surely be a subject of great concern to us all, particularly in these days of rampant inflation. The problem is greater, no doubt, for those ministers aged 50 and upwards, for they have been very much a part of the "Tied Manse" system. Newer and better systems are now being sought, but many an older minister cannot hope to benefit from it.

Do remember that schemes like Fen Place are falling apart, partly through lack of funds. The advertisement, inter alia, calls for 5,000 Covenants of £10 per year. I know my wife and I are very new members of the Goring Church, but may I be so presumptuous as to say that I feel that a Church of our size should find at least 1% of that number, i.e. 50 Covenants.

It is so easy to say we have so many needs of our own. At the same time, as a former Treasurer some

years ago, of a similar sized Church, I know how frequent are the calls for help. But to paraphrase someone else's words "Never was so much owed by so many to so few".

KEN IRVING

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FROM YOUR PUBLICITY OFFICER

Any meeting depends, for success, upon the ability of its chairman and our last Church Meeting was no exception. In Bill Connelly's absence, Ron Christopher, our Associate Minister, stepped in to fill the gap, and most successfully too. I for one felt privileged to be a witness to the true character and personality of the man. His warmth of character, his love and good humour were stamped upon the meeting and by his leadership the full agenda was disposed of, without one note of discord, in an atmosphere of love.

Matters brought up under "any other business" were similarly dealt with and received the full treatment despite Ron's (tongue in cheek) warning that we could ask as many questions as we liked, but he, as Associate Minister, was unlikely to know the answers!

I am glad that we are blessed with a friend such as Ron, who is ready, willing and able to share the burden and the caring of our Minister. And I trust that in the future we will continue to be blessed in having not one but two Ministers, who look after their flock so lovingly.

You will be pleased to hear that, despite Mr. Blakey's warnings of doom, our income over the past year actually exceeded expenditure by some £300. We should give thanks for Mr. Blakey's service both to the Church and to the Lord and continue in supporting him in prayer. God willing, he will be able next year to don the mantle of 'profit' and saved the embarrassment of forecasting shortfall.

Still on financial matters, the meeting approved the purchase of a new (second hand) car for the Minister.

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CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Spring Session ends 25th March)
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:     The Minister will conduct  
all services

1st	Saturday	10.00h	Choir Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy
2nd	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		18.30h	Divine Worship
3rd	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Leal "Cheeses I have Known"
4th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Members' Afternoon "Any Questions"
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Mr. Robert Elleray, Local Author/Historian "Old Worthing"
		20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
6th	Thursday	20.00h	Bible Study at 20 St. Anselm's Road
9th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
10th	Monday	20.00h	Family Circle "Photographic Competition"

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11th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive & 1 Arun Close
13th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
		20.00h	Bible Study at 20 St. Anselm's Rd,
16th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
18th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "My Middle East & Far East Journey" Radio World Wide, Miss Heather Wraight
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.
23rd	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
25th	Tuesday	19.00h	<del>Girls' Brigade Annual Enrolment</del> Service followed by Refreshments
		20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive & 1 Arun Close
27th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
30th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be Sunday,  
16th March

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It will of course be custom built for the transport of certain "bulky old lady" passengers, (this description not mine) and footweary associate ministers! Those same "bulky old ladies" (they didn't hog the meeting) sought some respite from the repeated upping and downing at the commencement of our services. So by the time this article goes to press the "bulky young ladies" and the rest of us will owe them a debt of gratitude.

Finally, I would like to emphasise the deep and heartfelt thanks expressed to our Elders for their truly wonderful Elders Services a couple of weeks ago. I am sure that we were all greatly blessed that day and look forward to their next service.

I look forward to seeing some new faces at the next meeting, and the opportunity to share with them the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW SMITH

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### WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 9th - 15th Aug.

for anyone over 15 yrs. who wants a stimulating holiday with a World Mission flavour on the theme of:

### "Conflict and the Kingdom"

A few family rooms are available for families with children under 15 yrs. providing the parents accompany the children.

Further details from: Mrs. D. Newell Tel: W. 40086

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### WANTED - STANDARD RATE TAXPAYERS

If any part of your income bears tax at Standard Rate (currently 30%) and you are not covenanting your weekly giving to the Church, then it may be that money is being needlessly wasted. An annual Covenant, for example, of £70 becomes £100 in the hands of the Church Treasurer with no additional cost to the Covenantor.

I shall be happy to give full details of this simple Covenant Scheme to anyone who is interested in stopping waste.

RICHARD J. TULEY  
Covenant Secretary  
1 Arun Close, Worthing  
Tel: 65310

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### MAYBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE -

#### Possibly of Outreach opportunity

For many years now there has been a steady number of boys attending the Maybridge Boys Club in Raleigh Crescent, Goring-by-Sea. It is in an old building which has been the victim of much vandalism. The Club has survived through the help of friends. However, in the light of modern costs, it has become necessary to enlarge the use of these premises in order to pay for the repairs and general upkeep of the building.

THE CURRENT WEEKLY USAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Two nights - Boys Club (Tues & Thurs)
  2. Three Mornings (shortly to become five) Mon.Wed.Fri.  
Pre-School Play Group
  3. One Evening - Teenagers! Disco (Friday)
- THIS LEAVES THE BUILDING EMPTY ALL AFTERNOONS AND 4 NIGHTS (Including Saturday & Sunday all Day)

WE ARE TRYING TO FIND SOME FURTHER USE FOR THIS HALL  
And if we could fill the Building for the full week, we could bring up the standard quite a long way.  
WHAT ABOUT THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST? HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS? Do you live in or near Maybridge - What would you like to see there? The idea of extending this to a Community Centre has already begun. Would you like to help? We need Local Residents to generate ideas - COME ON - NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

Contact - ERIC POPPLESTONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, NEWS

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** The afternoon service will be held on 7th March, 1980 at St. Mary's Church, Goring at 3.00 p.m. The address will be given by Mrs. Mary Holmes, Theme: Responsible Freedom. It is hoped that as many ladies as possible from our Church will support this service.

L. HARRIS

The evening service will be held at 8.00 p.m. in St. Symphorian's Church, Durrington, when the speaker will be Sister Macdon. Ladies who attended the afternoon service may like to join in sharing the evening worship on that day. A Choir will be formed this year, and a practice will take place at 7.30 p.m. in The Vicarage, Bramble Lane. If you would like to take part, you will be most welcome.

G. DENN

G. PETERSON

**FROM THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, GORING**  
about our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1st March in the Church Hall from 10.00 till 12.00 noon. Gifts for the Bring & Buy Stall will be gratefully received, and anything left unsold after 11.15h will be auctioned by Mr. John Cook.

Also, on Palm Sunday morning, 30th March, the Choir will be singing "The Cross of Christ", a Devotion for Choir and Congregation. The work contains a number of hymns, in which the Congregation will be invited to join.

EILEEN FISHER

HILARY REDMAN

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** At the time of going to press we are still uncertain about our proposed visit to the Southdown Works at Portslade on 18th March, but we are hopeful that the necessary arrangements can be made. The list for those wishing to go on a Guided Tour of The Brighton Marina on Tuesday, 20th May, is still open and I shall be glad to receive names as early as

possible. Ladies are also welcome on this occasion.

We are looking forward to Mr. Robert Elleray's illustrated talk on "Old Worthing" on 4th March.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD The Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship were privileged on 5th February in having with them Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, the General Secretary of the Sudan United Mission. We thank him for coming and were particularly interested as nowadays we hear so little of the overseas work of the Church. Mr. Dearsley called his talk "Participating with the Church in Nigeria" and told of the beginning of the S.U.M. and how he was called to serve with the Young Church. He told of the steady growth and spread of the "Good News" and the increase in the number of village communities, and of the joy and excitement when able to send native pastors to start work for God in villages around Lake Chad, on the Nigerian and Chadean side. Lastly, Mr. Dearsley spoke of the chance in all mission work, as the African pastors become the leaders and teachers, helped as they desire, by Europeans, and the happy relationships formed.

Mr. Dearsley showed slides of the Country, the Church, schools, pastors and scholars and had set up a display of maps, books, pictures to encourage us to learn more - a happy, interesting and informative afternoon.

CHRISTIAN AID Amount Collected for February - £39.50  
received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

2nd	Mrs. & Mr. Young
9th	Rev. & Mrs. Christopher
16th	Mrs. R. Bradley
23rd	Mr. & Mrs. Steadman
30th	Mr. P. Turton

APOLOGY I deeply regret the mix-up in the January Chronicle regarding the flowers donated on 17th February. They were donated by Mesdames Barnett and Howard and not as shown. Sincere thanks for £5 received for the FLOWERS FUND for January/February.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

BOYS' BRIGADE

Over the next few weeks we are involved in a number of events which we should like to share with you, and hope for your support. Firstly, on Wed. 5th March at 19.00h we are holding a Film and Coffee Evening. We decided this would be a change from the usual coffee morning and the programme will be as follows: 19.00h Coffee, Stalls, Sideshows etc. in the main Hall and Cornwall Rooms; 20.00h in the East Hall - B.B. Films including the "Pacemakers" and films/slides of Company camps and special events. If you have any films/slides/prints of B.B. events, which would be available to be shown on the evening, we would be glad to borrow them. Tickets for the whole evening (including coffee & biscuits) are available from the Officers or at the door, price 30p.

Then, on Saturday, 15th March, we are holding a Jumble Sale at 14.30h in the Church Hall. If you have any jumble available we would be glad to collect it. (phone '3767 or '2313). Finally, on Wednesday, 2nd April at 19.00h the Junior & Anchor boys are presenting a "Caribbean Evening" at which they will be pleased to see you.

Apart from these events, we are at present involved in final preparation for our week on the Norfolk Broads from 29th March - 5th April. Although there will only be a small group of us going, it will be a week of working for the Seafarers' Badge, as well as a holiday, and means a lot of work for us all. Your prayers for the success of this event will be much appreciated. We are also planning various summer weekend camps and if anyone knows of any suitable local camp sites we would be pleased to hear from you. Finally, let me mention our Display on 17th May (book this date now!) of which there will be further details in next month's magazine. I hope we shall see you at some of these events, and that you will continue to support us in your prayers. May I say how much we have appreciated the interest shown in our work by various friends over the past few weeks.

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GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a super Brigade week we have had! The Explorers nearly walked their legs off going round and round the Church car park, and they certainly exhausted their leader! Everyone of the Juniors kept silent for a full hour and the army of Seniors and Brigaders who cleaned up the Church premises had to be seen to be believed. No excuse for not doing the spring cleaning, Mums - you have some very willing and able daughters - at least, they were that night!! All these events were sponsored and we do say a big "thank you" for all the support you gave us. So far over £100 has come in as a result of this effort and there's yet more to come. We shall use some of this money to pay for the deaf aid scheme which leads me on to an explanation about the recent gift of a microphone. You may well ask "What is wrong with it" or indeed "Where has it gone?" For the second time since it was purchased, it has gone away for repair. Having paid some £450 for this small gadget, we are all very disappointed, for ourselves, for our Chaplains, and of course, for all those of you who were finding it such a boon. Take heart, and along with us, be patient; who knows, by the time you read this, all may be well.

Do please make a note of Tuesday, 25th March, and come along and join us. We shall be holding our Annual Enrolment Service on that night, commencing at 19.00h and this will be followed by a buffet supper. Also on show that night will be a number of posters and poems which were the girls' efforts at a recent District Competition. At the time of writing, the results of the Competition are not yet known, so there may well be a silver cup on display too!

Above all, continue to pray for us. We are growing in numbers and in age too! Young ladies of 14 and over need such special care and we need to be extra loving in our care of them and still keep within the framework of discipline; it's not easy! Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

CATCHING YOUR ORGANIST V - A DIVERSION (OR DIVERTISEMENT)

My attention has been drawn, as they say, to a difficulty arising from the use of voluntaries intended to be meaningful by word association. This is that a single tune may have been used with several different sets of words, so that the 'message' received by one hearer may be very different from that received by his neighbour who is thinking of a different setting. A case in point is the tune 'Picardy' (CP 126). In our book and some others it is used, though most inappropriately as regards both mood and mode, for the hymn 'Sing ye songs the glorious battle'. I first came across that tune linked to a French carol 'Jesus dressed in garb so lowly', which was much more suitable. When I play it however it represents 'let all mortal flesh keep silence' (Songs of Praise 273 and other books) which it fits most aptly.

DAI A PASON

LETTER FROM - Christian Mission to the  
Communist World

Dear Mrs. Tuley,

We express our grateful thanks to you for your valued gift, sent in the form of used postage stamps on behalf of Goring United Reformed Church. Would you kindly convey our sincere thanks to all those friends who helped in the collection of these.

As you probably know one of the ways we take the gospel into Eastern Europe is by sponsoring gospel broadcasts beamed into the various countries. We share with you an extract from a letter from the Soviet Union.

"I am greeting you heartily, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. May the Lord bless and strengthen you in your work. I have already been listening to you for 10 years, and maybe even more than that. I always rush to the radio receiver in order to listen to you. I have been a Christian for 34 years. The Lord found me in Germany, when I was a prisoner there during the war. I suffered much as the enemy attacked me very



often but the Lord strengthened me and has not forgotten me to this day. I am a widow of 79 years of age. My husband went to be with the Lord six years ago. He was very strong in the Lord and preached God's Word faithfully. I always pray for you, dear ones and thank you for your work. How wonderfully the Lord provided for you, being so far away in another country, and yet we here in Russia could listen to you as if you are right here with us.

I always listen to you with much emotion and tears and thank the Lord that He did everything so wonderfully. For some time I've been wanting to write to you and am finally doing so. In one of our churches 45 people repented, accepted the Lord and were baptized. Another group is waiting to be baptized. Also, in the main church many are coming to the Lord. We praise the Lord for all this. Even though ours is a Communist country many did not lose their faith in the Lord our Creator and Saviour. Greetings to all who take part in broadcasting God's Word over the radio. Your sister in Christ."

We praise God for the news of the release of Larisa Zaitseva from labour camp before the expiry of her sentence. She was due to be released in September, 1980. Larisa Zaitseva and her sister Lyudmila were among a group of Baptists tried in November, 1977 for operating an illegal printing press. Lyudmila is presumably still imprisoned. (Keston College).

Thank you for your continued prayer support for these believers. Please continue to uphold them before the throne of grace.

Yours gratefully,

MISS E. DORRINGTON  
Secretary

### HOW THE OTHER HALF PLAYS

Tonight ... Good bye, squalor! Good bye litter, dirt and noise! Put on the fashion tights! Put on a face! Put on the new shoes! Put on the fur coat! Got the tickets? Are you ready? Yes!

There's a car outside - a gleaming grey giant, "Your carriage awaits, madame!" How incongruous it looks - that huge expensive car, standing where skins of builders' rubbish usually stand! How comfortable the seats - how smoothly it runs! A slightly different ride from my jolting mini! The gleaming Saab purrs its way from King's Cross to Clapham Junction, where we pick up the youngest member of the family, who is also turned out in an elegant fashion. "This is better than the mini - better than the Tube too - and for getting back again later!"

We turn back towards the West End, and soon draw up outside one of the most highly rated and expensive hotels in London. Taxis and other cars are bringing many other elegantly dressed people. Thousands of them! What's on? Some special presentation? a ball? Let's go in! "Hello Darling! Glad to see you!" "Hello, Fi-Fi's mum! Pleased to meet you!"

We sit in the lounge for a while, watching the world (mostly the Far East) go by. Sheik ... Prince ... Sir ... We go downstairs to the ballroom - the largest in Europe, I'm told. Candles flicker on hundreds of tables set all around the room. Music is being played from the stage while we find our places. Dinner is served at 8.00 p.m. Delicious food, carefully and lovingly served. Wine is poured - coffee - Music while we eat. Guests of honour? No, we are guests, but a special kind. It's the Hotel Staff Annual Dinner & Dance! The waiter who has looked after us is a servant serving servants and their guests, mainly members of families or friends.

How many nationalities are represented here at the tables? and behind the scenes? Maltese, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Irish, English, Scots, French, Chinese ...

Hundreds of servants enjoying being waited on for a change!

I wander around when the dancing starts - and that's not as easy as it sounds with about two thousand people sitting, dancing or standing in the ballroom. I find the table plan and the list of names of people who have booked the tables. Do these people all work here? Truly? I suppose so - People on shift work to cover twenty-four hours of caring for and serving other people. Just who is here then? Executive Director; China Stores; Night Reception; Banqueting Waiters; Night Porter; Head Night Porter; Enquiries; Banquet Service; Wine Butler, Switchroom; Buying Office; Hair Salon; Paint shop - Retail Manager; Floor Service; T.S.D.; Parcels Office; South Block Valets; Red Bar; Kitchen - Tony Tripe (lovely name!) Piazza; Boiler Room; Services; Tailors Shop; N.Block Night Service; N.Block Waiters; Financial Accounts; S.Block Cloakrooms; Head Waiters; Ballroom; Westminster Suite; Swimming Pool; Food & Beverages Offices; Front Office Cashiers; Reservations; Personnel; Banqueting Kitchen; N.Block Kitchens; Management; Accounts; Credit Control; Accounts & Banquet; Trainee Credit Control; N. Block Maids; Sales; Conference & Banqueting; Banquet electricians; Painters; S.Block Cleaners; S. Block Accounts; Timekeepers; Flats Reception; Loading Bay; N.Block Dispense (Sandwiches etc.) Banquet Cleaners; Carpenters; S.Block Maids; Upholsterers; Linen Room; Services; Wages; Butchery; Restaurant; G.P.O. Engineers; Chef; Security.....!!!!

What a mixture! Family and friends, all having a good time. Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we are not allowed to pass this way - we must be about our business - You in your small corner, and I in mine!

MARY CONNELLY

# **GIFT DAY & coffee morning**

**When? - May 3rd**

**Where? - 25 MARSHALL AVENUE**  
home of Fay & Doug Blakey

ask the Minister- or any steward- if you  
require transport

**Why? SEE NEXT MONTH'S CHRONICLE**

**STOP PRESS** We take this opportunity to thank all our many friends for the congratulatory cards, telegrams, telephone messages and flowers we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15th February. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Connelly, the Choir, Girls' Brigade, Women's Guild, Geraldine Green and John & Edie Beckerton, John & Vi Beamish and Dorothy Turner.

We were overwhelmed with all your kind wishes and wishes in making this a most memorable day. Thank you all for your gifts.

No. 321APRIL, 1980FROM THE VESTRYEASTER IS LIFE

The world itself keeps Easter Day,  
Saint Joseph's star is beaming;  
Saint Alice has her primrose gay,  
Saint George's bells are gleaming:

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The Lord hath risen, as all things tell:  
Good Christians, see ye rise as well,  
Hosanna in excelsis!

The world which Christ has made must testify in beauty and faithfulness to the Creator – and Spring returning to bless the earth is a happy witness to Him who is Resurrection and Life. And yet, we do not begin our Easter praise nor live risen lives to God's glory by the truth of Spring. Mary in the Garden was no more comforted by the dawn chorus and sights and scents of Spring, than were those on the road to Emmaus cheered by the setting sun!

How unwise we should be to take the words of sentimental poems and songs with their insistence upon "man's natural religious instinct" as representing more than a yearning for God. And we are not saved by yearnings, religious feelings or vague hopings.

The Easter word speaks clearly to us today when we are taught and blessed in the Holy Spirit. The Word declares that Jesus Christ, crucified, dead and buried at a fixed point in the world's history, has also been raised from the dead at a point in history which has become the growth point of His Risen Life in the world and beyond it.

Easter is a celebration, not only of life in the world, but more importantly, of Life in Christ in whom the world of your life, in earth and heaven, is raised from the dead to celebrate the Living Lord.

Every blessing at Easter,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

### BAPTISMS

Steven David MADDOCKS	
Sadie Jane MADDOCKS	24.2.80
Gillian Rosina HARD	2.3.80

"baptising them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit".

### IN MEMORIAM

Caroline WEST	10.2.80
Dorothy HOWARD	13.2.80
Elsie MEREDew	13.2.80
Betty GRAYSON	15.2.80
Norman CUMMING	21.2.80
Alice VINES	23.2.80
Arthur BENTLEY	4.3.80

Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

We pray God's blessing upon all who have been bereaved. May they have the comfort of Christ in their hearts and homes.

Do please remember the book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel. The name of your loved one will gladly be inscribed at no charge to the bereaved. Enquiries to Mrs. H. Redman or to the Minister.

Miss Lilah Harris continues to make good progress and we hope soon to have her among us again. Mrs. Muriel Hurt's progress is slower than we should have liked. Mr. B. Grewcock is recovering slowly from illness and we are glad to see Mr. & Mrs. F. Lock

looking better. Mr. Harry King is home after treatment in Hospital, whilst Charles Hunt is also making good progress. Friends in hospital include Mary Lambourne and Miss W. Burns. Mr. John Beckerton has recently returned home and we give thanks for his quick recovery.

To all who are sick, troubled or distressed we send blessings in Jesu's Name. Do please let us have names of the sick for the Ministry of Healing, and for flowers and visitations.

BEWARE! Two more lady drivers on our roads - Anita Luckin passed her Motor-Cycle test in February and Valerie passed her Car test in March. CONGRATULATIONS!

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#### THE LATE MRS. BETTY GRAYSON

On behalf of Monday Evening Fellowship I will try my best to write an adequate appreciation of the life of Betty Grayson, which is well nigh impossible for one member of the Monday Evening Fellowship, by whom she was held in high regard, and of which she was one of the earlier members.

Betty was one of the friendliest, kindest women I have ever met. My first thought when learning of her sudden passing was that I am glad I live in this area and had met her. She was always so concerned for and asked after the welfare of my relations, so interested in people.

Inclosing, my love and sympathy go out to Carol and her brother and their families, and to say that the little bunch of snowdrops and violets at Betty's Service were a touch that she would have so appreciated, and acknowledged with her pretty smile.

AUDREY STEWART



The joy of the Lord was her strength, expressed in her ever-present smile, in her love and caring for her family and in her willingness to be involved in the life of the Church and especially in Monday Evening Fellowship. She was always ready to lend a helping hand, to welcome the stranger and to give a word of encouragement.

In the last years of her life, Betty sought and found a deeper faith, she experienced the abundance of life which Christ offers to each one of us and her joy in Him was obvious to all. In weakness, Betty found a new strength and courage and experienced through faith, the peace of God in her heart. May her family and all who mourn, be comforted in the knowledge that Betty is with her Lord.

For Betty, Jesus was the Way. In Him she found the Truth. And now He is her Life. HALLELUJAH!

IRENE TULEY

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our thanks to all friends in the Church for their letters and prayers at this sad time, following the loss of a loving Mum who is now at peace, in the care of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CAROL & STEVE WEBBER

I should like to thank the Rev. Connolly for his card, letter and a visit to Southlands Hospital to visit Charles after his operation. Also, Mr. Goodchild for his card from The Men's Fellowship with good wishes, and also his visit to Southlands Hospital. Also Mrs. Dorothy Turner for her visit to us on Charles' return home with her lovely flowers. Many thanks also to The Girls' Brigade for their card and loving wishes. We were both touched by all this kindness, which we will never forget. God bless you all.

IRENE & CHARLES HUNT

Once again we give grateful thanks to you all for the flowers, 'phone calls and good wishes during my husband's recent illness, and for the visits, etc. from our Minister. We always seem to be saying 'thank you', but it comes from our hearts. He is making slow but steady progress, and I'm sure the Spring will put a lightness into his heart once again.

KAY & ERNEST NOWELL

My sincere thanks to our Minister, members and friends, for all your prayers, kind enquiries and flowers, following my spell in hospital. I give thanks for a loving and caring Church Fellowship. Sincerely,

HARRY KING

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# LONDON CHILDREN

Since hearing from Mary Connelly of the conditions in which the pupils in her school live, I have wondered if we as a Church could give some of these children an opportunity to spend a weekend in the countryside.

Maybe, if several families could open their homes to one or two children for a weekend, we could take them into the countryside or on the beach, on Friday evening and Saturday, and possibly make the Sunday a day to come together for dinner and/or tea, plus entertainment on the Church premises.

If anyone is interested in this idea, maybe you would kindly get in touch with me, so that we may share our ideas, and if possible put them into action.

ROBIN BRADLEY

# **GIFT DAY & coffee morning**

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## **Where? - 25 MARSHALL AVENUE** home of Fay & Doug Blakey

ask the Minister- or any steward - if you  
require transport

## **Why?** ..... TO RAISE £1650 TO COVER THE COST OF REPLACING THE Church Car USED BY THE MINISTER

This amount will refund that taken from Reserves  
to complete the purchase.

Any extra donated will help to balance our budget  
at the end of the year.

COME ALONG BETWEEN 10.00h and 12.30h

EASTERSt. Mark 16: 1-8He is risen, He is not here

Where was He? Certainly not in the tomb, dead and decaying. He seemed to be everywhere, from the stories which have come down to us.

He appeared many times between the Resurrection and the Ascension and no one who saw Him doubted who it was. Recall the seashore breakfast and the conversation with Peter ending with His command to "feed my sheep". Or, remember that room where Thomas and the others were, debating over the truth of His resurrection; then our Lord appearing, leaving them with only one conclusion: My Lord and My God. Or, take a look at that walk to Emmaus with the two who recognised Him at last, but only in the familiar act of breaking bread.

No, He was not in a tomb, He was not in any geographical place, He was with them as a divine indwelling, an assurance of God's continued presence on earth in men, a never-failing source of power and life. This conviction was strong and unshakable, and persisted long after the exciting and thrilling fifty days when the miracle of His victory over death was taking possession of the disciples. Indeed, every generation of Christians has shared this conviction and borne witness to the truth of it by showing forth His life in their lives, and continuing a real and blessed intercourse through prayer and sacrament with Him who is the object of their faith - and ours.

Glory be to the risen Son, who is our Saviour  
and Lord.

JOHN BEAMISH

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Perhaps you thought from my previous reports that the Church Meetings have become too light-hearted. I do not consider that to be the case, for, as I have tried to convey, I believe that we have at those meetings experienced the presence and guidance of the Spirit.

This last meeting was no exception in that we were again Spirit led but this time, with the emphasis on matters spiritual, levity took something of a back seat. There was the matter of a new initiative to cater for the Youth of our Church in which Chris Chatfield and Paul Archer have been instrumental in starting a new group which will meet on Sunday Evenings. There was also the Church Family Weekend at Fittleworth. Our concern for the Youth and our hope that the Church Family as a whole, will benefit from the aforementioned initiative, and also from the Church Family Weekend - where we will all be represented in Spirit - called for earnest prayer, prayers offered up by individual members - as the Spirit led them.

The praise in song was of great blessing. We sang no less than 5 Hymns, all of them selected by the floor.

It was specially significant that 'Onward Christian Soldiers' was among those selected as the Minister's reading for the evening was from Ephesians 6 "The Armour of God", and also in view of our planned procession on Good Friday. There must be a message there (and in Edward Symonds' reference to Prayer Warrior's during his prayer at a recent Sunday Morning Service?).

It is as my heading indicates, important to be earnest as Christians; earnest in prayer; earnest in praise; earnest in living. And it is good that the Lord should remind us of this.

I trust that I have not laboured the earnestness of our prayer and praise, indeed I make no apologies for doing so. But I would not want you to think that we were sombre in our praise. True praise can only be offered up with joy.

There was, of course, some light humour - it being said that Chris Chatfield was "in danger" of attending a Synod meeting with Ron Christopher alone - a fate worse than death? There was love

and there was fellowship. I wonder how we will be led at our next meeting!

Your Publicity Officer

### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### BISHOPS' RIGHT

Having frequently deplored the Church's failure to stand up and be counted, I must commend two recent examples of episcopal forthrightness:-

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Liverpool have come down firmly in favour of the boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games. Quite apart from the Afghanistan issue, the recently intensified campaign of arrests and deportations of all sorts of dissidents as an advance preparation for the Games is surely sufficient reason for all but the most blind 'sports' fanatics to stay away.

The Bishop of Mashonaland, in Rhodesia, has described the outcome of the elections there as the obvious result of voting influenced by terrorist threat. Not that large numbers of voters were physically intimidated on the way to the polling station; but hundreds of thousands realised that only by giving Mugabe and his terrorists power would they bring about an end to the war, since they thought that if he were to be defeated in the election he would have continued the armed struggle. Essentially, a whole nation gave way to armed threat just as families and nations sometimes have to give in to kidnappers and hi-jackers.

#### KINGS' DEFENCE - HEREDITY (1)

One of the human aspirations that is so universal as to suggest that it may be God-given is the desire to see one's children do well in life. Whatever else may be said for or against this desire, it takes but little thought to realise that it is the antithesis of egalitarianism - and of any political theory based on concepts of equality. Hereditary privilege is found equally in monarchies and Fleet-Street print-workers' families - unfair to outsiders perhaps but

a privilege which can hardly be attacked without tending to undermine the stability of the family unit which Christianity and indeed most religions hold in high esteem. In many cases of course burdens and duties are passed on from generation to generation as well as privilege or wealth.

The Church can only be ambivalent in this area. For the early Church fell quickly into the temptation to baptise its members' children earlier and earlier in life until Infant Baptism became almost universal. In recent times the same tendency has been observable in many of the evangelical sects which claim to practise only Believers' Baptism - the Acceptable age for 'decision' has been steadily reduced for the children of keen adherents. Although this is somewhat inconsistent with their profession and may occasionally limit their witness it is an easily understandable error and one, I am sure, that is readily forgiven by a loving Father.

#### FOOLS MATE - HEREDITY (2)

I have not yet overcome my sense of horror at the news that attempts are being made to produce super-brained children by A.I.D., using Nobel prizewinners as donors. Does more need to be said than that surely there must be universal Christian abhorrence of such genetical tinkering?

R.F.B.

R.F.B.'s opinions on the use of alcohol would perhaps gain more misguided support if allowed to go unchallenged. The misuse of anything is the fault of man and therefore it is the man who is to be reformed, i.e. change his beliefs, his opinions, by so doing misuse is nullified. Man is never reformed by force, never reformed by restricting access to the thing he loves. Witness Christians in Communist countries, prohibition in America, to concentrate on changing the man is what Christianity is about! or is it relieving him of temptation? God has no interest or knowledge of the products of mankind. He loves the man, our



responsibility toward children is through the man, not through what man produces.

What a weak, ineffective lot we should be were we never tempted. R.F.B's state of mind is indicative of the state of the nation. Too much Welfare State, not enough individual responsibility!

H.G.

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### CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND

It is perhaps appropriate that I have been asked to write about the Church Family Weekend at Fittleworth held from 7th - 9th March, since I had no intention of going (not 'my scene' I thought) until at the last minute I decided to join friends who were booked to go and took what was by then the one remaining vacancy.

The party included Mr. & Mrs. Connelly, some comparatively new Church members and some long-standing members, adults and children (9 of them) ranging in age from 4 years to 80 plus, and we were comfortable, warm and well fed at the delightful Old Rectory, now a conference centre. Outside, even in winter, the garden and countryside made peaceful and lovely surroundings in which to relax.

Those among us who helped in special ways would not wish to be singled out for thanks, but it must be said that the children were well catered for by Mr. & Mrs. Connelly and while the adults were in conference were kept so happily busy that their presence in the house was unobtrusive. At other times they joined the adult company and made a great contribution to the weekend programme, playing their instruments, singing and miming, and on at least one occasion, adding their own prayers to ours. It was a delight to have them with us and it was obvious that they were enjoying this new experience. The quality of the handwork done under Mrs. Connelly's tuition was quite outstanding.

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## CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Summer Session begins 15.4.80)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Little Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES: The Minister will conduct  
all services

1st Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild ) Joint Easter
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship) Meeting
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.
4th Good Friday	10.30h	Family Service followed by Procession to St. Mary's Parish Church, Goring
6th Easter Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
8th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive and 1 Arun Close
10th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	19.30h	Church Meeting
13th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

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16th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "My Special Treasure" Members' Afternoon
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - A.G.M.
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.
17th Thursday	19.30h	Girls' Brigade JUMBLE SALE
20th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and The Ministry of Healing
21st Monday	20.00h	Family Circle "Entertainment by St. Mary's Players"
22nd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive and 1 Arun Close
24th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
27th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
28th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship "Norway" - Mrs. D. Turner
29th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild A.G.M.
1st Thursday May	19.30h	Church Meeting

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be by  
Sunday, 13th April

For the adults the main activity was the study of the subject "Faith & Action for a New Decade", based on the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians. It took very little time for us to appreciate that in the Rev. Richard Tucker of Lindfield U.R.C. we had a sound and helpful leader, whose profound thought and practical illustrations as he unfolded the subject in a relaxed and easy manner, would inspire our study.

Under his guidance we first looked at the sort of world we could expect to live in for the next decade and though asked to look for the good, the bad and the indifferent, in our assessment of the conditions likely to prevail, problems seemed to predominate - and the list was a long one. In these conditions what was the foundation of our faith? Does Christianity have the answers or are other religions equally valuable? Is Jesus merely one among a number of religious teachers of equal worth or are we right as Christians to claim that Jesus is unique? Whilst all the great world religions look to God and worship Him as the Supreme Being, only Christians think of Him as Father, uniquely revealed in Jesus the Son by the work of the Holy Spirit. The trinity is the essential foundation of our faith, and for the Christian Jesus is unique.

Following on, we considered the effect of our faith on personal relationships and family life, looking at the 3rd chapter of the Epistle. Paul wrote having in mind the conditions of life in Colossae in his day but it remains true for us that our Christian faith should be made known to others by our attitudes to the things of our daily life and to the people we meet. Within the family of the Church we should be ready to greet each other with a blessing.

Finally, we studied, first in groups and later together, the objectives of the U.R.C. as recently re-stated and related these to the needs of our own Church.

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Limitation of space makes it impossible to convey adequately the depth of thought which Mr. Tucker brought to our studies and the impact which they had on those who shared them. Nor is it possible to convey in words the spirit which prevailed in our final act of worship in a simple and moving service of Holy Communion held on Sunday afternoon.

Was the weekend a success? It was indeed an unforgettable experience for those who were fortunate enough to be there. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Kimber whose organisation made the whole thing run so smoothly and to all who helped in various ways. To Mr. Tucker we owe special thanks and above all we thank God whose presence was so manifestly with us.

ETHEL GILBY

### THE OLD RECTORY

The Old Rectory in Fittleworth is peaceful, playful and relaxing. The people in the Old Rectory are friendly with happy and playful children, with very nice meals. The breakfast was - cornflakes, egg and bacon and hot buns. A lovely peaceful garden with two nice tree houses. - MICHAEL PICKLES

aged 8

I liked it so much I didn't want to leave. I liked the singing best. I liked playing with Elizabeth Bond and we had great fun together. I want to go again next year and share a bedroom with Elizabeth. We sang a song:

Little bird I have heard  
What a merry song you sing  
Soaring high to the sky  
On your tiny wing.

Jesus' Little ones are we  
And He loves us you and me  
As we share in His care  
We must happy be.

SARAH TULEY

aged 7

### FITTLEWORTH - A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

I shall leave it to others to describe more fully what took place at the Family Church Weekend last month. My own experience was an unexpected one ....

When we went to Fittleworth I was 8½ months pregnant, and knew I would be unable to take part in all the activities. The weekend programme was very full, and I should have to miss some items in order to fit in my daily rest. What I couldn't foresee was the effect this would have on me!

With others, I had shared in planning and praying for the weekend, and we were expecting the Holy Spirit to move among us. But His ways are unpredictable, sometimes surprising or disturbing us rather than bringing the traditional comfort and peace we expect. It was not during the meetings that I was affected, but in between times when I had to be apart and rest.

On the Saturday I reluctantly decided to forgo the Family Party in the late afternoon, as I wanted to be there for the evening meeting. (Tiredness would not allow me to attend both). Our bedroom was directly above the large lounge where all main meetings took place. As I lay there, I could hear the sound of the piano and voices singing and laughing together, and a feeling of great distress came over me. I was reliving painful feelings from the past, when as a child and young person I had been too fearful and self-conscious to join in the fun of other people, yet had desperately longed to be part of the group. That awful feeling of missing out while everyone else is together, having fun; I felt acutely isolated. I found myself consciously wishing I could become a child again and grow up more freely than I had, able to join in happily with others.

Have you ever noticed how much more open a child is to fun and happiness, and also to disappointments and pain? This openness is the very capacity we try to lose or cover up as we grow older. We attempt to protect ourselves from our more overwhelming feelings. We put up strong defences so that other people shall not touch or see them. We don't permit ourselves to laugh or cry as easily as a child would. What I learned that weekend, was that I had to be as a child, be with them as one of them, leaving aside all adult pretensions and pretences. With the adults, I was to stop worrying about what they thought of me, or indeed about what they thought I might think of them! In other words, to stop attempting to live out other people's expectations, and to give up all "humbug". May I encourage others to do the same.

"Jesus said, Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God. Truly, I say unto you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it". Luke 19 v. 16-17.

JANET KNOWLES

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

It's Spring! Have you started 'cleaning and turning out'? If so, do please remember our Jumble Sale on Thursday, 17th April at 6.30 p.m. If you have anything for collection, please ring 40546, 43660, 40955 or 41761 and someone will call.

It's hard to believe our first session of 1980 has already passed but what a good start to the year - 1st and 4th in the District Poster Competition, joint 1st in the District Poem Competition and a photo and write-up in the local paper, thanks to Matthew Smith. We only managed 5th place in the District Drill Competition (so we won't talk about that!)



Thank you for your many contributions of used Christmas cards, foil, wool etc. These are all being put to good use and many more items for our Bazaar are taking shape. On Saturday, 3rd May 50 of us will be going to the Girls' Brigade Rally at The Royal Albert Hall in London, and we are delighted that The Rev. R. Christopher is joining us. We shall think of you (it is also Gift Day) and we hope you'll think of us too and that the weather will be kind to all of us.

Easter is a time of hope and joy and cheer - we wish you all of these.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

### REPORTS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FLOWERS FOR APRIL

6th Miss I Wingrove,  
Women's Guild,  
Girls' Brigade  
& Flower Fund

20th Mrs. Reavley

27th Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone

13th Miss F. Wharhirst

THE FLOWER FUND Sincere thanks for £15.20 received during February/March.

EASTER FESTIVAL If you would like to help arrange flowers on Saturday morning, 5th April, in readiness for East Sunday please let me know.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

Tel: 43843

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CHRISTIAN AID Amount collected for March £7.10  
received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

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FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY Our grateful thanks to the many friends who supported our Coffee Morning, resulting in the receipt of £135 to add to the New Choir Fund. This sum exceeded our wildest hopes and will be a great boost to the Fund, as well as being an encouragement to all the Choir.

Following our A.G.M. on 5th March, there are two new Choir Officers, Mrs. B. Barnett having succeeded Mr. G. Fleming as Librarian, and Mrs. C. Hunt in place of Miss G. Green as Wardrobe Mistress. We record our thanks to the retiring officers and to Mr. Cook from the Committee. Mr. Fleming has been Librarian for 13 years; his retirement is indeed well-earned. Mrs. H. Redman will continue as Acting Choirmaster.

EILEEN FISHER  
Choir Secretary

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FAMILY CIRCLE The next Meeting of the Family Circle will be held on Monday, 21st April, when the St. Mary's Players are presenting a short Passion Play - "On the Hill" by Edward Murch. During the first part of the evening it is proposed to hold a "Ten most Popular Hymns" survey, members of the congregation having previously submitted their 5 favourite hymns, from which the top 10 will be selected. A voting slip will be inserted in the Order of Service on the two preceding Sundays. Do please complete this and place in the box which will be found in the vestibule.

MOLLIE HAWKE  
Secretary

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP As expected, the illustrated talk on Old Worthing by Mr. Robert Elleray on 4th March proved most interesting and stirred up memories in those members who knew Worthing earlier in the century. Our proposed visit on 18th had to be cancelled but we were extremely grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Reg Hobbs for stepping in to show us slides with commentary on "Portugal".

Our April programme is as shown in the Calendar and members are invited to submit to me nominations for Officers and Committee for election at the A.G.M. on 15th April, when once again we shall look forward to hearing a talk by our President, Bill Connelly.

REG GOODCHILD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP A varied Spring Programme has so far brought us a challenging talk by the Minister on "Christians in a Naughty World" and an insight into the work of the Voluntary Services, provided by our own Sylvia Bachelor.

Our members evening was dual purpose in that we ran a successful Bring & Buy Stall for fund-raising, also our members brought along examples of their creative hobby skills. Our other two meetings to date were most interesting but also a bit smelly! The first being a visit to Beechams and the second a talk by Mr. Leal from Warwick St. on Cheeses!:

By the time this report goes to press we will have enjoyed a talk from Miss Heather Wraight on Radio Worldwide; we look forward to hearing all about her work since she was last with us. We have more interesting evenings lined up for the Summer Session, and I should be glad to give anyone interested a copy of our Summer Programme.

WILNA SMITH  
Secretary

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WOMEN'S GUILD Many happy memories of places visited on holiday were experienced by members on 19th February, when Dorothy Turner took us "Round Britain" with a grand selection of slides. We worked in groups guessing where but no one group got all the right answers! This was an extension of a service of Praise opened with singing and selected readings by our Vice-President, Mrs. Cozens-Walker. On 4th March for our afternoon of "Any Questions", she kept the panel of speakers: Madames Calsteren, Knight, Dearsley and Turner, strictly to answering the questions given. Questions were varied and the answers truly revealing!!

"Were you there" is the theme of our combined Easter Service on 1st April, to which you are all invited. This afternoon will be our preparation for Easter. On 15th April, members are asked to bring along their treasures and share their stories. The A.G.M. is on 20th April; do please think about

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this and let me have names of members for next year's Committee in advance of this meeting.

ETHEL DEARSLEY  
Secretary

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THE LEPROSY MISSION The Annual General Meeting of the Worthing Branch will be held on Friday, 25th April at 2.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church Hall. An illustrated talk entitled "Asian Journey" will be given by The Rev. Ian Mundie, The Leprosy Mission's S.E. Area Organiser. There will also be stalls of cakes and fancy goods.

F. FREEMAN  
Hon. Sec.

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SPORTS AND POLITICS - A 20th CENTURY PARABLE

After a week of the usual running and jumping etc., what with the customary over-exposure by the media, the International Games being held at Jerusalem were getting rather boring. The politicians were anxious not to lose the international kudos which they had calculated would accrue from their staging the Games. So they livened things up a bit by producing a real live prisoner to serve as a target for the shot-putters and javelin-throwers to aim at - a fanatical fellow called Stephen who had been an adherent of a revolutionary sect whose leader had been executed a year or two previously. The contestants' aim was not too good at first and the fellow took rather a long time to die: but die he did. Some people thought the whole procedure was a bit unfare and contrary to sportsmanship. But many of the athletes and most of the sports administrators thought that it had enlivened the sport no end - although they were anxious to stress that they were in no way making any political judgment on Stephen's views.

CAPRICORN

BOYS' BRIGADE

Praise the Lord for the way He is moving in our Company! We are seeing prayers answered. Our numbers are slowly increasing and we have had several offers from people willing to help us in our work. The Band is increasing by 60th Anniversary, and in the standard

and we hope to have it 'on the road' soon. Many thanks to all those who supported our recent coffee and film evening (£56 raised) and our jumble sale (£65 raised), and also the many friends who have supported us in prayer. May I ask you to particularly remember us during the B.B. Week of Prayer from Tuesday 15th to Tuesday 22nd April, during which time you are invited to share in prayer with the Officers each evening in the Chapel from 7-7.30 p.m.

May I also draw your attention to the fundraising scheme we have embarked upon in conjunction with 'Webb Ivory' gifts. These gift catalogues are available from the Officers and 25% of the cost of goods ordered goes to B.B. funds. We hope some of you will like to support us in this way.

Preparations for our Display on 17th May are now in progress, and we can promise this will be a worthwhile occasion. Please book the date now at Durrington High School (Boulevard Hall) at 7.30.p.m. Finally, may I mention our own Company Magazine, of which the next issue will soon be available in spite of an absence of several months. Further details of our Company work are available here and we hope all friends will take a copy. May God bless you all,

CHRIS CHATFIELD  
Company Section  
Officer in Charge

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

"Do you have a copy of the Church Handbook? If so, will you please check it now and make sure that you have our correct telephone number - Worthing 32807. Although a note was issued in a copy of the Chronicle last year, I have learnt that calls are still being made to the wrong number. This is a particular nuisance and annoyance to the poor lady concerned, whom I have recently met, and who tells me that she is still receiving two or three calls a week meant for us!

JEAN & EDWARD SYMONS".

FIRE DOWN BELOW!

Did I have a nice rest at half-term? You must be joking! True, I spent the week with my son and his wife, but working – and (more or less) at headquarters. Headquarters? You know – U.R.C. Tavistock Place-type H.Q.? Well, probably the nearest to H.Q. we'll ever get! We were further behind, down Wakefield Street and 'below stairs' in a rather dark basement church hall, and there, James, Jane and I spent one of the most exhausting weeks of our lives – and I've had plenty!

We set off for work in the mornings full of good cheer and good resolves, breathing the relatively clean morning air of Kings Cross. Did 'THEY' see us going by I wonder? We were running the section of 'Play Scheme' organised by the Kings Cross Community Centre for under 7's, Youth and Child Action Group – to take care of the children of the area during the school holidays – those whose parents cannot or will not take care of them at home. At school during term time these are the children who are looked after until 5.30 p.m. either on school premises or at 'play club' near by.

We prepared the room with paints, books, toys of all kinds and tried to get ready – but we nearly always had to say 'It's not time yet, we'll tell you when to come in'. We were told by the organiser not to be lenient and let them in earlier than the specified time. We arrived at 7.30 a.m. – some of them would be there! In they would come and the day's torture would begin! "Ello, Mrs. Connelly" – and more than half the children are from our school!

I wonder if the noise penetrated the 'higher regions' – did anyone wonder what was going on down there? Did anyone see James racing up the road to catch Hwang when he ran away because he was not allowed to monopolise the new toys. Hwang is a Vietnamese who escaped with his father in a boat, eventually arriving in London. His father is crippled

with polio, but has been found a job (does not speak English). Mother still may be in Vietnam, or may have escaped and be somewhere else in the world. No-one knows. Hwang, unfortunately has been rather spoiled by the sympathetic people along the way through refugee camps etc; and now we have great difficulty in controlling him enough to be with other children. In escaping, he gained too much freedom. Now he has to learn that freedom means restriction and some discipline in order to remain free!

We painted, modelled, baked jam tarts, cakes, made masks and necklaces, played games. We tried to take them out to a little park every afternoon for some fresh air and a change. Horrors! "Look at these flowers I found!" (The few snowdrops and crocuses growing in the little gardens disappeared home in hot crubby hands!)

I should have written this at the time - I should have kept a diary - but we were too exhausted each evening to do any more than collapse and moan! (Did 'THEY' see us homeward plodding our weary way?)

Looking back, James said the thing that stands out most in his mind about the children was the constant noise - those children can rarely speak, they usually shout; the selfishness, possessiveness, pushing, shoving, grabbing; the constant need to watch and arbitrate and separate - this because they cannot accept rules, cannot understand why or how they should share toys and time - perhaps they cannot listen - they certainly never remember! Anarchy? Mob rule? There are always ones who are taking over; always ones who are wanting to be first, or wanting what others have; ones who barely do as they are asked, who always want (and more often than not, get) their own way.

Listening to the news the other night I pondered upon our children. They have a spark, there's energy, there's fire. But in 75% there's also lack of love, dissatisfaction, unrest - explosive material. Will



they go on to be like those at Neasden Station, who smashed up a train and injured passengers and driver, seemingly unable to stop themselves - some of them no older than 12 years!!

I've been asked - will I run the Play Scheme again during the next holidays - or at least some other holiday time during the year? Will I? Can I? What am I able to do? We must teach them better ways, but will we be able to do any more than contain them? Can we do more than just cope? We must!

But, Oh dear! I sometimes think the alternative interpretation of "Be not weary in well-doing" might possibly be "Be not absolutely worn-out in well-doing in order to do more"!

And those canny characters in the story of the Good Samaritan who passed by on the other side - they knew what they were up to all right!

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MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS

HAYWARD HOUSE

A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 19th April in aid of Hayward House, in the Church Hall from 10.00 - noon. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and Stationery with Birthday cards, notelets etc. All will be welcome.

HAYWARD HOUSE  
Committee

FROM THE VESTRY

And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

A 15th Century prayer in praise of the Holy Spirit led to a consideration of some of the hymns we sing at Whitsuntide.... or Pentecost! In the section "The Holy Spirit" in Congregational Praise, there are of twenty one hymns, seven whose origins go back beyond five hundred years or more - only two or three that belong to the 18th century evangelical movement. The Watts/Wesley hymns are little in evidence - though Isaac Watts' hymns on The Trinity, 220 C.P., is equally at home in the section on The Holy Spirit. The remainder are mainly from Victorian times.

Does not this indicate to us, at least in some way, the need to sing hymns in praise of God The Holy Spirit set to words and music of our own age and experience?

How interesting it would be to publish in the Chronicle your own thoughts or hymns on The Holy Spirit! Please send any suggestions to me, and since we shall very soon be starting a series of sermons on The Holy Spirit, how helpful and useful too in including them in our worship.

Easter was a time of great joy. Do you know that there were more communicants on the day than on any other occasion within the recorded life of the Church?

Thank you all for your work of beauty and care for others in flowers and gifts especially for the elderly and sick among us.

Now on to ASCENSION, 15th May, with Holy Communion in the Little Chapel at 10.00h. and Whitsunday, and more praise and gifts and fruit.

Blessings & love,  
WILLIAM CONNELLY

### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Welcome to the new-born sons of MARK & JANET OAKES  
and of ROBIN AND JANET KNOWLES

May they bring great happiness to us all.

Congratulations to Alison Rhoda Batchelor &  
Paul Ian Sopp on their recent  
engagement.

May God bless them as they look forward to their  
life together.

### MARRIAGES

Geoffrey Alan BUNCE	29.3.80
Lorraine Anne LAW	
Gary Andrew KENWARD	
Pauline Elaine CHERRY	29.3.80

### IN MEMORIAM

Eveline HARDING	17.3.80
Wallace Francis DOYLE	19.3.80
Frederick Charles DELL	27.3.80

we think especially of John Rathbone in Sidmouth  
(once organist of this Church) on his recent  
bereavement. Paddy died on 2nd April, 1980.

"In heavenly love abiding"

EVELINE HARDING

A poet, whose words expressed her loving faith in Christ, was how the Minister described Eveline at her funeral service. Two of her own published poems were read and have since been heard in Church. We give thanks to God for one of his servants, through whose gracious gifts our own lives have been blessed and enriched.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between

Christopher David BRANN and  
Margaret Elaine BUNKER at Central  
Free Church, Brighton at 14.30h on 19th April.  
To Chris and Margaret we send our love, congratula-  
tions and blessings.

THE FAMILY AT PRAYER for

Vi Beamish, Muriel Hurt, Bill Searle, Don Stewart,  
Charles Connolly, Bert Grewcock; And all friends  
at home or in hospital we praise God for the Minisry  
of Healing within Church and Community. Become  
part of it in your love and care for others. Do  
please use the Request for Prayers Book.

JUNIOR CHURCH - COME & JOIN US

Please make a big note in your diaries for  
yourselves, family and friends that Sunday 18th  
May is our May Festival. The morning service will  
be led by Junior Church who will take us appropriate-  
ly through the life of Robert Raikes. It was 200  
years ago that he followed the calling of the Holy  
Spirit to set up the first Sunday School. Through  
his obedience to God's will, we have today Junior  
Churches fulfilling this vision that was given to  
Robert Raikes.

The shortened evening service will be followed  
at about 19.30h by a film called "The Power of the  
Resurrection". We will see the apostle Peter in  
Prison in his old age reassuring a young man by  
telling him the story of his own faith.

The film will be followed by refreshments and fellowship, the evening to end at about 21.00h.

We hope that this will be an opportunity for new friends to join our Church fellowship.

JUNIOR CHURCH  
Secretary

### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

#### New Members

- \* Mrs. Mary HARRIS, 58 The Martletts, Rustington  
Tel: 82-74726
- \* Mrs. I. HALE, 27 Bolsover Road  
Tel: 46524

#### Change of Address

Miss D.G. Gay from 59 Limetree Avenue to  
36 Limetree Avenue, Findon Valley.

Mrs. A. Silveston from 5 Strathmore Road to  
11 Cumberland Avenue. 43953

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I gratefully thank all friends at our Church for their prayers which surrounded me during my illness. I know they were a great help to me. I thank Mr. Connelly and Mr. Christopher for their visits to me which were greatly valued and also the many visits from members of the Church, and thank you all for the cards, letters and flowers which were many.

What a lovely surprise when the Girls' Brigade and Anchor Boys made a personal call with an Easter gift. I should like also to thank the many friends who performed the various duties I usually do, so kindly. It was a great comfort to know they were not neglected. How lovely to be in Church again after eleven weeks absence.

With Christian love to you all,

LILAH HARRIS

We are very grateful to our Minister, The Women's Guild, and Men's Fellowship, also the Bible Study Group and Girls' Brigade and many friends whom are too numerous to mention here. Thank you also for the flowers that were sent to the Hospital and home which brought such pleasure and happiness. Also for the help that was given to me, in visiting my husband when he was in Hospital. The prayers that were said and answered, show that the days of miracles are still here, and we thank God for all His goodness.

EDIE & JOHN BECKERTON

Dulcie Jenkins and family wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all friends who have helped by prayer and kind enquiries over such a long period while her son Maurice has been prepared and waiting for a kidney transplant. He now has had the operation and is slowly getting back to health, the kidney transplant being successful. Thank you for your interest, one and all.

We extend our very sincere thanks for the lovely flowers and messages brought to us by kind friends of the Church at Christmas and Easter, also to Mr. Connolly for his bright visits which help to keep us going.

DORIS & OWEN WILLMOTT

Many thanks to the Church and to individual members, who gave practical and spiritual (both necessary really) encouragement to me during my recent illness. There were flowers from the Church, cards of encouragement from the Girls' Brigade and the Men's Fellowship, also public and private prayers on my behalf, even doctors' skill is more effective when supported by prayer. I was overwhelmed with love and kindness. Thanks be to God.

BERT GREWCOCK

Through the pages of the "Chronicle" we should like to thank all members and friends for the many kindnesses shown to us during my father's long illness.

My family and I were very much comforted and strengthened by your prayers, especially at the time of his passing.

During his first spell in hospital he was much cheered by the flowers sent from the Church, the cards sent from the Girls' Brigade and the frequent visits by Mr. Connolly, and latterly we in the family have received those same tokens of the Church's loving care. We thank you all very much.

IRIS BENTLEY

### GOOD FRIDAY

This year, although Good Friday was a day of sad reflection, it proved to be a joyous occasion. Many came to the Service in the Church and we listened to a thought-provoking sermon by the Rev. Christopher on the subject of Simon who carried the cross of our Lord on the first Good Friday.

The Congregation then left the Church to form a Procession to walk in glorious sunshine to St. Mary's, Goring, the Parish Church, led by our own two Ministers and the Curate of St. Lawrence Church, with our beautiful Church Banner in front.

On the way many astonished looks were cast at the Procession, especially from teenagers. Heads poked from windows and one woman asked "What was the demonstration about" as she "didn't believe in strikes"!

Processions from the other Churches in Goring marched to St. Mary's carrying their respective crosses and as can be imagined, St. Mary's was packed, some of the congregation having to sit in the Choir Stalls.



A short service of prayer and praise was then held and spontaneously the members of the Congregation greeted one another with joy. What a wonderful ecumenical occasion, and, God willing, may this prove to be the first of many.

FREDA CALSTEREN

### BIBLE VERSES

Jesus promised his disciples:-

"I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you ...

The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you".

John 14: 18-27

Create in me a clean heart O God ...  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51

The Apostle Paul wrote:-

Those who live as the Spirit tells them have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants. To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. And so a person becomes an enemy of God when he is controlled by his human nature; for he does not obey God's law, and in fact he cannot obey it. Those who obey their human nature cannot please God. But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead you live as the Spirit tells you to - if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.

Romans 8: 5-9

You believe in Christ and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised ... Let us praise His glory.

Eph. 1: 13

**BIBLE STUDY - MARK****continued****CHAPTER 8**

- a. Are you waiting for a miracle? If so, what is it?
- b. What truths do you think the Church is blind to?
- c. Have you "lost" your life for Jesus and for the Gospel?

**CHAPTER 9**

- a. Have you any mountain-top experience of/with Jesus?
- b. Are you using prayer to drive out any 'evil spirits'?
- c. Do you have 'salt' in yourself?
- d. Are you 'at peace'?

**CHAPTER 10**

- a. Have you lost/kept your childlikeness?
- b. Is there anything keeping you from 'eternal life'?
- c. Do you want Jesus to do anything for you?
- d. To whom, where, are you a servant, a slave?

**CHAPTER 11**

- a. Are you aware of Jesus giving you any instructions now? If so, what are they and what are you doing about them?
- b. "My house will be called a house of prayer"  
Give a name to his house where you worship.
- c. Anything not forgiven?
- d. What impossibilities do you dare to hope for/  
pray for?

If you wish, share your discoveries with one of our Ministers or with The Rev. Cyril Franks,  
Synod Office, U.R.C., Addiscombe Grove, Croydon.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

I should like to say a personal word after twelve months as your Associate Minister. It is a happy experience to be the colleague of Mr. Connelly, and to have a share in the ministry of such a live and ongoing church. It will be remembered that in addition to sharing the ministry at Goring, with the blessing and support of our U.R.C. Province, I was asked to undertake what we now call the Outreach at Durrington. This has taken the form of very close co-operation with the Rev. S.W. Pakenham and the Rev. Victor Daley of the Parish Church of St. Symphorian. I have appreciated on two occasions being invited to share in Services in the Parish Church. Mr. Daley and I have co-operated fully in an attempt to establish what now-a-days is termed a "Christian presence" in West Durrington. One aspect of this is the Ecumenical monthly service on the first Sunday in the month in the Hawthorne County First School, Poplar Road at 4.00 p.m. There has been a response (including children) to the first two services, and at the last service we had the help of a group of singers from Durrington Free Church (Baptist). We are going on with the services and have booked the School for 4th May and 1st June.

The Worthing Council of Churches is one of the Associations taking part in a Public Meeting held on 12th March at which the Durrington Community Centre Association was formed. The Officers appointed at this meeting were Mr. John Cotton as Chairman, Mr. G.A. Scott Manager of the Broadwater Branch of the Midland Bank as Treasurer, and myself as Secretary. A representative Council has been formed and held its first meeting on 14th April at which two sub-committees were set up, one for Building and the other for Fund-raising. This means a start has been made towards the objective of a Community Centre at Durrington ( a suggested plan

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

<b>Mondays:</b>	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (half term 27th May)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
<b>Thursdays:</b>	19.30h	Badminton Club
<b>Fridays:</b>	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in Little Chapel
<b>Saturdays:</b>	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES: The Minister will conduct  
all services

<b>1st Thursday</b>	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	10.00h	Girls' Brigade Albert Hall Rally (Coach leaves at 10.00h) Coffee Morning at 25 Marshall Ave., Findon, home of Mr. & Mrs. Blakey
<b>4th Sunday</b>	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
<b>6th Tuesday</b>	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive and 1 Arun Close
<b>8th Thursday</b>	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
<b>11th Sunday</b>	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

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13th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
17th Saturday	10.30h	Coffee Morning with sale of Tomato Plants at 56 Bolsover Rd.
18th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel
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of which was seen at our last Church Meeting). I shall be pleased to show the plan to anyone interested. My experience of the Christian Ministry has been a very varied one, but the Outreach at Durrington is different from anything that has gone before. In Christian work one is always learning and having new experiences. The doors of opportunity open, and we are called to serve the opportunity. I was much encouraged by the enthusiastic interest and support shown at our Church Meeting on 10th April.

I picked up a card in the Minister's Vestry which reads; "For every day: God asks not for success but faithfulness. Not for great skill, but that we do His will."

RON CHRISTOPHER

### IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike  
Because He was not treated fair in things he didn't like;  
If only once He had sat down, and said "That's it!

I'm through;  
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll  
do -

I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply  
And to the moon, Give no more light, And run the oceans  
dry."

Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure  
on,

"Turn off the vital oxygen 'till every breath is gone."

You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game,  
For no-one has been more abused or met with such disdain  
Than God, and yet He carried on, supplying you and me  
With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free!  
Men say they want a better deal, and so 'on strike' they  
go;

But what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things WE  
like

BUT - what a mess we'd all be in IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE.  
Anon.

contributed by Mr. & Mrs. Wraight with acknowledgments  
to West Sussex LINK UP.

WORLD CHURCH PAGERICHNESS IN DIVERSITY

The Christian press has reminded us over and over again that it is 1980, the original target date for agreement as to the effective unity of the various churches in this country. Before joining in the chorus of regret at the failure to achieve the target, which can hardly have surprised anybody, we would do well to consider what we mean by unity. I suspect that the original agreement to set the target was achieved by glossing over the fact that every denomination (and probably every delegate) had an individual definition of unity which differed from everyone else's. For some, their definition must have included a uniform mode of worship. The impossibility (and in my view undesirability) of achieving this has been underlined over the last 15 years by the widening division within almost every denomination between traditionalists as regards forms of worship and reformers. Such divisions within the Anglican and Roman communions are the ones which most frequently make secular press headlines, but the argument is to be found in every major denomination and in almost every local church.

I do not think that we need to regret this particular aspect of disunity (if indeed that is what it is), provided it is not allowed to descend to passionate upheavals or unseemly bickering. One of the genuine evidences of a real move towards unity (but not uniformity) is that many more of us on all sides are now able to see validity and fresh meaning in the forms and rituals of other denominations and to see that they to some extent complement each other. As individuals we may well find that on one Sunday a Salvation Army type of service may reflect our mood while on the next the highest form of Anglican ritual may be more apt. This should be no more surprising than that my last two visits to the Assembly Hall have been to hear Stephan Grappeli and Andre Tchaikowsky respectively.



Let us rejoice in and retain our own and each other's different approaches to the worship of God.

### GOOD NEWS

The Bible Society last year reached one million pounds in U.K. contributions for the first time, with an increase which was a little more than the rate of inflation.

The Budget (yes, the Budget!) had some good news for charities and for those who give to them. Donors of covenanted subscriptions who are higher rate taxpayers, will be able to claim deductions in full, and the minimum period for such covenants has been reduced from 7 years to 4, which should encourage more people to take the plunge and give by this method.

### MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

I think that H.G. and I had better continue our discussion on alcohol in private, especially as he has ascribed to me opinions I have never expressed. I would recommend him to refer to St. Paul on the subject of the Christian's responsibility towards other people. Perhaps some other correspondents would care to comment on his extraordinary statement that 'God has no interest or knowledge of the products of mankind'.

R.F.B.

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### HEARD ON RADIO

After some years of seeking God among men and failed, a man thought he might find Him in solitude and failed again. He sadly left his cave, before leaving he wrote on a stone outside his cave;

God is nowhere

after some time along came an illiterate shepherd, he read:

God is NOW HERE

REPORTS & NOTICES"WE WERE THERE" The Women's Guild - Easter Reflections

On the Tuesday of Holy Week the Women's Guild and The Men's Fellowship met jointly to remember the events of the first Good Friday. Because of the nature of the meeting the customary preliminaries were curtailed but in the first few minutes Mrs. Cozens-Walker, from the chair, named those members who were ill, five of them in hospital, and led the meeting in prayer that they might be comforted and healed.

The programme arranged by Mrs. Ethel Dearsley, had come to her from Montreal, Canada, where it was presented at the Presbyterian Church as part of their Easter celebrations last year. The Good Friday story was portrayed in dramatised form with readings from the Gospels interspersed with imaginative reflections of some of the characters (impersonated by members) concerned with the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of our Lord.

There was Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, seeking to justify his action by claiming that Jesus had failed to use his power to overthrow the Romans and set up a new regime - yet unable to forget the searching look with which Jesus had answered his betraying kiss. Peter, tortured by the thought of his denial of his Master after all his promises to remain faithful, and devastated by the look of forgiving love which Jesus had turned upon him. Caiaaphus, glad to have got rid of Jesus as a disturbing element in the community but grudgingly admiring his dignity and quiet courage - "best to forget about him", and Pilate, would he ever forget this man Jesus who had so impressed him that he would have saved him from his persecutors if he could have done so without jeopardising his own career. Well, no one could hold him responsible for the consequences BUT?

The Thief, on his cross alongside Jesus, had found unexpected peace in acceptance of the words of Jesus and thanked God that he had been brought to die in this place.

The last reflection - what about the 20th century Christian, do we share the guilt of those others? Surely yes, our Lord is still betrayed and crucified in the attitudes and actions of our day, but we have one advantage - we know about Easter and, beyond the evil, the Cross means Victory. A most impressive and unforgettable afternoon.

E.G.

It seems impossible that we have come to the end of another Session. In spite of some bad weather our average attendance for the year has been 62 and throughout the year there has been a friendly spirit of love and co-operation. This relationship has been maintained with the Men's Fellowship with whom we share some meetings. Future dates to remember:-

20th May Some members visiting Brighton Marina with the Men's Fellowship

21st May Our own visit to Heaselands Gardens. The Coach is fully booked.

15th May 3.0 p.m. we support the West Worthing Baptist League at their Church.

19th May The Salvation Army Rally at The Citadel at 2.45 p.m.

19th May The Rally of U.R.C. West Sussex Churches at Hounsom U.R.C. Hove at 2.30 p.m. This is a meeting for all Church Members. The Speaker will be The Rev. Robert Gordon from The U.R.C. Committee for "Group Evangelism and Renewal". It is hoped our Church will be represented. By the time this is in your hands we hope and pray our sick friends will be restored to health with some warm sunshine. We have them constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

Those going on holiday, we wish them well. Come back renewed in both body and spirit.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

By the time you read this, a new Session will be in full swing and we shall be well into the preparations for the June Church Parade Service. But how can we adequately prepare music for a special service or indeed succeed with many of our activities without a pianist? Can you play and can you spare Tuesday evenings or do you know a friend or neighbour who can play? We hope one day to have our pianist back with us, but meanwhile the work amongst the Girls must go on, and music is a vital part of our work. Don't just read this and forget it will you? Please see what you can do for us.

We rejoice with Janet and Mark on the birth of their son - (another Anchor Boy in due course?) and we ask God to continually bless our dear friend Muriel Hurt.

A number of new girls have joined us since Easter bringing our number up to 90. We are glad to welcome them and their families into our fellowship. Thank you for your many greetings during the Easter holiday and thank you too for all the letters of appreciation for the Easter Gifts distributed by the girls. We are so glad you liked our gifts and I am especially pleased that you found the girls "chatty and polite" when they called on you. They are lovely really - all of them!

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

FLOWERS FOR MAY

4th Mrs. Simcoe & Mrs. Wood 18th Mrs. Townsend  
11th Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont 25th Miss Hedgcombe

FLOWER FUND Many thanks for £46.35 contributed during March and April.

EASTER Grateful thanks for help given in preparing flowers for the Easter Festival, especially to Alison Batchelor and Alison Brunton.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

FAMILY CIRCLE Advance Notice

The Family Circle are holding a Car Rally on the evening of Monday, 14th July - BOOK THE DATE now!

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week will be May 12th - 17th. We have been asked to extend our collection area, and there is a great need for new people to collect up the envelopes. Last year we collected £162.86p and in spite of all that is said about misuse of Christian Aid Funds, the need is greater than ever. If anyone could help in any way please let me know.

SYLVIA BATCHELOR

Amount collected within the Church during April £39.50  
received with thanks,  
HILDA HELE

U.R.C. SUSSEX WEST DISTRICTSPRING MEETING for men and women

for the Churches of the District on

Monday, 19th May, 1980

at 2.30 p.m.

IN HOUNSOM MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, NEVILL AVE.,  
HOVE.

Speaker: The Rev. Robert Gordon, B.A.

Theme: SAINTS ALIVE

Travel by train to Portslade and walk up Hangleton Rd.  
by car to Hangleton Road via A.27

The Church is near the corner of Hangleton Road &  
Nevill Avenue.

Tea will be served: Collection to cover expenses.

Please give your name to Ray Newell before 9th May if you intend to go.

SMALL ADS. Wanted: A cot, and child's car seat, also highchair or similar seat. Relatives returning home from Australia. Tel: Mrs. Burrage, 42 Frobisher Way, 502020.

For Sale: The Girls' Brigade have a knitting machine for sale, in perfect running order. Any offers? Tel:40546

A LETTER FROM CORNWALL Sunday, 13th April

We've been fortunate this last week to have had fine weather - fine, but with a cool wind that made us seek a sheltered corner when we took the children out. We've been able to catch up on gardening jobs - mother has been out in the garden nearly every day digging and planting vegetables. I have been able to take Helen and the children out of the house for a ride in the car to Falmouth where the children played on the beach, to Truro for some shopping and here to our little village to see "Great Grandma" and to go to the Church Coffee Morning where half of the people and children seemed to be relatives!

I have been able to do some Spring Cleaning, some curtain-making, some planting in the garden; some child-hair washing/bathing/getting ready for bed/some cuddling and kissing and a great deal of child observation.

Today dawned dark and wet. A Cornish rain swept across on a cornish southwest wind. The rain pelted down as we ran up the road to Chapel. What childhood memories were invoked today! The Organist, Mr. Jim Dunstan (married the day after I was born) thinner and greyer still plays with the same verve and vigour; Mr. Charlie James, gone eighty, retired carpenter and undertaker (but still participating farmer) was there - he's always there! My cousin's wife and daughter were in the Choir with my sister and her son and daughter. Another cousin, wife and two children were in the congregation, as was another cousin and her grandchild. My mother sat beside me as we listened to the preacher - my brother-in-law. At this afternoon's service, the preacher is a cousin. Long may the family tradition continue!

Watching my cuddlesome grandson, Stephen (16 months old) at home with his mother and father and sister (nearly 3), I became acutely aware of how quickly small children learn - and what they learn. Stephen watches every thing so intently, copies every movement; watches his sister for cues whether to laugh or cry, and even though he cannot say many words clearly, he can get the

rhythm of music and inflection of speech (pleasant and unpleasant) he copies movements, gestures and actions, (good and bad). He learns what he sees and hears - from his mother, his father, his sister, the television, other people, but most from the immediate family. Very soon he will be speaking and beginning to form thoughts and soon after, to translate them into deliberate actions. Very soon he will be grown up and his adulthood will reflect the influences of his childhood.

I have heard it said "There are no bad children - only bad parents".

When the Kings Cross Youth and Action Group had an open evening entitled "Do you Care what happens to your children?", with an exhibition of activities and Youth Workers, Social Workers, teachers etc. etc. were there to talk to the parents of our Kings Cross children, where were the parents? One was there - she is on the Committee and works at the Community Centre, anyway. We hope the others were at home looking after their children with loving care!

By the time you read this, we shall have been back at School for two weeks, and I shall know to a large extent, what influences have been working on the children during the holidays. The teen-agers of the music group at the Club will be gathering in and counting their sponsor-money for today's Sponsored Cycle Ride to Brighton - (for guitars and musical instruments) learning and playing music does help to combat boredom and its consequences in the Inner city! It's a positive and encouraging move on their part to raise the money for themselves in a most strenuous way.

MARY CONNELLY

#### STOP PRESS:

There will be a Coffee Morning with sale of tomato plants and a Bring & Buy Stall, at 56 Bolsover Road, on 17th May, 1980 from 10.30h to 12.00h. Please come and bring your friends. Proceeds will be for Church Funds.



FROM THE VESTRY

ASSEMBLY ADVENTURES

"Go home and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you". St. Mark 5 v.19.

From the first words of the newly inducted Moderators to the closing words of the blessing, these were the words of victory and emphasis. Assemblies may be great gatherings and this was no exception. Assemblies will be the re-uniting of old friends, and so it was, in the meeting of former students from College days. Years take their own toll of impressions first formed a quarter of a century ago, when it was still believed 'giants walked on earth'! They are all pygmies now since we have seen each other face to face!

And yet! Members of the Assembly from the Council for World Mission were giants in their candid appraisal of our organisation and quasi-hierarchical structures. And yet! We were reminded by our young people that the time is short, and that we are called to be spiritual and moral giants.

How one can imagine the feverish packing of representatives to the Assembly, from Falmouth to Berwick, have we taken all we need? And what was it right to leave at Assembly, and what to take home?

Let us pray that on our return from Assembly we shall have learned that the fight and the victory are through Christ to be experienced in the local church. You will remember that "Legion", in the passage of scripture mentioned, hoped to pack his bag and journey with Christ on some far flung adventure. Instead, Jesus sent him home with the message of salvation to be worked out among friends, family and neighbours.

And so we return in this spirit and with love from Christ and the Church to you.

As ever, blessings & love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY



BAPTISMS

Lucy Marie BARTRAM	20th April
Ronald HOOPER	27th April
James Steven EXELL	4th May
Steven David IDE	11th May
Andrew John IDE	11th May

"And He took them up in His arms and  
BLESSED them"

MARRIAGES

Roger F. BULSTRODE	3rd April
Dora E. BRIDGER	
John E.D. HAMMERSLEY	19th April
Teresa M. PEARCE	
Micahel J. GODWIN	19th April
Elizabeth REAVELY	

"whom Thou for evermore dost  
join in one"

IN MEMORIAM

Hector Horace DALE	
Ernest George NOWELL	8th May

"In heavenly love abiding"

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Miss W. Burns is home again, and we trust her improvement will continue, especially in the care of her dear friend, Miss Hambleton. We continue to remember Mrs. M. Hurt, who is due home from Midhurst Hospital shortly, and Mrs. V. Beamish is also now home again. Miss C. Bird has been admitted to Ward 11 at Worthing Hospital. Mrs. S.D. Jaques is still unwell at home.

Mr. & Mrs. W. West and Mr. & Mrs. L. Knight have flown to America and Australia, respectively, for a number of weeks, and we shall miss them.

A number of our young people have decided for Christ during the past weeks. Please pray for them, and any friends desiring to take a further step to become members of the church will be warmly welcomed as they see the Minister.

### MRS. DORA NEWELL

Our warmest congratulations go to Dora Newell who has now completed with flying colours her Lay Preachers Course. This course, which often takes two or three years of intensive study, is recognised as a full qualification for this work by all the major denominations.

We are glad to know that Dora is to continue her work on the subject of 'PASTORALIA' in preparation for further service in the church.

'HER GRATEFUL TUTOR'

CONGRATULATIONS! To Mrs. Gwen Wills on the attainment of her 90th Birthday on 13th June, and also to Mr. & Mrs. D. Gill on their Celebration of their Silver Wedding on 4th June.

### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

#### NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Jordan, 24 Derwent Drive	Tel: 503791
Miss I. Cox, 86 Palatine Road	40024
Mrs. C. Davis, 8 Lansdowne Court.	502338

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank The Fellowship for the lovely flowers sent to me on my return from hospital. Thank you too for the cards and good wishes. I really have appreciated your care and concern.

MAUREEN HARDING  
(Helper with Junior B.B.)

My grateful thanks to all friends and fellow-members of the Church for their kind thoughts and prayers during my recent incapacity. My wife and I hope to join you all in prayer and thanksgiving in the very near future.

BILL & EILEEN SEARLE

Thank you all for your good wishes and prayers, and beautiful flowers. How very blessed I am with kind friends.

If anyone else has a stroke, ("there's a lot of it about") don't be afraid. When it "struck", I was frozen with fright because all my senses seized up and I was helpless. Now I have gathered my silly wits together and know that really what you fear is fear itself, so I told our Lord I had fought as much as possible, and my recovery was up to Him; I put myself in His Hands. I can get around now, and am doing fine. Thank you all again, especially Bill, its grand to see his cheery smile.

PHIL SCUDDER

I am now home after five weeks in hospital and three operations, and wish to thank everyone for their visits, cards, gifts and prayers, which helped me so much over a difficult time. Mr. Connolly's visits and prayers were greatly appreciated, also the love and prayers of the Women's Guild, Girls' Brigade and the Young Mums' Thursday Coffee organisations, and other friends too numerous to mention. God's blessings on you all.

VI BEAMISH

May I say a very big thank you for the lovely flowers so kindly sent to me when I wasn't feeling very well. I was feeling very down and my front door bell rang, and there was the cheerful, smiling face of Mrs. Turner with the flowers. After a little chat I felt on top of the world! May I also thank the Girls' Brigade for their nice card of good wishes. God bless you all,

ELSIE MORGAN

### A TRIBUTE TO PADDY RATHBONE

The passing into the fuller life of dear Paddy Rathbone came as a great shock to those of us who had known her. She was a very kind, friendly, caring lady, and as a member of the Choir, she worked and gave of her time unstintingly. With her husband, John, she regularly visited members who were sick or in need of solace.

Paddy will always be remembered with affection by those who were privileged to meet her. Freely she gave of her many talents. They were both sorely missed when they retired to Devon.

Dorothy Cozens-Walker and I were happy to spend a few days in Sidmouth with John recently. He is showing great courage at this very sad time for him.

GIRLS' BRIGADE RALLY, 3rd MAY What a great joy it was to be a guest with our Girls Brigade and attend the Rally in the Albert Hall. Despite some trepidation with the activities of the Iranians in that area, we all had a wonderful, moving experience and the troubles outside were forgotten for a few hours. GOD BLESS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE and those who guide them in the way of the LORD.

DOROTHY TURNER

## UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 vv. 3,4

Read the above verses first

The events of the first Whitsunday were strange and mysterious. The Holy Spirit, who comes so quietly into our hearts, and whispers so softly to us, came to the apostles with striking outward signs of His coming, a great wind, and flames of fire, and after His coming they received strange powers. Let us think of these things, and see how much we can discover of their purpose and meaning.

Difficulty in understanding some of Christ's teaching  
The apostles were simple men without a great deal of education or intellectual training, but even if they were men of great learning they would have found it hard to understand all our Lord had to tell them. It was so new, so startling, so unlike the religious teaching to which they had been accustomed. We find their difficulty in understanding Jesus mentioned (St. John XIV, 4;11) St. Luke XVIII, 34 etc.) We find our Lord's teaching contrasted with that of contemporary religious teachers because of its freshness and vigour (St. Matt. VII, 28,29). This too seems to be the point of our Lord's famous saying about putting new wine in old bottles (St. Luke V. 36-39).

Difficulty in understanding about the Holy Spirit  
Although Jesus prepared His disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit to their hearts by talking of Him to them beforehand (St. John XIV-XVII, but especially, XIV 15-17) it cannot have been easy to make them understand. Today, although the Church has been teaching about Him for centuries, it is probably true to say the majority of church people have mistaken ideas about the Holy Spirit, and do not think of Him as often as they should. How much harder it was for the apostles, the first men to whom the Holy Spirit was made known!

The apostles received help to understand. It is most unlikely the apostles would have understood the great power within them, if at the first coming of the Holy Spirit there had been nothing to see, nothing to hear, no outward sign of His coming, just His silent influence within them. Help was needed to make them understand. They were given this help in the form of two great signs, the noise of the great wind, the flames of fire descending visibly on each of them, appealing to their sense of hearing and their sense of sight. But once they understood the Holy Spirit had come to them, and could pass their knowledge of Him on to others, these signs were no longer needed, either by them, or by us, so we have never experienced them.

Help to understand still given. We must not infer that because the Holy Spirit no longer comes with wind and flame, all visible signs of His presence have ceased.

We see Him at work in the lives and work of good men and women. Do we not sometimes feel that the example, and self-sacrifice, and power to inspire others, shown by some great leaders of faith, are not their own, but come from the Holy Spirit?

Let our prayer be - "Into Thy hands I give my life, my all; defend me and give me more and more of Thy Holy Spirit. Amen."

JOHN BEAMISH

#### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

##### The Hard Lot of the Peacekeepers

It is always sad and deplorable when anyone of whatever nation is killed or maimed while engaged on a 'peace-keeping' operation and particularly so for his relatives and friends. Yet on a more general level perhaps some good can arise from the evil of the recent attacks on the Irish soldiers in the Lebanon. If the government of Eire and its religious supporters there and in the U.K. and U.S.A. are beginning to learn something of the difficulties of such operations and to experience the sense of frustration

when their good intentions are met by bloodshed and violence they may also begin dimly to understand how the British feel about the much greater casualty lists in Northern Ireland. They may even be moved actually to do something about it.

#### The Church and Unemployment

The frequently deplored fact that the Church is slow to wake up to the social problems of the day is somewhat mitigated by the further fact that on the occasions when it does wake up it all too often picks up its cudgels and sets about belabouring the wrong enemy. It is high time that the Church wake up to the problems of unemployment. Recently some parts of the Church have begun to take an interest. True to form the 'committed' clerics who are in the van of the social movement have chosen to put the blame on to the present administration and on 'capitalism' generally. They overlook the fact that a large and increasing cause of unemployment is the view, enshrined in much legislation over the past few years, that to be a private employer is a *prima facie* criminal act in itself, almost as bad as being a private landlord. The easily foreseeable consequences of the persecution of both these classes of 'criminals' have been virtually to wipe out privately rented accommodation and to make a good start on wiping out private employment. This of course is the acknowledged intention of some at least of the authors of this legislation, who will not be happy until every one of us is beholden to the State (i.e. them and their friends) for the roof over our heads and for our job. In the meantime homelessness and unemployment are to be exploited as levers to assist in the overthrow of our society. Should not the Church then be pressing for a reversal of this legislation?

#### Good News

Several missionary societies report an encouraging upsurge of support for and interest in the Church in Nepal. Although 'ministerial' missionaries are

no longer welcome there the witness of individual Christians, particularly the Nepalese nationals, is attracting many more adherents and converts.

Wasn't it good, amid the media's concentration on Mods and Rockers and the like, to see and hear all those dedicated and expert youngsters in the B.B.C.'s Young Musician of the Year competition; also, to know that about 2,500 other young people will be receiving the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award this year; and that while the siege of the Iranian Embassy was going on a few yards away the Albert Hall was twice filled with Girls Brigade members and helpers witnessing in their annual rally!

R.F.B.

Of course R.F.B. finds it extraordinary that I should write "God has no interest in the products of mankind". In fact it should read: man's mind. I hope he finds this acceptable.

H.G.

(Apologies from the Editor!)

### STEWARDSHIP IN THE CHURCH

I must firstly apologise to those of you who missed my Report last month. I'm afraid that I am not as good a steward of my duties as are some I could mention - and will.

Our last Church Meeting focused, if you haven't already guessed it, upon the question of Stewardship and the first example was predictably the caring attitude of our Church. Don Stewart, now returned to health, expressed his gratitude personally for all our prayers of which he was constantly aware, and for his sense of family belonging. Don was the only one who spoke, but he is not the only one able to testify to the same feeling of being supported and cushioned through troubles by a padding of prayer.

Please turn to P.12



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
3rd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
9th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "Girl Guides in China", Miss Mann
10th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion

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24th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Rd.
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29th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

N.B. Deadline date for Chonicle copy will be  
Sunday, 15th June

(July & August Magazine will  
be combined)

Bill is of course wonderfully aware of these attributes of our church family and "looks forward to his illness". He was of course promptly reminded that he would have to join the queue!

He also reminded us that while we have a "caring" name we must beware of dropping catches. So, keep up the good work.

It was mentioned that a suggestion had been put forward that it would be a good idea to have a photograph of the Turf Cutting Ceremony together with the ceremonial knife hung in the Vestibule. Those of you who were in the Church a few Sunday mornings ago will remember Bill's lesson to the children and the young lad who cut a piece of turf at Bill's behest. Well Ernie Munday put us right on a point, he advised that the knife was never actually used to cut the turf. Well, I'm sure you will appreciate the consternation that was caused, but you will equally appreciate that no one dared to question Ernie's word on the matter, particularly when he can claim, in those immortal words of Max Boyce: "I know! 'cos I was there".

The next item of Stewardship was in the form of the Treasurer's Report. Well, contrary to, or because of his warnings of doom in October, The Treasurer, Mr. Blakey was able to advance a very healthy Report indeed. Mr. Blakey chose to say "contrary to" but I am sure that you will agree with me that it was "because of" his most excellent stewardship during the past financial year that the goal has been achieved. And of course I must not forget those other very excellent stewards, who responded to his call - yourselves.

However, before we all get carried away, clapping each other's backs and feeling smug and complacent, I am reminded of a reference which Mr. Blakey made to one small church which had to bring its case before the District meetings because it was unable to meet its own minister's expenses.

I am sure that you will agree with me that our role of stewardship in the sphere of giving cannot be completed satisfactorily until we have done all within our power to help all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are less able to meet their commitments. We have heeded and responded to this Stewardship call as it relates to Goring. Let us now respond to those other calls which come from the Lord.

The last item on Stewardship was a short talk on the subject by Ron Christopher. It would have been longer but the tape which Ron intended to play turned out to be the wrong one! Never mind though, the tape he did bring had some lovely singing with a lot of Alleluias which we all joined in with great joy.

I won't say anything more on Ron's talk, however, as it seems likely that he himself will be presenting a series of articles on Stewardship within these pages in coming months, and I'm sure you will all look forward to reading them and to identifying some of those other calls to which I referred.

MATTHEW SMITH

**NATIONAL FREE CHURCH WOMEN'S COUNCIL**  
**80th ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**In the Presence of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the  
Queen Mother**

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From Yorkshire and Dorset, from Hampshire and Wales, from Northampton and Leicester and Sussex came the coach loads of women from the Free Churches to join in the 80th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at the City Temple on Thursday, 24th April.

The City Temple was packed to capacity and an overflow meeting in another room was arranged where the people saw the service on television, and all in the presence of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

After the singing of the National Anthem the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was sung and a prayer offered by Miss Gladys Ganderton, an especially joyful note was heard as the Sudbury Junior Singers (Director Major Joy Webb) sang 'Thank You' and then followed it a little later by singing 'I nearly forgot to say Thank You' from the musical 'Hosea'.

Her Majesty the Queen Mother was welcomed and greeted by the National President of the F.C.W.C., Mrs. Colonel V. Williams, and a small posy was presented to her. How wonderfully the shades of Her Majesty's outfit blended with the flowers!

The address, given by Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, C.B.E., was humorous and inspiring and she in her 96th year!

'Ye are my friends'

'Ye are my witnesses'

After the closing hymn 'Our God our help in ages past' the Moderator of the Free Church Council pronounced the benediction.

It was an afternoon long to be remembered by each of us privileged to be there and to share in the celebration.

KATHLEEN FLORY

#### NEW U.R.C. MISSIONARIES

##### An excerpt from Crowstone 'Viewpoint'

Until last September, Norman Healey was minister of Weoley Hill U.R.C. in Birmingham. Now he is to travel with his wife and children to Kiri Bati (formerly the Gilbert Islands) at the invitation of the Protestant Church there to share in theological training and pastoral work.

Soon after Easter, Timothy and Janet Meachin will be going to Zambia to take up a teaching post with the United Church of Zambia at Chipembi, near Lusaka. Timothy will be working in the agricultural

department of this school where Judith Lewis, another U.R.C. member, is already working by direct appointment of the Government Department of Education.

Kristin Ofstad, a librarian, is a member of the Lutheran Church of Norway but has been working for some years at the Atlantic College, South Wales. She goes out in April through the U.R.C. and C.W.M. by invitation of the United Church in Papua New Guinea, to be Librarian at the College of Education in Gaulim.

People Needed Are people still needed? The C.W.M. answers "Yes". It is no longer the case that Britain decides whom and where to send missionaries overseas. It is the receiving church which calls, and British churches have the privilege of helping to find the people to go. Through sharing of personnel, strong lines of communication are being built up between all the members, worldwide, of C.W.M. There are Samoan ministers working in the United Church of Zambia; a Church of South India nurse in the United Church of Papua New Guinea; Indian teachers in the Gilbert Islands. Ministers, teachers, medical workers including doctors, boat builders, carpenters, surveyors, mechanics, printers -- many different kinds of people are being called to service through C.W.M. The need is still very much there.

(Information supplied by U.R.C. World Church & Mission Department)

With acknowledgments.

#### NOTICES, REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Aid Amount received for May £26.15

with thanks,

HILDA HELE

FLOWER FUND

Many thanks for £1.30 received during April/May.

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

1st	Mr. & Mrs. Beale	15th	Mr. & Mrs. Shave
8th	Girls' Brigade	22nd	Mrs. Flory & Mrs. Young
29th	Mr. & Mrs. Gill		DOROTHY TURNER

FAMILY SUNDAY

Those of us who were looking forward to entertaining a child from London in June have been disappointed to learn that due to unforeseen circumstances, the proposed visit has had to be postponed.

However, will you still keep the date Sunday 22nd June free, as we shall be having lunch in the Church Hall following morning worship, followed by a picnic tea on either the beach or the downs. There will be an opportunity to put your name on a list nearer the date. Do please, young and old, single or married, join us in food and fellowship.

ROBIN BRADLEY

FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the impending resignation of Mrs. Hilary Redman as Acting Choirmaster, owing to removal from the district. For over a year she has led the Choir happily and efficiently, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Hilary!

We hope to keep the Choir in being, and active as far as possible, until such time as we can find a permanent Organist/Choirmaster; this is the wish of all the members. It will not be easy, but we will do our best. We are in urgent need of recruits in all voice parts, and if anyone feels able and led to join us in these circumstances, applicants will be very welcome to come along and have a chat about it.

EILEEN FISHER

Choir Secretary

### FAMILY CIRCLE

A car rally will take place on Monday evening, 14th July. The cars will leave the Church car park between 18.30 and 19.00h and the route, with clues only in selected villages and where parking is easy, will be less than 35 miles.

The cost will be £2 per car which will cover a contribution for petrol (made to the driver), light refreshments on return and prizes for the winners. Names of those wishing to enter a car (in writing please) with number of passengers should be given to Reg Goodchild, Robin Bradley, Ged Young or any other member of the Family Circle Committee. It is hoped that all cars will have a full load and if there is anyone without a car who would like to take part, please let us have your name and we will try to find room for you in one of the cars.

MOLLIE HAWKE

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We completed our Spring Session on 15th April, with an abbreviated A.G.M. which revealed a satisfactory financial position and confirmed all the existing officers and committee members in their present positions for another year. After the meeting our President, Bill Connelly, gave us an entertaining talk on his "Pet Hates". Several of us would have welcomed an opportunity of taking issue with him on some of his views, but Bill craftily played out time and the opportunity was lost!

We now look forward to the Autumn Session which will commence on Tuesday, 23rd September. Have a good summer!

REG GOODCHILD

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

8th June is Parade morning and once again it will be our joy and privilege to conduct the morning's worship. The girls will be singing in the Church for about 5 minutes before the service begins, and at the close we do hope you will come and join us in the



Church Hall for coffee. The Boys' Brigade will be helping us to pass the coffee round and to help with the washing up too!

From 4th - 18th June we hope to have an exhibition of work in the East Transcept and at the same time make use of our lovely new display boards. We hope you will enjoy looking at our work and give thanks to God for the talents and the gifts of our young people. 10th June is our World Wide day of Prayer. Please remember with us, all our sisters across the world, particularly those in troubled and war-torn countries.

This month also sees the return from America of our Treasurer and his wife. Welcome home, Clarice and Bill. You have been missed a great deal and it's time Captain's financial reins were tightened!!! Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

#### BOYS' BRIGADE

By the time you read this, our Display will be over and we shall be into our Summer session. Whilst our activities during the Summer will be more informal, there will still be plenty to occupy us. On Wednesdays we will be continuing with our Band practice, but on Fridays we shall be outdoors whenever possible, often on the Downs or Beach. On June 14th we have our Battalion Sports Day, and then from 21st - 26th July we will be at our Summer Camp. One particular activity we hope to concentrate on this summer is canoeing, and we should be glad to hear from anyone who has any experience in this field. It is always a great joy to participate in our Church Services, and so we are looking forward to the July Church Parade, which we are leading, with the theme: "Jesus is Lord". Some of us are taking part in a service at Waterfield U.R.C. on 1st June at 15.00h to which any friends will be welcome.

We certainly have a great deal to be thankful for in the B.B. at the moment. Many of you will know that several of our boys have made a personal commitment to give their lives to the Lord, and this is a

great joy to us all. This is what our work in B.B. is all about.

May I also express my thanks to several people who have recently offered to help us in various ways - it is good to feel the support of the Church behind us. I should especially like to express my appreciation to the G.B. and their Captain, Jean Webb, for their help and advice given in different ways. I am often reminded of the words Jean Webb shared with us at some time - "Prayers go up, Blessings come down". The truth of this is often proved to us in our work, and we praise God for his love and mercy towards us. May God Bless you all.

CHRIS CHATFIELD  
Company Section  
Officer in Charge

#### HORSHAM U.R.C. - MIDSUMMER FAIR

To all those many friends at Goring who enjoyed our "Day on the Farm" last year, and to those who have so far not been able to join us on that day, we extend a very warm invitation to visit PONDTAIL FARM, West Grinstead on Saturday afternoon, 21st June when HORSHAM U.R.C. will again be holding its annual Midsummer Fair.

The theme this year will be WHEAT. There will be displays of breadmaking, thatching and of wheat products, in addition to a variety of stalls, games for the children and of course, for young and old, that very popular tractor drive around the Farm.

The objective this year is to raise money for two purposes: 1. the organ for our new Church building of which is to commence in July this year and 2. The Horsham Talking Newspaper for the Blind.

Do come along on that day. Admission Programmes giving full details of the day's programme and how to get there, can be obtained from Colin Nodes & Eric Bond.

TED WINSTANLEY

LONDON LETTER

"I hope you don't break down" was my mother's comment as I drove off on my way back to London after my visit to Carnkie and Chacewater at Easter. True, little Totsy, the Mini, had given a big sigh as I turned on the ignition and appeared reluctant to move, but I had the fullest confidence in her ability to take me the three hundred miles I had to travel. She had done about five hundred miles backwards and forwards between the two villages and on trips to Falmouth and Truro, etc., so, like me, she hadn't exactly had a holiday! As I drove along, I idly thought what it would be like should I have to empty the boot to get out the spare tyre, or, worse still, to have to empty the whole car by the side of the road! As it had taken me most of the previous evening and half an hour that morning to get everything in, you may understand my concern!

People who see me regularly call my Mini a pantechicon. And that weekend, it really earned its name! On the Sunday afternoon I unloaded everything in the school playground and stood back in disbelief. There was my suitcase, my hold-all, two shoulder bags full, a plastic bag containing two continental quilts, a box containing another; a box containing several ornamental hanging flower pots; a pile of "West Britons" - our local newspaper, which mother had saved each week from October, when I was last in Cornwall, so that I could, in my spare time, catch up on the Cornish news; a box containing pasties, mackerel, a cauliflower, three rabbits, a saffron cake, a sultana yeast cake, some rhubarb, a "heavy cake" and some clotted cream. There was a 'Sunday at Home', an antique sewing compendium, a few yards of net curtain which was not used up at Helen's and some other sewing taken to Cornwall and brought back, (still undone) and a round crocheted cushion made by my mother for my birthday. There were boxes containing cacti, succulents and alpine plants; pots containing four tomato plants, a small cabbage plant and a large 'perpetual'

cabbage plant. There was everfew, camomile, primroses, bluebells, snow-on-the-mountain, and several other bags containing various garden flowers. Finally - the most important and really "down to earth" - was a large carrier bag full of rich black soil from mother's garden - "Take it from under the dung-pile" she said, "It's better from there!"

Last weekend, apart from several items of furniture (bookshelves, small table, Ali Baba linen basket full of kitchen utensils) for Fiona's new Bed-Sitter, three carpet rugs and my usual bags, I took back to London half a car full of plants together with another carrier bag of earth from the Worthing garden. Over the period of two weekends, my little car had transported a lot of stuff!!

On the Tuesday, I took School Assembly. I took into the hall as many plants as I could of different sorts to show the children and tell them what I could about them. I told them about my visit to Cornwall and the things I had seen there and on my way back to London - the flowers in the hedges, the gorse by the road like the burning bush, the flowering cherries and trees coming int leaf in London itself, then how I was growing all these plants, vegetables and flowers, here in London, here at the school. The children seemed fascinated by all these growing things. At the end of Assembly, I said to them that anyone who was interested in growing things who would like to know more, and who mgiht like to form a gardening club in school could come to my room after lunch. At five to one ten children had turned up. At five past, forty! A few are fortunate enough to have little gardens at home, most have a square of concrete, or nothing, and are overjoyed to know that they can grow a lot to look at and to eat, in pots outside their doors or on their window ledges. Unfortunately, there's a dearth of earth in King's Cross, as well as a shortage of large pots and containers, so if you know where I can get either or both, I'll be glad to make Totsy groan again on behalf of our (we hope!) Green-Fingers Club, and to make Argyle School blossom as the rose - or tomato or cabbage, or lettuce or whatever is chosen by the children. They will all be equally beautiful in their eyes.

MARY CONNELLY

No. 324JULY/AUGUST, 1980A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

"Come ye yourselves apart .... and rest awhile." Mark 6 v.31.

This Chronicle appears at the time when many of us are about to go on holiday or are contemplating holidays. Even when we live in a pleasant town by the sea, we still welcome a change of scenery and freedom from duties. Jesus recognised the need for relaxation and took His disciples to a place apart for rest and refreshment of mind and body. Here is a holiday prayer:

"Lord, be with us as at this season we seek needed rest and change from daily toil, let Thy presence brighten our holiday. May sin have no power to spoil enjoyment, and grant to us, on our return, renewed strength of body and mind for life's daily duties."

I came across the following quotation from Edward Wilson of the Antarctic:

"A happy life is not built up of tours abroad and pleasant holidays, but of little clumps of violets noticed by the roadside, hidden away amost so that only those can see them who have God's peace and love in their hearts; in one long continuous chain of little joys; little whispers from the spiritual world; little gleams of sunshine on our daily work .... so long as I have stuck to Nature and the New Testament I have only got happier and happier every day".

I am looking forward to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (including the 08.00h Sunday Communion in the Chapel) during the month of August when our Minister will be on his well earned holiday. The monthly Prayer and Communion Service will be held as usual on Thursday, 14th August at 10.30h. During August the Church will be open for prayer and I shall be in the Minister's Vestry for anyone who wishes to call, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 09.30h and noon.

I shall be away on holiday from 3rd - 20th September when we are looking forward to again visiting St. Brelade's Bay, Jersey.

May God bless "your going out and your coming in".

RON CHRISTOPHER

### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Firstly, let us congratulate our dear friend Harry Rushby on his recent 80th Birthday. God bless you Harry.

The Misses Shearmur have been unable to come to church because of illness recently, and Mrs. G. Wood and Mrs. G. Simcoe are also unwell. Mrs. Muriel Hurt is now at home, but Mrs. Vi Beamish is returning to hospital for further treatment.

Mr. Ray Newell has been greatly missed during his period of illness. The Minister relies so much upon his Church Secretaries, as indeed do we all, and we hope very soon to have Ray among us again, the latest news is more encouraging.

Mrs. L.W. Davis is ill in Worthing Hosnital, Mr. Harry Oakham and Miss Grace Carnhill are still unwell in Westholme. Francis Wills was able to recover sufficiently to be able to celebrate his wife Gwen's great birthday occasion (90 years)!

Welcome home Mrs. A.W. Hoy from visiting her family in America. Mr. & Mrs. L. Knight have greeted us from Australia as also have the Bill Wests from America.

To all sick and absent friends we send blessings and love and our prayers. Please continue to use the Prayer Book for this purpose, and kindly inform the Ministers who together with the Elders are glad to visit.

STOP PRESS Born today, MARY, daughter of Edward & Jean Symmons. (14th June).

"My spirit hath rejoiced"

BAPTISMS

Rachel Joy Courtnadge  
 Joseph William Knowles

18th May  
 8th June

'And He took them up in His arms and blessed them'

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Morton  
 Daniel Synhas, M.M.

11th May  
 23rd May

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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Archbishop William Temple once said that if a person believed he is called by God to enter the ministry, he should avoid it until he cannot do anything else but obey God's command! That statement aptly describes my calling and God's confirmation to enter training for His service.

Through these months of undergoing the various selection procedures, Jean and I have known the hand of God guiding us into His service and making us one in answering the call. We have been richly blessed with the wisdom and fellowship of many people who have helped us towards our present situation of going to Westminster College, Cambridge, where on 15th September I begin a pre-theological course (two weeks intensive Hebrew and Greek before the term begins).

It is wonderful how God undertakes to provide for us, if we are obedient in doing His will, for He has provided for my first year's training a beautiful house to rent. We trust that any who are visiting Cambridge during term time might visit us (42 Chartfield Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge).

I believe even more now the wonderful simplicity of the gospel message, which is summarised in the well-known chorus: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey".

May Jean and I ask for your prayers during our time in Cambridge, especially for Jean to be able to adjust to looking after a baby and myself in returning to full-time study.

Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

EDWARD & JEAN SYMONS

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Although Don has already expressed his thanks for your prayers at a church meeting, I feel that I must add a few words of appreciation for all the help we received in March whilst Don was in hospital. We had many car lifts, and other help, and we know we were kept calm by all your prayers and for all this we truly thank you.

Also Don had many cards and other tokens of your love and concern for all of which we are very grateful.

AUDREY STEWART

May I express my sincere appreciation for the concern and messages, calls and visits of Church Members as well as neighbours and friends, regarding the condition that has brought me to being a patient in Worthing Hospital, all of which has been such a help to me.

I am not a person who thought it possible to accept hospitalisation, but I now am completely relaxed and deeply appreciating the unstinting, dedicated attention of the medical, nursing and other members of the Staff in very trying conditions.

I cannot say what the future may hold, but I am sure with God's care, and with the dedicated attention that I have experienced, it can only be "right" and I am happy to accept it. On behalf of

MRS. L.W. DAVIS



It is quite impossible for me to answer all the wonderful letters, cards, flowers from the Choir and the support from Mr. Connelly, in my recent bereavement on the sudden death of my beloved husband, and so, all I can say at this moment in time, is God bless you all for your love and support, and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

KAY NOWELL

### THE LATE ERNEST NOWELL

On 8th May, the death of Ernest Nowell saddened all who know him. Since he had been ill for a long time, it was God's Blessing that he went peacefully.

We shall remember him as a kind, loving, understanding man, who trusted in the Lord, and although in great pain, always found the time to smile. Goodbye Uncle Ernie, until we are all reunited, one day, in the House of our Father.

CATHERINE HUNT

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CONGRATULATIONS! To Miss Anita Luckin on passing her driving test on Friday, 13th June!

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### THREE USES FOR THE BIBLE

Read: Acts VIII, 30  
 Psalm CXIX, 9  
 St. Luke X, 25,26

#### I. The Bible and Christian Expansion

An important official of the court of Ethiopia was on his way home from a visit to Jerusalem. As the chariot in which he travelled bumped and rattled over a lonely desert road, at little more than walking pace, he passed the time by reading aloud, as the custom for

reading was, from the Book of Isaiah. A solitary traveller on foot came close to the chariot and listened as the Ethiopian read, and at last interrupted with a question, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The question was the starting-point of a conversation between the two men which led to the Ethiopian being baptised. The Bible is still the chief weapon of the Church in her efforts to make non-Christians believers, or to bring back the faith to Christians who have lapsed.

## 2. The Bible and Christian Defence

Over two thousand years ago, the writer of the Psalms was pondering over the temptations to which the young men of his time were exposed. He decided there were a great many, and he went on to ask the question "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?". How modern this old writer sounds. We know little about how evil the times were when the Psalmist wrote, but we do know our own times, and the Psalmist's words fit them as well as if they came out of this morning's papers.

This is an age of great freedom for young people. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but it does give them many opportunities of going wrong if they want to; opportunities that would not be there if they were under stricter control. This is an age of bad example for young people. There is bad example in newspapers, and magazines, in some amusements, on stage and screen and in many ways.

There is much being done today too, to turn people away from God. There is anti-religious influence of Communism at work in many lands, often specially directed at youth. There is much criticism of the Christian Church, and of Christian doctrine, in non-communist circles. Yet we must not be downcast or despairing about the pressures brought to bear on Christian youth, and on all Christians today. We must remember that, having asked his question "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?", the Psalmist is ready with his answer, "Even by ruling himself after Thy word".

### 3. The Bible and Ourselves

When a lawyer tried to trip up Jesus with an awkward question, Jesus turned the question back upon the questioner as He often did: "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" the lawyer asked. "What is written in the Law?" asked Jesus. "What is your reading of it?" in other words, Jesus asked him "What do you think?".

We've been thinking of the Bible and its influence upon some unbelievers, and of the Bible and its influence for good upon Christian people generally. Let us remember that Jesus said to the lawyer "What about your own opinion?". We must say to ourselves, "What about myself? What influence has the Bible on me?".

Ask people to count the number at a meeting or a party, and many of them give you a total wrong by one, they have forgotten to count themselves. We must not let that happen when we are thinking how helpful the Bible is. We must count ourselves, and see that it is a great power, not only in the lives of others, but of our own.

Grant O Lord, that we may read, mark and learn,  
and inwardly digest 'Thy Holy Word'. AMEN

JOHN BEAMISH

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### "In love serve one another" Gal.5 v. 13

- a few thoughts from recent discussions about our worship.

How much do we love one another?

At our Sunday services we meet as a family to praise God and hear what He wants to say to us, - or do we? It may be that He sometimes wants to say things that we do not want to hear.

In our Christian worship we experience fellowship with one another as we pray and praise together, but we are a 'mixed bunch' and we have many different needs. God therefore speaks to us, and we to Him in a wide

variety of ways. What is meaningful and inspiring to some may be unhelpful and even unwelcome to others. Yet each part of our worship is chosen because it is likely to prove a means of Christian grace to someone, and surely we should not despise anything that enables others to know and respond to God. Do we love our fellow Christians enough to accept some things that we do not find particularly helpful, in order that they may receive inspiration? Do we remember that what we find helpful may be dull and meaningless to them, and even help to drive some away from worship altogether?

Family life demands 'give and take' and when we really see things from someone else's point of view we are often surprisingly enriched ourselves. Some of us have found that we need to question our own commitment to Jesus Christ, which must always begin at the cross, in utter humility. The obedience He asks of us may mean a willingness to learn from others with whom we feel we have little in common save that they are fellow worshippers of our Lord. Is our love deep enough? How much DO we love our Lord? and one another?

Let us seek to ensure that our worship provides opportunity for ALL who come, to know the presence of our Living Lord, and to respond joyfully to Him.

BERYL CHATFIELD

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### UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

I must admit I found the article on "Understanding the Holy Spirit" in the June Chronicle rather confusing.

Why do we always assume that the apostles were simple men without a great deal of education or intellectual training? We do not know about all the apostles, but we know that Matthew was a taxgatherer. We know that James and John were the sons of Zebedee who had such a flourishing business that he could afford to employ hired servants (Mark 1 v. 20). In John 18 v.15 we find that one disciple (traditionally thought to be John) was known so well to the High Priest that he was allowed in to Jesus' trial.

On the Day of Pentecost the Bible says all believers were gathered together. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathaea, both members of the Sanhedrin, were believers. In Corinthians 14 v.18 the great apostle Paul says "I thank God that I speak in strange tongues much more than any of you" (GNB). In chapters 12 & 14 of 1 Corinthians Paul deals at length with some of the gifts given by the Holy Spirit.

For my own part the more I learn about the Holy Spirit the less I feel I understand Him. He is of the Trinity the hardest person to understand. I agree with Mr. Beamish, we see Him at work in the lives of good men and women; that the example, self-sacrifice, the power to inspire others is given by the Holy Spirit. But isn't it much, much more than this?

The Holy Spirit is the mystical person of the Godhead and because we don't understand we tend to pass this subject by. He still does come into lives in that Pentecostal Power - He did in mine. The "strange powers" which we call the gifts of the Spirit (not to be confused with the fruits of the Spirit, (Gal. 5 v.22) are still as real today. It is we who quench the Spirit, partly through fear and misunderstanding.

I thank God with all my heart for the gifts He has given me through His Holy Spirit. I know that I still hold back a great deal because of fear and self - mostly the latter!

God holds back from no-one; He is waiting to baptize every one of us in His Holy Spirit and pour gifts on us because He loves us and delights to give good things to His children. How do I know? Because He baptized me. Praise Him! Amen.

ROSEMARY KITTO

JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHER TRAINING We have commenced a training class for new teachers and helpers. If you would be interested in joining, please see:

MISS MILLER or MRS. MARSH

## THOUGHTS ABOUT THE 'HOLY SPIRIT'

### Some translations of John 14:16

AUTHORISED VERSION - I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another 'Comforter', that He may abide with you for ever.

NEW ENGLISH BIBLE - I will ask the Father, and He will give you another to be your 'Advocate', who will be with you for ever.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION - I will pray the Father, and He will give you another 'Counsellor' that He may abide with you for ever.

GOOD NEWS BIBLE - I will ask the Father, and He will give you another 'Helper' who will stay with you for ever.

J.B. PHILLIP'S TRANSLATION - I shall ask the Father to give you 'someone else to stand by you'.

### SOME COMMENTS

ADVOCATE Today, the word 'Advocate' suggests the man who has been hired to make a plea and a case - professional pleader. There is of course another meaning - to advocate some cause, or direction, or action.

COMFORTER A lovely word, standing for a lovely relationship. But, it has now passed so much into common parlance and does not necessarily convey guidance and strength e.g. A mother 'comforts' her child when it gets hurt. Valuable of course, but that is the sort of association 'comfort' has for us, and could be misleading as a description of the Holy Spirit.

COUNSELLOR In these modern days we have seen the growth of much 'counselling' - marriage guidance counsellors - Samaritan counsellors - Church counselling centres.

The true 'Counsellor' tries to listen in such a way that the man seeking 'counsel' finds from that relationship, something that strengthens to see and to do what is truly the right thing for him.

HELPER The 'Counsellor' is what the Good News Bible translates as 'helper'.

The translation I like best is that of J.B. Phillips:

"Someone else to stand by you"

The Holy Spirit - the Comforter - the Counsellor - the Helper - is in a true sense:

"The God who stands by us"

That is a phrase that is rich in strong and helpful human association. That is one of the best tributes we can pay to a friend - he stood by me through thick and thin - he stood by me when I was in trouble. When we say 'he stood by me' we describe a comradeship that nothing could weaken - that was there whatever happened.

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT -

"The God who stands by us", who stands beside us to counsel, to cheer, to guide, and always to bring to mind the things Christ taught. God's permanent, personal gift of Himself to men - no longer limited to time or space, but able to stand by His followers wherever they are. (Read again Psalm 139 v. 1-12).

#### THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT -

The fruits of the Spirit says St. Paul are: Love, joy, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

Just as when you see a corn-stalk waving in the field you know that beneath it, out of sight, there is a germinating, multiplying source of life, and faithfulness - so, in the heart where love and joy and peace flourish, there must of necessity be the Spirit hidden seed.

Dr. Leslie Hunter, one time Bishop of Sheffield, has told of a dream:-

The dreamer entered a spacious store in which the 'Gifts of God' were kept and behind the counter was an

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (see G.B. Letter, P.24)
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study Group, 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
Saturdays	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES The Minister will preach at all services except those on 6th July when Mr. Christopher will lead our worship.

1st Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
6th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Mon.	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - A.G.H. and supper
8th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
10th Thurs.	20.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	19.30h	Church Meeting
13th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
15th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
20th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
21st Mon.	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Progressive Supper
22nd Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
24th Thurs.	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
27th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
29th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
31st Thurs.	19.30h	Church Meeting



JULY/AUGUST, 1980.WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	20.30h	Prayer Fellowship in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES The Rev. R.C. Christonher will be preaching during August, with the exception of one Sunday morning, which will be notified on your order of service later.

3rd Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
5th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road
9th Sat.		G.S. Summer Camp (Argyle U.R.C., Bath)
		9th - 16th
10th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
12th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
14th Thurs.	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
17th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
19th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road
24th Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
26th Tues.	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
31st Sun.	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

Deadline date for Chronicle Copy will be :

Sunday 10th August

angel. In his dream the would-be purchaser said - "I have run out of the 'fruits of the spirit' - can you restock me?" When the angel was about to refuse, the dreamer angrily burst out - "In place of war, injustice, lying, hate, tyranny, I want love, joy, peace, integrity" - without these I shall be lost!" But, the angel behind the counter replied - "We do not stock fruits, we only keep seeds".

Every day, everyone can drop seeds of kindness understanding, sympathy, love.

There is an old Gaelic saying:-

"I too will turn my face to the wind, and cast my handful of seed on high".

ELLA ROBERTSON

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### REVIVAL OR RENEWAL

Our last church meeting was a rather quiet affair with little meat for your reporter to bite on. I am therefore most grateful to Bill for his report on the Assembly held recently at Sheffield. He painted for us some word pictures and illustrated very well how much he had enjoyed and benefited from this fellowship and the opportunity to sit at someone else's feet.

However, the emphasis which ran through the Assembly, and indeed throughout Bill's report, was the need for "Renewal" in our Church. In our own insular and human way of thinking we long for Revival; a return to things gone by; full churches on Sunday mornings; the things we know and understand. We are, in short, afraid to face the future under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the need for Renewal is the need for Renewal in the Holy Spirit.

This need for Renewal in the Holy Spirit exists within our own Church. O.K. we have a full church every Sunday morning and we feel comfortable and secure in the knowledge that it will, Godwilling, remain so. We feel comfortable and secure in the

knowledge that we, unlike many sister churches, are assured of our own full time minister for many years to come - indeed we are blessed with two ministers at this present time. But because of our comfort and security are we blinded to the reality of our needs? A full church and a full time minister may instil complacency and endanger our willingness to respond to the Holy Spirit.

Revival? We have no need for Revival in Goring. But what of Renewal - Renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Do we accept and fulfil our ministry of outreach? If not it can only be for one reason. Our failure to show Christ in our lives both individually and as a Church.

I urge you to ponder on the question - Revival or Renewal? A retrogressive step in the familiar or a forward step in Christ?

MATTHEW SMITH

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### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

#### NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. A. Marsh, 56 Durrington Lane, (Shown as members in Handbook, but admitted to membership on 1.6.80)	62712
Mr. F. Bulstrode, O.B.E., 26 Walpole Avenue	45011
Mrs. S. Marland, 23 New Timber Avenue	501610
Miss J. Dyer, 3B Strand Parade	40171

#### CHANGE OF NAME:

Mrs. D. Bridger now Mrs. D. Bulstrode

#### CORRECTION OF TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Mrs. E.M. Evans, 135a Goring Road	46543
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Please note this alteration to save further inconvenience to those who have already been troubled.

**U.R.C. WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT SPRING MEETING**  
**Hounsom Memorial U.R.C. Hove, 19.5.80**

What a joy and inspiration it was to be present at the above meeting. The Rev. Robert Gordon, B.A., was the speaker, a man full of enthusiasm and very dynamic in his approach.

The meeting opened with Psalm 105 "O give thanks unto the Lord". The theme "Saints Alive" was developed and I would like to share some of the thoughts with you:-

There is a smell of God about but the longest journey is from the head to the heart. Today throughout the world there is a real movement in the Church, but no church is going anywhere without Ministry and Good Leadership.

WHAT should OUR Manifesto be:

The following guide-lines were given:-

Acts 2 v. 47

Ephesians 4 v. 13

- a) The word of God disclosed      St. John 1 v. 14
- b) The works of God Manifested      St. Luke 11 v. 20
- c) The warfare of God accomplished      St. Luke 12 v. 50
- d) The Will of God fulfilled      St. Matthew 26 v.39

What comes chiefly through the bible? GOD LIVES

Let us open our hearts in a new way in His Resurrecting Power and Holy Spirit.

DOROTHY TURNER

**WORTHING AREA GUILD OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

The year 1979 saw a change of name for the 46 year old Council of Social Service. It was also the 'Year of the Child' in which the Guild participated with help to youngsters in a loan to the Maybridge Club, donations to holiday projects for disabled children and a prize for the 'Young Musicians Competition'.

The new Club for the Elderly at East Worthing progresses well, while that at Methold House gains strength. The five Homes, now fully 'fire-guarded' do splendid work, and there is a new lift in Fraser Lodge and a planned extension at Irene Lodge to accommodate another nine persons.

The Bureau for Volunteers is now established in its own premises at 3 North Street. Please support 'Your Local Charity' on the Flag Day.

DORA E. BULSTRODE

### THE LORD'S DAY - A 20th CENTURY PARABLE

The Teacher and his friends were out for a walk one Sunday. As they crossed an open space some of the younger friends were kicking a ball about. A member of the Lord's Day Observance Society came up to the Teacher and asked him to stop them taking part in sport on Sunday; but he declined, saying he could see no harm in healthy exercise and assuring the worthy man that they had all been to Church. A little later their walk took them to a place where a Sunday Market was being held, and, being hot after their game, some of them were about to go to a stall for ices and a drink. But the Teacher stopped them - 'Not on Sunday', he said. They protested 'You didn't let that spoil-sport stop our game'. 'This is different', he replied, 'your game didn't involve anyone in having to continue his daily work for your benefit. This market is causing some people to have to work unnecessarily for the convenience of others. You must have no part in that'. They walked on thoughtfully, as did the LDOS man who had remained near the party.

CAPRICORN

### JUNIOR CHURCH SCRIPTURE EXAM.

Congratulations to all those who sat the Examination. We gained 5 honours, 7 1st Class, 1 2nd Class, 3 3rd Class, and 1 4th Class. The honours were as follows:-  
Caroline Brunton 98%, 1st Prize Senior B. Horton Stevens Prize for highest marks over all and Senior shield.  
Mark Tuley 94%, 2nd Prize Junior B. & Junior Shield.  
Pamela Bruford 87% 2nd Prize, Senior A.  
Michael Chatfield 94%, Simon Cratchill 93%.

P.T.O.

Presentations were made on 20th June, 1980.

LYNDA MILLER, JEAN MARSH

# WORLD CHURCH PAGE

## FOR BETTER OR FOR VERSE?

I fear tis true, not just a rumour  
This World Church Page has lacked in humour  
And since I cannot shirk the blame  
To lighten it will be my aim -  
The Christian in his normal state  
Should be both happy and elate.

The Church at times has gone astray  
Created such an image grey,  
Put emphasis on sin and wrong  
And lost at times Salvation's song.  
The Puritan with visage grim  
And habit black and doleful hymn  
Had, worthy brother, in this suit  
Lost Joy among the Spirit's fruit.

Tissaid that Jesus never laughed!  
I'll tell you now, that's just plain daft.  
The Gospels did not need to say  
He smiled on such and such a day;  
In parable and wit sublime  
The smile was there most of the time.  
Our Lord was Master of the pun -  
I'm sure we all recall that one  
About brash Peter and the Rock  
(Which RCs since - I do not mock -  
Have made a retrospective case  
For making him the Church's base).  
And then He spoke with humour dry  
Of camels' humps and needle's eye.

The apostles were a mirthful crowd -  
I rather think they laughed out loud  
At wrathful James and petulant John  
(Who wanted to wreak vengeance on  
A hostile cote) - with teasing air  
'The Sons of Thunder' named this pair.

To those who may denur because  
 They like this page the way it was  
 (There are a few!, who helped me oft)  
 Let me assure, I'll not go soft;  
 I'll try to get you in hysterics  
 On Bishons red and trendy clerics.  
 Nor is it true you can't be serious  
 With patter bright and lines delirious.  
 While harsh words may put backs erect  
 Wry satire may have more effect  
 And hypocrites be given greater hope  
 When eyes are opened by the oen of Pope.  
 (Quite right! those lines had longer flow  
 You'll find one reason shown below).

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So far, it seems, we're doing fine  
 With English eight-syllabic line  
 But metrication's now the thing  
 So tens and fives I'd better sing:  
 To make our Common Market friends the sweeter  
 I'll add another foot and change the metre!

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#### TO H.G.

You say that God Our Father cannot find  
 An interest in the products of man's mind?  
 Alas for Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Brahms  
 Great Bach himself, and all whose music's charms  
 Were aimed for earthly joy and heavenly pleasure  
 (As is expressed in 'Jesu, Priceless Treasure')  
 Alas for Dante, Milton, Wesley, Watts  
 Does God regard their writings as mere jots?  
 El Greco, Raphael and Holman Hunt  
 Threw paint at canvas simply for a stunt?  
 Bramante, Wren, de Sens and Gilbert Scott  
 Did they no more than cover in a plot?  
 All these wrote, painted, sang unto the Lord;  
 Are we to think, by Him to be ignored?

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With great respect, H.G., you're wrong again:  
God's joys, just as His sorrows, come from men.

Well, there it is, a different kind of plea;  
I'll sign myself as usual,

R.F.B.

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### NOTICES, REPORTS, NEWS

The amount of £27.40 was collected during May for the Lenrosy Mission. Many thanks to all who give so generously.

MARY LUCKIN

CHRISTIAN AID Amount raised in June - £41.50

Many thanks,

HILDA HELE

#### JULY

#### FLOWERS FOR JULY/AUGUST

6th Mr. & Mrs. Emery      20th Mr. & Mrs. Burrage

13th Mrs. E. Edmonds &      27th Mr. & Mrs. Stewart  
Mrs. J. Oakes      & Amanda

#### AUGUST

3rd Mr. John Cook      17th Flower Fund

10th Miss I. Cox      24th Mr. & Mrs. Wraight

31st Flower Fund

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FLOWER FUND Sincere thanks for £2.50 contributed during May/June.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Sec.

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### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Fun, entertainment and instruction were enjoyed during the opening evenings of our Summer programme, which covered such varied subjects as War Time Reminiscences of Girl Guiding in Internment Camps in the Far East, Travels in Norway and



Archaeological Finds on Cissbury Hill, not to mention our visit to Findon Pottery where we were encouraged to try our hand with some interesting objects appearing as a result!

This coming month sees the conclusion of our summer programme and we look forward to the 7th when we will be holding our A.G.M. and supper, and the 21st when good cooking and good company can be guaranteed during our progressive supper.

WILMA SMITH  
Secretary

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### THE WOMEN'S GUILD

On Thursday, 15th May a number of us attended the 40th Anniversary of the West Worthing Baptist Women's Meeting, while others joined a similar meeting with the Salvation Army. On Monday, 19th May some of us went to Hove for the West Sussex Rally. All these meetings were well worthwhile and a source of spiritual renewal for all who attended them.

Our visit to Heaselands Gardens on 21st May was a great success. A short drive, the gardens beautifully laid out ablaze with azaleas and rhododendrons, easy walks and plenty of seats, made our afternoon. Thank you Doris for suggesting Heaselands, and Ethel for arranging everything, including our tea.

On Tuesday, 27th May we provided tea for the New Malden Women's Guild. After tea on these occasions we take our visitors on a conducted tour of our Church and halls. I wish you could "listen in" on these afternoons and hear their thoughts and comments on our beautiful Church and splendid halls. Our Church windows and their significance were very much admired.

Our Autumn Session begins on Tuesday, 9th September when we welcome Mrs. Jenkins as our new Vice-President. We wish her God's Blessing in her term of office. We also welcome Mrs. Mabey and Mrs. Blackman to our committee and hope they will enjoy the work. We have an interesting programme arranged and our Minister will speak to us at our opening meeting when we hope to see all old friends and welcome new ones. Come along and join us, you will be sure of a very warm welcome.

To all who are still very poorly, we remember you so often and send you our love.

ETHEL DEARSLEY  
Secretary

#### HAYWARD HOUSE

Following the success of an Auction Sale which took place in 1978, it is proposed to hold a similar event in October this year. The total cash proceeds will then be equally divided between "Hayward House" and the Church.

The type of items which will be gratefully accepted are: jewellery, bric-a-brac, china and victoriana. Regretfully, it is not possible or practicable, for the committee to consider the donation of electrical items or pieces of large furniture, although old or interesting books may be referred to the Rev. Connelly for his opinion on their saleability, or otherwise.

Gifts will be accepted unreservedly, but special consideration may be given for specific items received. Further details of this interesting event will be announced later.

COMMITTEE

#### BOYS BRIGADE

It is good to see the enthusiasm of our boys for the various summer activities, even if it does mean some of the officers being out virtually every evening! Our programme for the summer is as varied

as possible and includes treasure hunts, canoeing, ten-pin bowling, cricket, athletics and of course football! Our Battalion Sports Day on 14th June was a great success and we were blessed with good weather, in spite of a thunder storm the night before. Well done to all the boys who took part, enabling the 5th Worthing Company to carry off the cups for all three sections - Junior, Company and Senior!

On Saturday, 12th July, we are holding a 'Mini-Display' at "Westholme", Clive Avenue at 14.30h. This will take the form of various events and stalls, and all are invited. On the previous Saturday, 5th July, our boys will be involved in a sponsored run, which we hope you will support.

The Company boys are running round the Church (target 200 lams!) and the Juniors round Cissbury Ring. One of the reasons for raising these funds, is that our present B.B. Crew Bus is nearing the end of its life, and we shall soon have to think about replacing it; an expensive business.

Our Summer Camp plans have undergone several changes in the last few months, and for various reasons we have had to change the dates. This will now take place from 9th - 15th August, and instead of a camp, we will be going on a 'Welsh Holiday'. We will be taking several vehicles and tents, and touring the area, stopping at a different place each night.

We are now starting to plan for our new session in September, when one of our main objectives will be a recruitment drive as part of the national 'First for Boys' Campaign. New boys are always welcome, and if you know of anyone who might be interested, then we should be glad to hear of them. Further details of our activities are available in our June B.B. Magazine. God Bless,

CHRIS CHATFIELD,  
Company Section, Officer in Charge

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Everything seems to be happening at once! There's great excitement as the last few preparations for camp are made. We leave for Bath at 10.00h on 9th August. Jumble has started to come in and our Jumble Sale isn't until 18th September, and many saleable goods have already reached us for our Bazaar on 1st November! Life is very hectic, but how kind you all are, and we appreciate very much the support you give us.

Please will you continue to save old tights and stockings for us. We are getting short of stuffing for our hobby horses!

Our Session ends on 22nd July and we re-start on 16th September. Enjoy your youngsters during the holidays. Much of our time will be taken up in planning for the coming months, but we hope that during the long break you will encourage your daughters to make 'things' for our Bazaar. No one need be bored this summer!

I should like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone for the care and concern shown to me during my recent three weeks 'off the scene'. It all did much to speed along my recovery, and the Company managed very well without me! "Thank you" Officers for the many extras you performed during those weeks. Take care, all of you, safe journeys, happy landings and may a restful and refreshing time be had by all.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

LONDON LETTER

Holiday time! Sun, sea, fresh air, entertainment - whether you travel or stay at home in Worthing. Have a happy, healthy time. But during the next couple of months, please give a thought and pray some prayers, for those less fortunate than yourselves who have to spend the time in much less pleasant surroundings.

Without any comment, I give you a quote from our Local London Paper.

"SOMETHING ROTTEN IN KING'S CROSS"

The murder of prostitute Pat Malone focuses attention once again on the decaying and deprived area of King's Cross.

It is now one of the seediest areas in the whole of Inner London. It's got the lot. Bad housing, no amenities, the huge crumbling Cromer Street estate, the slum blocks of Hillview, vice and prostitution.

Everywhere there is the smell of neglect by the council. And everywhere you can see how the area is rapidly degenerating.

Mix all this in with unemployed youngsters wandering around with nothing to do and King's Cross also becomes an area that may explode at any time. It is already a haunt for racists".

MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS EXTRA

"Thank you". During my recent indisposition (which I am now told is caused by a partially slipped disc touching a sciatic nerve) I have been on the receiving end of the Church Family's love and care. Dora and I have been very touched by the many expressions of your concern which we have received, and we thank you for your enquiries, visits, cards, flowers, gifts and prayers, all of which we both are very grateful for.

The present indications are that my full recovery could take some time, so I hope you will continue to bear with me if I am sometimes a "oncer" at worship, and if occasionally my "admin" slips up.

R.H. NEWELL  
Church Secretary  
(admin.)

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No. 325SEPTEMBER, 1980FROM THE VESTRY"IT MUST COST MORE TO BE A MEMBER"

We are not talking about money, we are talking about commitment to Christ within the Kingdom of God and the service of His Church. The Pastoral Committee has begun a series of meetings within which we are exploring the whole question of Church Membership and what it means, both practically and historically, and also within the life of the Church today. It is hoped of us all that as a result of these meetings the membership of the Church present and the growth of the Church future will be blessed and enriched.

We begin with what is both a problem and an opportunity. How far are we able to bring our young people or our older people to a confession of faith in Christ? Is our worship and are our organizations directed toward this end? And if not, how far may we be astray from the primary purpose of serving Christ in His Church? This goes on to the point where we need to be a Church prepared and able to foster and to nurture the awakening faith in our young people and here we need to ask "What can I say or do as a more mature Christian to help in this important interest?" This consideration includes the whole question of the most effective ways in which confession of faith may be made both at Church Meeting and also within the act of being received on profession of faith in Church, and we invite your observations and experience to help us to make these occasions even more memorable and enduring.

It is hoped to begin a series of meetings both for those who may wish to become Church Members later on this year and also for any who would like to join a group in order that they may understand more fully the cost of Church Membership to which the Lord of the Church ever directs us. I shall be very pleased to receive names from young or old and Mr. F. Marsh, the Pastoral Secretary will also be pleased to receive names and with the Minister, to give guidance in this important part of our Church life. Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

FAMILY NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon WRAIGHT celebrate with joy and thanksgiving their Diamond Wedding, and Mr. & Mrs. Leslie BURRAGE, and The Rev. & Mrs. R.C. CHRISTOPHER, their Ruby Weddings. Also The Rev. & Mrs. Christopher celebrate their 40 years in the Ministry. (All of these during August).

Celebrations and thanksgivings abound with families home from abroad and parents visiting their own children and grandchildren in many parts of the world. We try to follow these important events in prayer and thought, and as we have said before, do please use this page to share with us your joys and sorrows.

Francis and Gwen Wills are having difficulties, but we rejoice that in them faith abounds! (Since going to press we hear that Francis is now in Worthing Hospital).

JEAN & EDWARD SYMMONS (and Mary too!) We send blessings with assurance of our support in prayer as Edward goes to Cambridge to prepare for ordination to the Christian Ministry. The Church will give some financial help in the form of an annual gift for books. Should there be private contributions, these gifts would be greatly appreciated, either direct to Edward or via the Minister.

Thank you all for your greetings in resepct of my 6th anniversary as your Minister. The event was crowned by a new Grandson, DANIEL!

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPBAPTISMS

Russell Mark OAKES	13th JULY
Mary Jean SYMMONS	
Melanie Jayne FEEST	20th JULY
Kimberley Jane KEITH	27th JULY
Iain Raymond ANDERSON	17th AUG

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"



MARRIAGES

Keith BUCKLER to Carmen Anita Callis	28th JUNE
Quirino C. ROJAS to Gillian Jenkins	12th JULY
Stephen Charles David PERKINS to Gillian Rosina HARD	26th JULY
Russell Philip BURDON to Ann Doody	
William John HESLOP to Jill Jean Forrest	9th AUG
Roger Thomas DAWSON to Carole Diane Constable	16th AUG
Andrew PANTER to Jennifer Mirriana Wild	

IN MEMORIAM

Mary MORTON	20th JUNE
James Sinclair MARSHALL	26th JUNE
Leigh Bentall KELSEY	29th JUNE
Susan Kathleen HOBBS	5th JULY
Lily White DAVIS	6th JULY
Eileen Mary LONG	14th JULY
Rona McEVOY	18th JULY
Frances GIBSON	30th JULY
Daisy Emily SCEALES	1st AUG

We have just heard from The Moderator, The Rev. C.C. Franks of the death of an old friend and long-standing past member of our Church, Mrs. Win Powell. All her friends at Goring will wish to reassure Cliff of their prayers and thoughts at this sad time.

"The Eternal God is thy dwelling place  
and underneath are the everlasting arms"



### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

"Jean and I should like to thank all members and friends in Goring United Reformed Church, for their love, cards and gifts in respect of the birth of our daughter, Mary Jean.

We look forward to worshipping with you all this Christmas including Mary Jean in Creche".

EDWARD & JEAN SYMMONS

The Marshall family wish to thank our Ministers and many members of the congregation for their prayers and sympathy both before and since their bereavement. Ours is indeed a caring church.

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Thank you very much indeed for the many cards of good wishes which you sent me for my 90th birthday. It was very much appreciated by me. I also thank the Church very much for the beautiful flowers, the Choir for the lovely flowering pot plant, the Girls Brigade for the charming gift. I started to use it as soon as I received it and will continue to use it and cherish it all my life. Thank you once again, for thinking of me, and God Bless you all.

GWEN WILLS

"It is my joy in life to find at every turning of the road

The strong arm of a comrade kind to help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give, and love alone must make amends,

My only prayer is while I live: God make me worthy of my friends."

This little verse I found describes so aptly my feelings. Thank you, everybody.

MURIEL HURT

Acknowledgments, Continued

23.6.80

We should like to express our pleasure in and thanks for the fun and fellowship we have had this weekend. What a busy weekend!! It started on Friday evening with a Service at Cliftonville U.R.C., Hove, for the Dedication of Scripture Examination Certificates, and how hard children of not only our Church but all around the District had worked!!!

On Saturday we spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Pondtail Farm, West Grinstead, by kind courtesy of Horsham U.R.C., where we learned about Wheat growing and, to the children's delight, a ride around the Farm on a tractor, followed by a dancing display and tea on the lawn. A super day despite uncertain weather.

All of this excitement was followed by another on Sunday. What a lovely lunch - how can we express our thanks for the hard work which had evidently gone into its preparation. Everyone so enjoyed themselves and those who survived the walk or should we say, 'blow', to the beach, enjoyed a game of cricket or just playing on the sand. Three cheers to all concerned, and soon may it be repeated.

Sunday cannot pass without the mention of the evening service at Splash Point. It was the first time we had been and even though there were not many there due to the inclement weather, after such a full and varied weekend it seemed to be so right to be praising God out there amidst the pounding of the waves and howling wind. Long may these services continue.

20 Shaftesbury Avenue.

THE CRAGHILL FAMILY

"Dennis and I want to share with you a little of our "Silver Wedding".

For days leading up to 4th June we had many attractive cards coming from far and wide of yester year. We do thank our Church friends who remembered us, including one from the Girls' Brigade with many signatures, we read the words on each one, the happy theme was "Wishing us much happiness". This Dennis and I have experienced throughout our marriage, we look

forward to the coming years of love and trust, and sharing "Everything" together, for we both believe our happiness has been blessed by our Lord; many times we have thanked Him for being our Friend in good and bad times.

Dennis sent me a huge bouquet of flowers, they filled three vases, and at different times, four beautiful sheaves of flowers arrived. Coming home from shopping I found on our door-step more flowers, smelling gorgeous. On reading the envelope - they had come from our Church, and we do thank you all for them. Our Flower Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Turner, did the flowers for the 29th June in the Church, and we thank her for the lovely arrangement. We had them on the 28th June either side of the main table at our luncheon held in our Church Hall, and on each table we had a posy of flowers. These were given by Auntie Vi and Uncle Rob. On Auntie Vi's instructions Uncle Rob did as he was told, putting a bloom here and there and making quite a professional job of it too!.

We had the Gift of our Wedding Cake by Mary Luckin. It was beautifully made and iced and tasted lovely. We must include Mr. R. Luckin in the 'giving' too. We had a gift for every year we had been married, it now looks as if we shall have to buy a glass cabinet to house them all. We began our Luncheon with Grace and a Blessing from our Minister, The Rev. William Connelly. We do thank you all for your good wishes.

We send our Love and Blessings on you all,

CONNIE & DENNIS  
(Gill)

#### BIBLE VERSES

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary,  
His understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
And to him who has no might he increases strength.

Is. 40: 28-29

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
 The world and those who dwell therein; for he has  
 founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the  
 rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And  
 who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean  
 hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul  
 to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He  
 will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication  
 from the God of his salvation.

Ps.24: 1-5

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say Rejoice.  
 Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.  
 Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by  
 prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
 requests be made known to God.

Phil. 4: 4-6

PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PRAY

Some pray to God  
 Then Jesus Christ,  
 And end "in Jesus' name".  
 What do they mean?  
 Please pause and think  
 Before you do the same.

To God, our Father,  
 Jesus said  
 Is the way to say our prayers.  
 Please copy him,  
 In case we sin  
 Against the one who cares.

AQUARIUS

GORING (SUSSEX) CONGREGATIONAL HOUSING ASSOCN. LTD.,HAYWARD HOUSE

How time flies! It was during the first months of 1969 that a number of members of the Church congregation talked seriously about the formation of a Housing Association. In May of that year a Special Church Meeting was called which had a very good attendance. That Special Church Meeting passed unanimously a resolution that a Housing Association should be formed.

On looking through the records of our Housing Association the first mention is of a Founder Members' Meeting in September, 1969 which decided that such an Association should be formed with £60 borrowed from the Church for formation and registration fees. By December of that year there was £915 in the bank!

Then followed the search for suitable properties and £15,250 was offered and accepted for Nos. 18 & 20 Shaftesbury Avenue. The Bank balance was then £2329 and the offer of a bungalow was made to the Association which produced £5,307. By the middle of 1971, in spite of approval of plans and the offer of finance by the Worthing Council, difficulties were arising with the Department of the Environment as to their planning requirements, and an appeal to our M.P. did not help. A revised Scheme from the original 10 flatlets and a housekeeper's flat was produced for 6 flats at a cost of some £42000 which was not acceptable to the Assocn. So by the middle of 1972 the two houses were sold for a net total of £18952 which after all expenses, including heavy architects' fees, showed a profit of some £700 and the search for another property started all over again.

No. 2 Shaftesbury Avenue appeared suitable and this was bought in May, 1973 for £15550 and eventually converted into 5 flatlets at a total cost of some £22000, and named "Hayward House" as a tribute to the Minister & Chairman of the Association, The Rev. Wallis Hayward.

Hayward House is now a well established part of our community and the various fund-raising schemes are always well supported. And this leads to the object of this brief report - the need to produce some £3500 extra capital to pay for a complete roof overhaul and repair; it has always been known that flat roofs are a problem in maintenance and the time has arrived when a proper effective renewal must be carried out. Extra support is asked for the Auction Sale advertised in this Chronicle, for all the other fund-raising activities and particularly for gifts of money which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ralph Beale. Our finance was started by selling "Bricks" at 2/6d. a time (old money) and eventually over £20000 was raised and the Association is sure support will be given to this appeal to re-roof Hayward House.

MAURICE JONES  
Sometime Secretary to  
the Association

#### FROM THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

It has been a privilege and joy to serve our Church during the month of August. I appreciated our Church Secretary's reference to the fact that I have had forty years in the Ministry. Also Elspeth joins me in appreciation and thanks for the greetings and the lovely plant Mrs. Turner brought us on behalf of the Church on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding.

I was glad that our friend, Edward Symmons, was able to share the evening Service with me on 10th August on the eve of his departure for Cambridge. It proved to be an interesting and I hope, inspiring Service with a Minister looking at his ministry in retrospect and a recently accepted candidate for the ministry looking forward to the prospect of the Christian Ministry. We all wish Edward and Jean and baby Mary God's Blessing in their new home and in the College, and for their future.

We welcome our Minister's return from his holiday and look forward to his leadership in our Church's

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Autumn Session begins 16.9.80)
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study
7th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
8th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "Australia" C. Nunneley
9th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild Opening Meeting The Rev. W. Connelly "Monday Rambles"
	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
10th Wednesday	a.m.	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road All Welcome, do come along.
11th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
14th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

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18th	Thursday	18.30h	Girls' Brigade JUMBLE SALE
20th	Saturday	10.00h	Bible Society Market at Holy Trinity Hall, Gratwicke Road
21st	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
22nd	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Norwood "Worthing Museum"
23rd	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Miss E. Gilby "New Experiences"
		14.30h	Men's Fellowship "Members' Afternoon"
		20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
24th	Wednesday	a.m.	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
25th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
28th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship) Harvest
		18.30h	Divine Worship) Festival
29th	Monday	20.00h	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will by  
Sunday, 14th September

Please try and oblige, as this is becoming  
a difficult thing to manage!

EDITOR

For change of Bible Study arrangements at 56 Bolsover Rd.,  
please see Reports & Notices



Autumn and Winter programmes. I look forward to the continuation of what is a happy ministerial partnership.

The Lord be with you all,  
RON CHRISTOPHER

Change of Address      HANDBOOK

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Symmons & Mary,  
42 Chartfield Road, Cherry Hinton,  
Cambridge,      Tel: Cambridge  
CB1 4JY      (0223) 42793

PERSONAL

A Congregational Music Hymn Book, taken from the Cabinet in the Little Chapel between 22nd - 29th June, has not been returned up to 10th August. Will the person borrowing same kindly return to the Cabinet. The name and address of the owner is inside. This has sentimental attachment.

MINISTRY OF TAPES

The services are recorded every morning and evening in our Church and we thank Mr. & Mrs. R. Tuley for carrying on this good work. Perhaps there are some housebound folk within our fellowship who are not aware of this useful and helpful aid to worship at home. Do please get in touch with Mr. or Mrs. Tuley, if you know of, or have at home, a friend or relative who may like to hear these tapes regularly, or even just on special occasions.

EDITOR

I should like to say a special 'Thank you' to all those who submit material for the magazine, and especially to those who send me little letters which I much appreciate. Forgive me, please, if these do not get answered individually. Also, an apology to you if your submission has not yet been found in the pages of The Chronicle; believe me, it is not easy to fit everything in, but I do hang on to the little snippets you give me with the hope that I may have a little space for you soon.

The Chronicle team wish to add our congratulations both to the Minister on his new Grandson, and to our Associate Minister, on his Ruby Wedding and

attaining 40 years in the ministry. God bless them both.

M.B. POPPLESTONE

### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### QUOTES AND NOTES

BREZHNEV'S OLYMPIC ANTHEM "I saw no political slogans in Moscow" - Manager, British Olympic Squad  
 "Moscow provides chapels at the Olympics" - Baptist Times

We're a peaceful regime in the USSR  
 So we welcome all sportsmen from both near and far.  
 To ensure that our guests are as friendly as we,  
 We allot each a guide from our own KGB  
 (Which last, as you know, stands for 'Knightly Grand  
 Blokes')

They are fun-seeking people who love little jokes;  
 When you make some small jest about Marx, without rancour  
 They will tickle your ribs in a cell in Lubianka.

As you come from the Land of the Lady of Iron  
 It's just possible that you have come here to spy on  
 Our peace-keeping forces and so, just in case,  
 An additional guide will accompany each race.  
 If your name is Steve Ovett, A Wells or Seb Coe,  
 We realise our men can't afford to be slow  
 So if they cannot cope by deft use of their spikes  
 You will find they keep with you by tracking on bikes.

There are places of worship within the Games Village -  
 We have furnished these churches with loot from the  
 pillage

Of those of our own - for we find it quite odd  
 That any should want to believe in a God.  
 Jews and Baptists are coming from Wien and Liberia  
 To replace all our own who are now in Siberia  
 (On vacation, of course, at the Government's expense  
 We invited them gently and they soon saw sense).

Now despite all the cries of warmongering Yanks  
In the whole of Red Square there's an absence of tanks;  
Of all the Red Army you'll not see a man,  
For they've gone to spread friendship in Afghanistan.

In our land, unlike yours, our elections are free;  
They can vote for whoever they like - and that's me !  
And all those not impressed by this free constitution  
Are afforded free board in a Mind Institution.

So you all are most welcome - we'd even have Wogan -  
And we'll give no offence by political slogan:  
You will find all is rosy and quite without warts  
As you enter the Gala of Soviet Sports.

CONCERNING OTHER RACES "Racial discrimination and  
free enterprise are incompatible and failure to eradicate the one will ultimately result in the destruction of the other" - Mr. H.F. Oppenheimer, Chairman, Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.

"Tesco plans to keep some of its white goods in its  
larger superstores but to withdraw them from small to  
medium sized stores" - Financial Times, 11th July, 1980.

YOUTH AND THE MEDIA At the end of last term I had the  
pleasure of attending 5 concerts in 4 different schools  
in the area. The high standards of performance (and,  
equally commendable, the good standard of behaviour  
during sometimes very long waiting periods before performance) reflected much dedicated and concentrated work on the part of the performers and their music teachers. Some of these events achieved brief mention in the local press - but not as much as would have been the case if the young people had instead been involved in violence or vandalism. Would it not make for a happier social scene if the positive achievements of young people were given more recognition in the media ?

R.F.B.

## A THOUGHT BEFORE WORSHIP by "TAPTON"

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness". Come quietly, serenely, expectantly into God's House. Remember that a quiet greeting to a friend will help better than a long conversation that may disturb the fellowship. Minister to your fellow-worshippers by the way in which you ADORE and PRAISE GOD.

Making a Joyful noise unto the Lord is a proper offering when hymns are being sung, but it may not be so helpful to the friend who seeks to find God in Silence .... let the Beauty of the Lord be upon us!

## FORGOTTEN FAVOURITE HYMNS AND TUNES -"TAPTON"

Visitors to DUNDEE may still hope to sing

"When this passing world is done", since it was written by one of the town's foremost citizens, namely, ROBERT MURRAY McCHEYNE, but have you any memory of this hymn C.P. No. 772 being sung in your own Church during recent years?

Included in the section 'chiefly for private devotion' this hymn does not depend for it's life and message upon the ability of choir or congregation to sing it, since when used for private devotion it admits us into the heart of a remarkable man of faith. Robert Murray McCheyne borne in 1813 was among a group of remarkable Scottish Divines whose zeal for Christ's honour both at home and abroad resulted in a great revival within the Scottish Churches, and though Robert died in 1843 at the early age of 30, he was one of the greatest spiritual forces of his day. A copy of his "Remains" would be helpful for a further study. Ask your Minister if he has one? and also if he knows the hymn!

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## REPORTS & NOTICES

I.B.R.A. (Special Missionary Appeal) It would be a great help to me if the Members who so generously respond to the above appeal would kindly hand their envelopes to me instead of placing them in the offertory plate. Thank you,

E.F. SHEARMUR

BOOKSTALL Please note that the running of the Church Bookstall, situated in the East Transept, has been taken over temporarily by Mr. Ron Courtnadge. He will be pleased to receive any requests you may have for Christian books, Bibles, cards etc. and obtain them for you from the Christian Book Centre, with whom we have a book agency benefiting the Church.

J. SYMONS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP at 56 Bolsover Road

Members and friends of our Group will be interested to note that as from 10th September and starting on that day, we shall be meeting on Wednesday mornings instead of Tuesday evenings fortnightly. Those who may not be able to get out at night, particularly in the winter months, might like to consider coming along on 10th. We shall notify the time later on and so please get in touch with us direct.

E. & B. POPPLESTONE

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Please make a note that the HARVEST SUPPER & BARN DANCE will take place on 29th September. The Caller will be Mr. Ray Taylor, as last year.

M. HAWKE

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY The Worthing Churches invite you to support their COFFEE MORNING & MINI MARKET WITH BRING & BUY STALLS, in Holy Trinity Hall, Gratwicke Road, on Saturday, 20th September from 10 a.m. - 12.15.

B.R.F., I.B.R.A. - Membership for 1981 Will Members of the above fellowships requiring any alteration to their orders, or any non-members who wish to join, kindly let me know by 30th September, latest.

(Miss) E. SHEARMUR  
2 Wycliffe Court,  
Southview Gardens  
Worthing, Tel: 47870

ALI BABA has a request

Empty jars of any sort are needed for the Girls' Brigade Fair. 1 Especially small jars - ½ lb jam, mint sauce, mustard etc. Contact any member of G.B., and they will be gratefully collected.

J. BATER

WOMEN'S GUILD

Hullo Everybody! September - the start of our Autumn programme on September 9th, when our Minister will tell of his "Monday Rambles"!!

Our new vice-presidents, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Burrage, with the new Committee members, Mrs. Blackman, Mrs. Mabey and Miss Mann, your old Committee and friends will be there to welcome you. We have many new folk in our Church, and we hope they will join us in the happy fellowship we enjoy within the Guild. The Men's Fellowship begins on 23rd September, and then meets on the same days as us, so that husbands and wives can come along together.

Transport is becoming a problem for some. If anyone with a car in either Fellowship comes with an empty seat and would be willing to help, please let me know.

I know it seems late reporting, but our "Strawberry Tea" was too late for the July/August issue of the Chronicle. Thank you all for making it such a happy occasion - in spite of a thunderstorm - and for enabling us to send £30 to the East African Famine Relief Fund.

To our sick friends we send our love and pray that God will be very close to them in the days to come.

E. DEARSLEY

MEN'S

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our opening Meeting of the Autumn Session is on Tuesday, 23rd September and as usual we are looking to our members to provide the entertainment. This time they are invited to speak for a few minutes on "How I met my Wife". We are also promised some music by

the Shavian Group and look forward to an interesting time. The programme for the Session should be ready early in September and we are always anxious to welcome new members.

REG GOODCHILD

#### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Since my last report we have had a speaker from Underground Evangelism. The Meeting was an open evening and over 100 people attended from various churches, coming from as far afield as Hayling Island. The sum of £114.50 was collected and donated to the work of this Ministry. We pray that God may continue to guide all those who spread the Gospel at home and abroad.

We have also had our A.G.M. when our new Committee was formed. We should like to thank Mrs. Hilary Redman for the time she has been on the Committee and would also like to welcome Mrs. Lesley Richards as she joins the Committee. The evening was finished off with a lovely supper.

The final evening of our Summer Programme was our Progressive Supper which, I am sure, was enjoyed by all those who took part. We now look forward to more enjoyable evenings during our Autumn Session, and to seeing some new friends.

WILMA SMITH

#### GIRLS' BRIGADE

By the time you read this we shall be busy getting ready for a new Session which starts with a JUMBLE SALE on Thurs., 18th Sept. at 6.30 p.m. If you have anything for collection please 'phone 40955 43660 or 41761 and we will do our best to oblige. We will tell you all about our Camp at Bath in the October Chronicle, since this is being written on the eve of our departure, and the pleasures and the joys are all before us. We should like to say "thank you" for all your kindness and generosity to us; for ice-cream money, sweets, biscuits and numerous goodies that we all enjoy so much. Please remember our



Bazaar, which is steadily getting nearer - November 1st. Posters will soon be available and we hope you'll make a note of the date and come along and buy from our many bargains! WE STILL NEED A PIANIST. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

STOP PRESS!

AUCTION SALE ON BEHALF OF GORING UNITED REFORMED  
CHURCH and "HAYWARD HOUSE" Elderly Persons  
Accommodation

An Auction Sale is to be held at 2.15 p.m. on 8th October, 1980 in order to raise funds to meet part of the cost of major roof repairs at Hayward House, and by an even division of the proceeds of the Sale to donate the remaining towards Church expenses.

The Sale will be held in the Church Hall. Should you be willing to offer any items of jewellery, bric-a-brac, china or victoriana, then please complete a slip which can be found as a tear-off portion of notices which will be distributed during September. These slips may be deposited in either of the boxes provided in the Church Vestibule; a Committee member will then make contact with you in due course.

Regretfully, it is not possible or practicable for the Committee to consider the donation of electrical items or pieces of large furniture, although old or interesting books may be referred to The Rev. Connelly for his opinion on their saleability, or otherwise. Gifts will be accepted unreservedly, but special consideration may be given for specific items received.

Goods will be displayed for viewing on the morning of the Sale only.



The Committee members are: The Rev. Connelly, Mr. Beale, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Green, Mr. Plank, Mr. Nodes, Mr. Blakey, Mrs. Blakey, Mr. Lock and Mr. Cook. Both The Rev. Connelly and Mr. Cook may be approached directly should you have any queries regarding the submission of articles for the Sale.

We trust that this forthcoming event will be as successful as our previous venture in 1978 and look forward to your support as you are able.

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### HINTS ON GARDENING IN THE CHURCH

#### With Acknowledgments to Petts Wood U.R.C.

First	-	Weed out	Gossip, Indifference, Criticism, Envy, Jealousy, Pride, Malice.
Next	-	Plant out five rows of Peas	Presence, Promptness, Preparation, Purity, Perseverance.
Then	-	Plant five rows of Lettuces	LET US be faithful to duty, LET US be loyal and unselfish, LET US be true to our obligation, LET US obey the word of God, LET US love one another.
Remember	-	No garden is complete without Turnips	TURN UP for Meetings TURN UP with a smile TURN UP With new ideas

(The above had been borrowed from Polegate U.R.C. Magazine

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FROM THE VESTRY

HARVEST HOME

HOW MANY MOUTHS TO FEED?

They tell you .....

The posters, politicians, pamphlets, preachers -  
A million million mouths and more!

But when Jesus came, borne at this world's door  
There was only one mouth to feed,  
And Mary met His need.

How many mouths to feed?  
He, said "Anything you do for my brothers  
You do for me".

Lord Jesus make me see your lips  
Crushed against the world's hard breast.  
You, heavenly guest become our Host  
And help us to nourish You, in our world.

I hope you will accept my poem in the spirit  
of Harvest, and give with increasing thankfulness  
and generosity to help God's children - Christ's  
brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Yours with blessing and love

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPIN MEMORIAM

Doris Charlotte Pickett

29th Aug

Albert Henry Smith

29th Aug

In heavenly love abiding

God holds the key of all unknown  
and I am glad.  
If other hands should hold the key  
or if He trusted it to me  
I might be sad.

What if tomorrow's cares were here  
without its rest!  
I'd rather He unlocked the day  
and as the hours swing open, say  
Thy will is best!!

I cannot read His future plans  
but this I know,  
I have the smiling of His face  
and all the refuge of His grace  
while here below!!

Enough! This covers all my wants  
and so I rest.  
For what I cannot, He can see,  
And in His care I saved shall be,  
For ever blest.

J. Parker 1830 - 1902.

MARRIAGES

Andrew Panter to Jennifer Mirriana Wild 22nd Aug  
"Whom Thou for evermore dost join in one".

IN OUR PRAYERS

Mr. & Mrs. P. Biggs, Mrs. V. Winterton, Mrs.  
Brann, Vi Beamish and John, Ray Newell, Muriel Hurt  
and Ronald, Francis Howe and her family (Mrs. Howe  
is at 41 Bath Road), Frances Wills and Gwen and all  
for whom prayers are desired.

The Ministers are grateful for all information given in the interest of the sick or troubled. Please use the prayer book in the little Chapel.

### FRIDAY NIGHT 'PRAYER AND PRAISE'

A little group continue their faithful watch on Friday nights from 8.30 pm onwards. Time to pray for others as we turn the pages of the book of requests for prayer. Time to praise God, sometimes in song, always with thanksgiving ... look in on us ... you may come in and leave as you have opportunity.

### REMEMBER OUR STUDENTS

Jennifer Shelton	Kings College London
Michael Donnelly	Garnett College Roehampton
Ruth Chatfield	Salford University
Wendy Evans	Post-graduate Training Course Keswick Hall
	Norwich University
Edward Symmons	Westminster College
	Cambridge University
James Connolly	Research Scholarship
	Southampton University

Remember our students in your prayers and further information will be welcomed for publication in the Chronicle.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. F.J. Brewer rejoice in the birth of a grandchild. Mr. & Mrs. C. Hunt have celebrated their Golden Wedding and Mr. & Mrs. B. Shorro have celebrated their Ruby Wedding on the 7th September - we offer our congratulations.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear Editor,

Wedding plans are usually made well in advance but our Diamond Wedding was one of completely unplanned surprises - all wholly delightful.

Once the date leaked out the news spread far and wide and we were absolutely overwhelmed with the love and congratulations we received from our friends at Goring and elsewhere. To name the givers of all the gifts and the senders of over fifty cards is not possible through the medium of this magazine.

When all the family arrived for the celebrations they found the Church had already shown its loving care of us with presents of beautiful flowering plants from the Ministers, Elders and members, the Choir, the Women's Guild and flowers from individual Church families; Material gifts from the Girls' Brigade and others.

Incidentally, the Press learned of the occasion from the Church Chronicle!

We have tried to thank everybody by letter, phone or word of mouth, but if anyone has been inadvertently omitted, please accept this token of our gratitude.

DORIS AND GORDON WRAIGHT

Charles and I should like to thank the Girls' Brigade for the 'Get Well' card, which he received after his second visit to hospital, also, for cards and flowers received on our Golden Wedding Day, 6th September, from the Church; -

Mr. Goodchild, on behalf of the Men's Fellowship, Mrs. Dearsley, on behalf of the Women's Guild, also a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Connelly, and Mr. Christopher; Bless you all.

IRENE AND CHARLES HUNT

### HOLIDAY CLUB

The first of these clubs in 1979 was a big success. What of number 2? Outstanding!

On Monday along came 70 children and by Friday there were over 90. If it had continued for many more days the halls would have been bursting at the seams!

The children sang from the heart, listened to the 'WORD' each morning and then started creating 'Puppets on a String' guided by the helpers. The puppets, scenery etc. were prepared by each group to illustrate a Bible Story and the high light of the week was the performance given by the children to parents on Friday in the special puppet theatre made by Mr. Marsh.

The rapt expression of the children watching each group's performance was the best reward for all the hard work and preparation by the helpers. How refreshing it was to see too, the wide age range of those helpers, from teenagers, young mums to senior citizens.

A special thank you must go to Mr. & Mrs. Marsh for their leadership and Mr. Wheeler for his help in getting the special materials needed for the puppet theatre and the wood for stringing the puppets. THE LORD'S presence was felt so very much throughout this week and what a joyful experience it was to be part of it.

DOROTHY TURNER

### GIRLS' BRIGADE CAMP, 1980

On Saturday 9th August, one Captain, three Lieutenants, one Warrant Officer and twenty-four Girls of assorted shapes and sizes set off for a week's camp at the Argyle United Reformed Church at Bath. Two of the Lieutenants were new to the art of camping and were soon initiated into camp life. Nighties and other garments had to be watched very carefully or else they disappeared! only to reappear tied, beautifully sewn up, to toilet chains or some other equally delightful spot! Sleeping bags were whisked away from under our noses. Fun, laughter and fellowship were in abundance during the week.

Bath is a beautiful city and we visited various places of interest including the Roman Baths, the Toy Museum, the Museum of Costume and we also had a lovely day out at the Wookey Hole Caves.

Thank you, Argyle U.R.C., for having us in your spacious premises. Thank you Captain for your hard work and organisation, not only during the actual week of camp but in the months prior to it. Only you know just how much work goes into planning a successful camp, we who have the privilege of accompanying you can only guess.

B.B.

### "REFORM" 1981

It seems a long way ahead to be thinking about the 1981 "Reform", but I have already received particulars from Headquarters with the usual request to obtain new subscribers. Unfortunately, I shall lose two subscribers who have taken in the magazine for many years, this through their leaving the district, so I very much hope to gain new subscribers and that there will be no cancellations. If you do not now take "Reform" and would like to do so, please get in touch with me not later than 15th November, when I have to send in a completed form giving 1981 requirements. The cost will be £2.20 per year.

I give below extract from the letter received from Headquarters:-

"Year after year we have kept increases in charges to the absolute minimum. In 1979, after deducting an allowance for 'Overheads' (cost of office accommodation, phone, etc.) Reform paid for itself with a very slender margin. For 1980 some unexpected increases in costs - especially the second postal increase in 1979, came after we had set the rates for 1980. So 1980 is going to be very tight indeed.

For 1981 therefore, the Committee has decided that we must increase our charges nearer to the rate of inflation. The average increase will be approximately 20%".

MOLLIE HANKE

FINANCE

Our finances at the end of August were in excellent shape - our income being in excess of our payments by £1520. This may seem excessive, but there is a large payment of £1300 due to be made in December as our contribution to the Unified Appeal. Part of this amount, say £500, will come from our Mission Envelopes, but the balance will be contributed from the General Fund. The other item which is not included in this quoted surplus is the payment for the Minister's car which amounted to a net £1650. Gift Day raised £1276 towards it and consideration will have to be given towards the end of the year as to how the balance will be funded.

Our increased income is due to the higher weekly offerings. So far this year income from the F.W.O. envelopes averages £173 per week and the loose cash to £61. This compares with the averages for the whole of last year of £137 and £53 weekly respectively.

This excellent state of affairs must not lead to complacency on our part, but if we continue as we have started then even with the ever increasing costs, we shall be able to show a modest surplus at the end of the year.

Looking forward to 1981, our contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund has been assessed at £7900 (1980 - £6829) and our contribution to the Unified Appeal - £1870 (1980 - £1300). These increases together with inflation at around £15% means we shall have to find an additional £25 per week (60p per week per member).

DOUGLAS BLAKEY  
Treasurer

CHRISTIAN AID

Contributions for July	-	£30.30	
"	"	August -	£15.25

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE



PERMAPS HE'S BORED!

Our prayers are long  
 We tell Him all  
 The ills and pains  
 But is this wrong?

He knows our needs,  
 He heeds our call.  
 Don't bore our God  
 With lengthy creeds.

Just say "Your will  
 Be done, Oh God.  
 Your Holy Spirit leads".

AQUARIUS

FORGOTTEN FAVOURITE HYMNS AND TUNESby TAPTON

The Congregational Hymnary published nearly seventy years ago, had in it some hymns which even now evoke a happy thanksgiving. How often the present writer has sat down to play No. 716 in that book. Do you remember it?

Prefaced by the text "I will make all my goodness pass before thee" the first verse sings:

All the beauty I behold  
 On the land and sea  
 Manifests Thy love untold  
 To a child like me;  
 All the colours of the sky,  
 Dawn and sunset glow,  
 All the starry hosts on high,  
 Thy great goodness show.

The chorus answers:

In my youthful, gladsome days,  
 Grant Thy grace to me,  
 That in holy loving ways  
 I may live for Thee.

Of course, the words went out with that decline in idealism which marked the end of the first world war. T.H. Green, Robert Elsemere and all that! Charles Cox's tune was never popular among the musical critics. But TAPTON remembers it and plays it to God's glory forty years after first hearing it - do you?

## WORLD CHURCH PAGE

### Ecumenical Events

#### RUSSIAN UNORTHODOX DEPARTURE

With the Olympics out of the way, the Soviet authorities lost no time in putting on 'trial' some of the dissidents arrested or internally deported for that infamous occasion. The ten year sentence on Father Yeludkin, the Russian Orthodox priest, for the 'crime' of advocating Christian rights came as no surprise, though this does not lessen its inhumanity. As always on these occasions the W.C.C. is acting positively - it is giving more money to southern African terrorists.

#### DALEY OCCURRENCE

How pleasant it was to welcome the Rev. Victor Daley from St. Symphorian's to our much over-URCed pulpit the other Sunday. He shared with us some sensible thoughts on Church unity and emphasised that in his view it certainly did not mean a dull uniformity of forms and services. It was a notable fact that the least Anglican parts of the service were those led by Mr. Daley. And he was old-fashioned enough to mention SIN!

#### POLISH PETER'S ARRIVAL

The proposed visit of the Pope has been welcomed by the great majority of Christians of most communions, though predictably denounced by that vociferous but small band of Protestant bigots (again from several denominations) who would if they had their way spread the peace and tranquility of Northern Ireland throughout the U.K. One does not have to agree with every major or minor tenet of R.C. theology ( and I certainly don't) to

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (October 28th Half term)
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd	Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
5th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		18.30h	Divine Worship
6th	Monday	14.30h	Annual Meeting of Representatives of Womens' Groups of the Churches of the District at St. Columba's
		20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Beetle Drive
7th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "Games and Dolls" - Miss Kelly
		14.45h	Mens' Fellowship - "Australia revisited" illustrated by Mr. L.E. Knight, Chairman Mr. L.E. Knight.
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
8th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road.
9th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
11th	Saturday	10.15h	- Autumn Conference - Churches of
		16.00h	Sussex West District at Goring
			U.R.C. "To gather Programme"

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12th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
19th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
20th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "My Work as National Trust South Down Warden" - Mr. Jones
21st	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship Joint Anniversary meeting. Speaker Mrs. Yvonne Whitehead. Soloist Miss J. Corbitt
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
22nd	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study Group at 56 Bolsover Road.
		19.30h	Elders Meeting
23rd	Thursday	19.30h	Elders Meeting
26th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
30th	Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting

Advance Notice

Nov 1st Saturday - Girls' Brigade all day Bazaar.

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be  
Sunday, 12th October

perceive that Pope John Paul II is a man of great Christian love and humility and one who turns his faith and prayer into action. Most of us would surely be overjoyed at the opportunity to welcome such a man to our door, in whatever capacity he should turn up, and I am sure that he would be in no way offended that we should shake his hand and not kiss it.

When the Pope was in the Irish Republic he spoke out strongly against the terrorism in Ireland. As a practical man he will know that his words were largely unheeded. It is to be hoped that this time he will be prepared to reinforce his words by applying the discipline that lies within his power. In that way he could free his Church from the criticism that whereas it has (in many cases rightly) set its face vigorously against certain practices which it regards as sinful and akin to murder (contra ception, abortion, outhenaris) it has shown too much tolerance towards actual murder committed by some who profess to be its followers and condoned if not actually supported by a few of his clergy. If he could take this step he would not only make a positive contribution to peace but also isolate still further his extremist critics.

Or to put it more lightly .....

#### CONFESSIONAL

O Father O'Fee will ye listen to me  
For I have some small sins to relate;  
Ye may take it ill that me wife's on the pill  
So we have seven children, not eight.

My son I am shocked - our religion is mocked  
By such sad disregard of the rules.  
You're not doing rightly to take it so lightly -  
Your duty's to fill up our schools.

O Father there's worse - don't pronounce me a curse  
But allow me to go with a caution.  
My half-sister Sue took account of your view  
But she's now gone and had an abortion.

My son, what you say fills my heart with dismay;  
 You ought to have kept her in purdah.  
 The plea that you make that her life was at stake  
 Make's no difference - that still was a murder.

O Father I fear that ye'll not wish to hear  
 That me mother has done herself in:  
 Suffering agony keen from a cancerous spleen  
 She gave up - don't say that was a sin.

My son, such relief is to me a great grief  
 For that too was deliberate killing.  
 The acceptance of pain, just as God-given rain  
 Was her blessing if she had been willing.

O Father don't snore for there's just one t'ing more  
 Though I don't think ye'll find it too sad.  
 I've had me some fun with a Boston-gift gun -  
 Shot 5 Paisleyites - is that so bad ?

Shot 5, John O'Flynn! Then that must be a sin;  
 In these matters you must take more care.  
 Cut down on these rates - leave enough for your mates -  
 Say another Hail Mary next prayer !

R.F.B.



NOTICES, REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSPORT Please will anyone who has room in their car and is willing to take someone to Church, either see me in Church or phone: W. 66780. Also, anyone requiring lifts to Church please let me know.

SUE CLARK

FAMILY CIRCLE Firework Party - 5th November  
Don't forget this date. Tickets will soon be available at last year's price - 50p for adults, 30p for 12 years and under, including refreshments.

MOLLIE HAWKE

FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY We are planning to hold our "Choir Sunday" as usual this year on 2nd November - both services. Our Theme is "JOY AND SOLACE IN MUSIC". The Choir items will have to be very modest ones, but we will try to present them as worthily as we can. The Organist for the day will be Mr. R. Edwards, who has also very kindly agreed to take the last two or three rehearsals. We are much indebted both to him and to several friends from the congregation who have promised to swell our numbers on this occasion. We also appreciate being allowed to 'take over' for the day, except for the sermons.

EILEEN FISHER  
Choir Secretary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP This report goes to press too early for me to say how we fared at our opening meeting on 23rd September, but I promise a comment next month.

You will see from the Calendar that Lionel Knight is going to entertain us on 7th October with news of his latest visit to Australia and we look forward to sharing an interesting afternoon with the ladies on 21st. To those who have so far been unable to join us through illness or other cause we send our best wishes and hope to see them soon. Don't forget we are always anxious to increase our membership and all are welcome.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD It is always good to get started on a new programme after the summer break - to greet old friends and welcome new ones. There were some very dear faces missing but they had sent loving messages and we remembered them in our prayers, led by our new Vice-President, Mrs. Jenkins, whose readings set the tone for our new session.

Mr. Connelly's talk on his Monday Rambles through the graveyards of London, brought back to life some of those well-loved figures of the past - John Wesley, Isaac Watts, Dr. Parker etc. Through the afternoon the spirits of these people lived again for us in their words and music.

On 7th October, Miss Kelly will bring from Worthing Museum "Games and Dolls" to illustrate her talk. If anyone has an old game or doll, please bring it along.

21st October - our Anniversary Service - perhaps the most important one of the year. We are privileged to have as our Speaker, Mrs. Yvonne Whitehead - a good friend of ours, and as our soloist Miss Joanna Corbitt, well known in Worthing musical circles. I do hope all women of the Church will take this as an invitation to join with us on this happy occasion.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

The new session is now well under way and as usual we find ourselves very busy.

During part of October, an exhibition plus the story of our Week in Bath, will be on view in the East Transept. We feel sure you will enjoy looking at the picture record of our stay in Bath. Its a beautiful city and we all had such a lovely time there.

Please remember our Brigaders during October, as they are given further training in leadership and in



particular the week-end of 24/26th October when once again all young leaders from the District will be together at Seaford Baptist Church.

Our Bazaar is now very near. Saturday, 1st November from 11.00h. We have a target of £500. You will come along and help us to achieve it won't you? There will be something for everyone.

Look out for posters. There are a lot of them around and give you all the details of this special day in our Girls' Brigade diary. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

### BOYS' BRIGADE

Praise the Lord, and believe it or not the Crew-bus complete with passengers returned from the 900 mile trip to Wales. Thanks to the R.A.C. and an old character resembling Wally Batt, we managed to overcome four breakdowns! Considering the atrocious weather conditions the Officers and Boys survived the ordeal tolerably well. If you have ever tried pitching an already wet tent in the dark by a river in a wet and very windy Welsh mountain pass, you will have some idea of the testing time the Boys had. I, for one, look forward to camping under more civilized conditions on a proper site in 1981.

The Juniors enjoyed a week-end away in the Church Hall at Walton on the Hill U.R.C. Exploring the village pond was quite an attraction and one boy brought me a large dead frog to prove it! On the Saturday we had a sight-seeing tour around London and ended up by attending a Boys' Brigade function in Jubilee Gardens close to the Festival Hall. From it we learned that the B.B. as a whole had increased it's membership by 10,000 in a year.

All sections are now back in operation for the winter session and we look forward to a time of progress and blessing. Mrs. Jean Marsh has retired from helping in the Anchors and we do thank her for her services. Chris Kingsbury is now helping in the Juniors and we also have two ladies helping, Cathy Hunt and Maggie Kirkland. Philip Bliss with a good deal of B.B. experience at Watford, has now joined us in the Company Section. Please keep praying for us and if you have time, do come along to our enrolment service at 19.00 hrs. on Friday, 24th October.

DONALD STEWART

### FLOWERS FOR OCTBER

5th Mr. & Mrs. Bulstrode      19th Mrs. G.L. Nodes

12th Dr. & Mrs. Webb              26th Boys' Brigade

Many thanks for contributions of £25.30 during July August and September to the FLOWER FUND.

Thank you, Mrs. Bulstrode, for the gift of plants for the shelves in the Church.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary



Dear Friends,

HAYWARD HOUSE - AUCTION SALE

The Auction Sale, to raise funds to meet part of the cost of major roof repairs at Hayward House and also to make a contribution towards Church expenses, will not now be held on 8th October, 1980, but has been deferred for a period of six months.

The postponement has been made in order that those wishing to give an article for the Auction are afforded ample opportunity to do so.

The actual date of the Sale will be announced early in the New Year.

Meanwhile, the Committee expresses its sincere thanks for the cheques and the various items already received.

WILLIAM PERRETT  
Hon Sec.

LONDON LETTER

Well, what's been happening lately? I can't tell you much about the King's Cross area except that its reputation has not improved - it continues to become more and more unsavoury! Our Schoolkeeper told me that he walked to the bank one day and between school and the end of Argyle St., a distance of about 500 yards, he was propositioned twelve times by ladies of a certain "profession" one of whom was sitting on a window ledge accompanied by her three children!

The flats opposite school are now emptied of people - the last Police raid (searching for clues in a murder case; armed with heavy hammers and pick-axes) seems to have frightened off the few remaining stragglers! So, cleared of people, emptied of rubbish and finally fumigated, they are now being "re-furbished". The road is very busy with cranes, skips, lorries, drills, etc. The children don't seem to notice the noise. After all, the underground trains run directly underneath the school and we don't notice them any more. There's plenty of traffic along Euston Road, but you take no notice, unless you are trying to cross the road to get to the station to catch a train or a bus. (But why do we get progressively noisier in our classrooms?)

I wonder how long it will be before the flats are finished, and when they are, who will move in - will there be children for our school - where will they come from - and how long will the "face-lift" last?

Back inside school, the children are still settling down in their new classes and are so far, well-behaved. Some of the "terrors" who left us last term have been back to see us, smart in their new school uniform, still slightly overawed by the larger size of their new premises and by the older boys and girls - particularly the sixth-formers, sometimes mistaken for young teachers. How long before the "wide-eyed innocence" disappears?

The members of the "GreenFingers Club" are eager to meet. Most of them took home plants to look after during the holidays. Some survived, some didn't. But we had a good display of flowers and plants during the summer term, and to everyone's delight, when we came back this term, there were some tomatoes. No-one had believed we would ever get any! Now we must prepare for winter/spring. As the outside toilets and a shed have been demolished, we have more dingy walls to brighten up. Everything has to be grown in containers, of all kinds, so if anyone can suggest quick-growing plants or shrubs, or, better still, provide a plant or a cutting in a container, we would be more than delighted.

MARY CONNELLY.

#### STOP PRESS:

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Mr. Francis Wills, and also of Mrs. Frances Biggs, since we started this issue. May God bless their dear ones and families at this time, and may they be assured of our prayers.

No. 327

NOVEMBER, 1980FROM THE VESTRYAND HEARTS ARE BRAVE AGAIN

ALL SAINTS DAY is an occasion for remembrance and thanksgiving in Christ for the unseen cloud of witnesses whose lives in this earth have been filled with praise to God, and given in love and service to His People.

One of the more comforting thoughts that comes to bless us as we grow older is that of knowing more of the angel faces whose smiles awaken us to love and hope. We may say, we knew them, loved them, shared with them the way of Christ, were one with them at The Lord's Table. Look up on ALL SAINTS DAY, give thanks in your remembrance, be cheered by the example of the Saints and go on in your earthly life.

It is good to see an awakening interest among both young and old in evening worship. The group set up by Church meeting has been able to recognise needs for breaking down barriers between young and old in the forms of worship in hymns, music and themes of sermons! We are learning together in a happy disciplined way and hope soon to be able to share some of our discoveries with you. May I urge as part of your contribution that you give your presence and your interest to evening worship, especially during the winter months. Let God's house be filled with praise from our first service at 8.00 pm. until the day of praise is ended in Christ.

Francis Wills, who has died, was one of those "Ministers Men" whose character in Christ was outstanding in his care for us all. What the church has owed to Francis and Gwen over the years will be told both in the Memorial Service in London and within the pages of the Chronicle.

Francis flew high in all that he did, observed well the needs of God's People, and gave himself to us with unreserved love for Christ. May Gwen and her family know the Peace of God in their bereavement and with us give thanks for such a fine Christian man.

With blessings and love,  
William Connolly.

### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

#### IN MEMORIAM

Violet May Chamberlain	18th Sept
Francis Lewis Wills	19th Sept
Marilyn Henry	20th Sept
Frances Mary Biggs	21st Sept
John Kenneford	24th Sept
Dorothy May Mosdell	4th Oct.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

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Dr. Roy Webb, is happily at home again and gives thanks for a happy outcome of his eye surgery. Vi Beamish is very ill in St. Barnabas and appreciates our prayers. Muriel Hurt progresses slowly at home. Mr. E.R. James our ever faithful caretaker is ill at home.

It has been good to see two old friends among us recently in Mrs. Mary Spence and Mrs. Gregory. Grace Carnhill and Mr. Harry Oakham are still unwell.

Miss W. Burns and Mrs. T. Emery are remembered with affection as also are Miss M. Johnson and Mrs. A. Silveston in Worthing Hospital.

We rejoice that Mr. C. Hunt is now home again and also that Stephen Young is now happily home again, after a time in hospital.

Pray without ceasing for all in sickness, sorrow or distress.

FRANCIS LEWIS WILLS, M.B.E.19th September 1980

Francis Wills, with Gwen, his beloved wife, came to live in retirement in Goring and, almost immediately, became Members of our Church on 26th February, 1959.

This is, perhaps, not the place to record the detail of a long and very distinguished business career but we rejoice that, for almost one-quarter of a long and active life-span, he moved among us with the modesty and grace which endeared him to so many of us.

Francis, almost at once, joined the band of men and women of faith and courage who committed themselves, notwithstanding grave financial uncertainty, to the building of a new church which would be adequate to the work and witness of an "exploding" church membership. He was appointed Chairman of the Building Committee and the fact that the new church was completed in such beauty and opened, almost without debt, as soon as September 1961 is in itself no small tribute to the dedication and courteous efficiency of Francis and his colleagues.

The background to this activity can only have been the deep and abiding personal faith of a man-and-wife team which was evidenced, also, by lively participation in all that was going on. Church Meetings were a priority and they both gave long and loyal service in the Choir.

Francis was what Ministers call "A Minister's Man" and he will be sadly missed by us all. Our love and concern are now for Gwen and for a very devoted family.

E.C.B.  
C.S.S.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank most sincerely, all who showed such loving care and concern during my recent short stay in hospital. Special thanks to Jean and Roy Webb, Clarice and Bill West, Molly Hawke "Butch" Turner for the flowers, and to everyone who sent cards and telephoned. God bless you all,

DOREEN NORRIS

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate it if you would publish this note of thanks to lots of members, the Minister and the Girls' Brigade for their thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and grapes. Amongst others, I had a separate hand made card from each of the Explorers, which were much admired by subsequent visitors.

I have had my cataract dealt with and apart from a temporary set back on day 27, I am pleased to report steady progress. So, once again, thank you, one and all - God bless you for your love and care.

ROY WEBB

I should like to express my sincere appreciation of the care and concern of many friends who visited me and sent cards and messages during my recent stay in Worthing Hospital, also to Mr. Connolly who always came to see me when he was visiting at the Hospital. Very many thanks to you all.

VERA WINTERTON

I wish to thank all kind contributors to my Harvest Gift and above all, for thinking of me. I have not been very well since last Thursday, but I am pleased to say there has been an improvement today. It just shows what good the Harvest Gift did! I should also like to include best wishes to the Girls' Brigade. Sincerely,

MABEL A. JOHNSON

BETTY GREGORY - An Appeal

Friends of Betty Gregory will be glad to learn that her general health has much improved since her spell at Southlands Hospital, and on Doctor's advice, was transferred direct to a nursing home - Westleigh, in Queen's Road. There is of course no communal lounge or sitting room at the nursing home so although Betty does circulate amongst some of the other patients and can walk out if accompanied, she does have to spend a good deal of time on her own.

Meanwhile, her main need is for cheerful company and as many outings as possible, so this is an appeal for as many of her friends who can to visit her as often as possible and take her for walks etc; with Matron's approval, of course!

JOYCE & TED YOUNG

FROM CHERRY HINTON, CAMBRIDGE

Jean, Mary and I are grateful for your prayers and love gifts during our time settling here in Cambridge. The course at Westminster has proved to be both interesting and demanding.

It appears that, no matter where one goes to worship in a United Reformed Church, one of the main assets of our denomination is the degree of what is termed 'Pastoral Care'. This feature, at its best, enables people to come under the sound of the 'gospel' with a practical demonstration of love and care shown by members to non-Christian neighbours. It is this, rather than the vast range of theological views held by members of the U.R.C., which, in my opinion, gives its distinctive character within Christendom today.

Jean, Mary and I send our love in the Lord Jesus Christ and may He continue to bless each one of you.

EDWARD SYMONS

THE I.B.R.A. SPECIAL MISSIONARY APPEAL

I have received the following letter from The Rev. G.R. Chapman (General Secretary of the I.B.R.A.) - "I write to thank you for the gift of £10. which we have received from you in response to our Missionary Appeal.

We depend a great deal upon such gifts from our readers and friends to enable us to continue the work which we have undertaken of providing Bible-reading notes for our overseas members.

We are most grateful to you, both for the gift and the encouragement which it brings to us to know that we have the support of so many friends both in the United Kingdom and overseas".

With my thanks to you all who contributed.

E.F. SHEARMUR

COULD WE BE WRONG?

Could we be wrong  
About the God  
We try to serve  
And praise with song?

Our thoughts of Him  
And what He says  
Through Jesus Christ  
Can sound so prim.

The Buddhist, Muslim and Hindu  
Search for the truth  
as oft we do.  
We "darkly see" as Jesus taught  
Until we're "face to face" with God.

AQUARIUS

IN THE SPIRIT

The chorus goes "all over the world the Spirit is moving", and I'm sure this is true. But for those of us present at our last Church Meeting it is difficult

to believe that He could have been anywhere else but in our midst alone such was the strength of His presence.

The Healing Ministry is coming very much to the fore in the witness of our Church, and I for one am pleased to hang on to the skirts of others - learning more about this wonderful gift. But at our meeting, Miss Ella Robertson, our representative on the Worthing Council of Churches, announced a mind-bending undertaking - the setting up of a Christian Healing Centre, here in Worthing. Well, I ask you, how can one imagine the organisational and financial problems facing such a venture. How can one take the step from praying for the healing of a few to the setting up of a centre for many? The answer, of course, is simple - through faith. We are not asked for monetary or material support. No, our calling, as placed on our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the Council and Miss Robertson, is to give this venture that most powerful single contribution possible - prayerful support.

Just think about it - a Christian Healing Centre, here in Worthing - doesn't it make you feel privileged to play a part in a great work of God in this day and age? Too many think that God finished his work on the sixth day. But He is alive and working his plan in my life, in your lives, in Worthing and in Britain.

This opportunity, which He has given us to support His works prayerfully, is an opportunity to walk with Him and to become more like Him. I trust that you all feel as I do and that you will grasp the opportunity with both hands.

I did say that the Spirit's presence was strong that evening, but how strong you may never know, for you were not present to hear the testimony of our sister, Beryl Chatfield, who has heard our Lord's call to the Ministry. Mere words cannot express what the Lord means to Beryl, what He has done during, with and (now to be) through her life. Those of us present are secure in the knowledge that her words came not

just from the heart, not just from the soul, but from the Holy Spirit. It was a moving experience for us all and a source of encouragement to this writer when one catches a glimpse of the heights to which the Lord may lead one, if one can only submit to His will.

I would ask you all to pray for Beryl as she starts on a long journey toward acceptance for training for the ministry. She will need our most fervent and loving support in this way. I am confident, in our Lord, that she will succeed for His dear sake, and I am confident in your response to this request.

Did I say that the strength of the Holy Spirit's presence was felt at the meeting? That it was! But in retrospect the importance and power of prayer was a revelation to me. Help us Lord to pray and to listen. Help us to open up the lines of communication which have been blocked at our end all too often, and help us experience the reality of your presence, through the Holy Spirit, in our lives every day.

MATTHEW SMITH

#### LETTER FOR R.F.B.

Each month I read R.F.B.'s articles in The Chronicle and I find them interesting and provocative. Sometimes I agree with him and sometimes I do not, but this month, October 1980, he really excelled himself in his "lightly" composed poem called "Confessional". Personally I found it extremely distasteful, and think that if he cannot use his undoubted talents to put over positive and Christian ideas he should be asked to write for a different type of magazine.

Under the heading "Daley Occurrence" he states that the Rev. Daley shared with us some sensible thoughts on Church Unity. I was on holiday that Sunday and unable to attend our church to hear those sensible thoughts, I hope that they did not consist of knocking the Roman Catholic Church which R.F.B. does with monotonous regularity.

Union of daily prayer for the Pope (extract)

Pour down thy choicest blessings, O Lord, on our Sovereign Pontiff, and rejoice thy Church by the speedy proclamation of universal peace, that, resting in the bosom of unity, our strength against the enemy may be perfected in charity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

It seems to me to be more appropriate for R.F.B's paragraph commencing "When the Pope was in the Irish Republic ..." than his stupid and objectionable poem. Finally, in what way and when has the Pope shown too much tolerance towards actual murders?

MARGARET JOYCE

WORLD CHURCH PAGESOVIET SAVAGERY AND W.C.C. WEAKNESS

The show-trials of Russian Christian dissidents have gathered pace. The latest ploy of the Soviet authorities is to compel a Guilty plea - a reversion to the old Stalinist practice, but more probably attained these days by drugs and psychiatric "treatment" than by the traditional torture and blackmail. This change of approach is no doubt intended to render even more harmless - as if there were any need - the already occasional and mild remonstrances of the World Church, which is of course to a large extent in the hands of marxist sympathisers and is consequently whole hearted in condemnation only of capitalist or right-wing regimes.

DOES THE CHURCH STAND FOR ANYTHING? YES, INDEED -  
FOR ANYTHING!

The other week there was a memorial service to Peter Sellers. Despite his apparent inability to achieve satisfactory personal relationships, he had in his career brought so much happiness to the world in the form of good honest laughter (an activity with which, as some sage has remarked, it is difficult to combine any wrongdoing) for which acknowledgment and thanks to God were appropriate.

CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

1st	Saturday		Girls' Brigade all day Bazaar
2nd	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		18.30h	Divine Worship
3rd	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "Slides on Swaziland", Mrs. Dorward
4th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - The Work of the Commonwealth Society for the Blind.
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "Up and Down", The Rev. T.F. Cawthera - Chairman The Rev. R.C. Christopher.
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close.
5th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
9th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
11th	Tuesday	19.00h	Lay Preacher (Mrs. D. Newell) Commissioning Service followed by District Council Meeting at 19.30h
13th	Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion

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16th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
17th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "3rd World Craft", Mrs. Land
18th	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "You and the Citizens Advice Bureau", Mr. Drew
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "The Pathfinder Force of Bomber Command", Squadron Leader R.H. Dean, D.F.C. Chairman Mr. F.C. Beaumont
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
19th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
23rd	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
27th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders Meeting
30th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship

N.B. Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be  
Sunday, 16th November.



A week or two later there was a memorial service to Kenneth Tynan. Here was a man who chose to devote his literary talent to propaganda for and exploitation of pornography in the theatre and the Arts generally, thereby bringing we know not what harm to many thousands of people and debasing the standards of a generation. Now for all I know his personal moral behaviour may have been impeccable. But you will recall that Christ reserved His most severe condemnations not for those who themselves directly committed sin (for which of us then could be saved?) but for those who deliberately misled others into sinful ways, even to the extent of calling evil good. It was for the false teachers - and preachers - and all who write or speak for others to read or hear are preachers - that worse than the millstone and the deep waters were prescribed.

That a memorial service should be held for such a man as Tynan is a disgrace to the Church and yet another stumbling-block to the many outside or on its fringe who expect it to maintain some of the values and standards which used to be its concern.

#### TALKING POINT

Pacifism is not a Christian concept; for it depends ultimately on a belief in the essential goodness of unredeemed mankind.

#### ON THE CHEERFUL SIDE .....

The statistics of Church adherence and attendance recently published still showed that many more people attend Church regularly than attend football matches. Another splendid achievement by young people at Worthing Sixth Form College - but more of this next month.

R.F.B.

#### (RESPONSE TO MRS. JOYCE'S LETTER OF 5th OCTOBER, 1980)

R.F.B. Writes:-

Readers of the whole of my October page will have observed that the passages critical of the Pope came

after an unqualified Welcome of his projected visit to this country and several other highly-favourable remarks. Likewise, any readers who care to review the 50 or so magazines in which this page has appeared will find considerably more pro- than anti- R.C. references.

To answer Mrs. Joyce's question, the Church and the Pope have failed to discipline those R.C. clergy in New York and Boston who openly lead I.R.A. fund-raising campaigns. Is not that failure very near to condoning the murders arising from the known use of these funds for supplying weapons? This is in fact the third time I have raised variations of this question. If Mrs. Joyce will use any R.C. contacts to get it answered I need not ask it again.

Incidentally, in criticising some aspects of the R.C. Church I am of course in the very good company of a great multitude of its members!

Nevertheless I am - as no doubt is the Editor - glad to have Mrs. Joyce's response and am only sorry that she is not content with putting her own view but is apparently also saying:-

"I do not agree  
with that R.F.B;  
Please silence his voice  
M.W. Joyce".

#### TO TAPTON

Yes, I remember the Hymn No. 716 in Congregational Hymnary "All the beauty I behold". I remember it, not 40 years ago but of 70 odd years ago. Yes, I remember learning this when I was about 9 or 10 years old for our Whitsuntide Hymn Singing. In those days for six weeks before Whitsuntide, our Sunday School about 200 strong, assembled in our main hall, the full Church Choir at the side, to lead us on The Sunday Afternoon, our Choir-master on the platform with his baton.

The Choir sang the first verse and then line by line we learnt the verse and the chorus. Woe betide us if we didn't sing. The Choir-master's baton would

point you out. He told us to open our mouths. He named you if you didn't and didn't we sing? I remember the hymn with its lovely lilt dancing along. I can remember and sing the tune now 70 years after. And at Whitsuntide morning, afternoon and night we had to be there, all of us filling the gallery and Choir stalls - the Choir down below with our mothers and fathers and congregation. The Choir-master, Mr. Cuttle, with his baton. What singing! We enjoyed it. Specially printed Hymn sheets, all mostly new hymns and tunes.

Yes, your article, Tapton, certainly brings back memories of truly great and lovely singing and we enjoyed it truly, at Wortley Bethel Chapel, Leeds every Whitsuntide, dressed if our parents could afford it, in our new Whitsuntide clothes and singing our hearts out. They were indeed good days. Thank you, TAPTON, for reminding me.

HARRY

#### A NOTTINGHAM HYMNWRITER

by TAPTON

#### HENRY KIRKE WHITE

There is a street in Nottingham named KIRKE WHITE Street. Not everyone who walks down it will know why it is so called, and interestingly, few people bother to enquire into why a street or building bears a certain name. Passing through an underpass in the same city of Nottingham one may see if alert enough, a plaque to commemorate the site upon which William Carey preached his celebrated Missionary Sermon which awakened the Missionary movement of two hundred years ago!

Look at hymn 506 in Congregational Praise "Oft in danger, oft in woe". It was written by Henry Kirke White in his late teens. You have already observed that his life-span was short - 1785-1806. He died in his college in Cambridge aged 21 years.

As one who has had the joy of reading Henry Kirke White's letters written from Cambridge, the present writer can testify to the glory of a young life given so gladly and freely for Christ. The hymn

## REPORTS & NOTICES

## FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

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It was still 'Business as Usual' at our Guild Meeting although we were without Mrs. Jenkins, our Vice-President and Mrs. Dearsley our Secretary, both away because of illness. To Mrs. Jenkins, who is nursing members of her family and to Mrs. Dearsley who is unwell herself, we send our love and our prayers and hope to see them both back with us very soon.

We were fortunate to have our 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Burrage, with us, who took over both as Chairman and Secretary to conduct the meeting and give the news of absent members. She offered prayers for our two officers and all Guild members who were ill.

"Games & Dolls" was the title of Miss Kelly's talk. She brought many 'Bygone Treasures' from the Worthing Museum for us to see, all in good shape although perhaps a little tired with the years.

Memories were revived of childhood days when we saw dolls and bears, parasols and chairs, all we lacked was a Doll's House! to complete the picture. Miss Kelly's presentation of the exhibits was most interesting and Yes! it was a little bit nostalgic.

In November we widen our thinking and talking as on November 4th we listen to a speaker from the Commonwealth Missionary Society for the Blind, and then on 18th we come right back home to listen to Mr. Drew talking on "You and the Citizen's Advice Bureau".

It was our pleasure to welcome to new members to the Guild.

KATHLEEN FLORY

"BUZZ" For those of you who have not heard of "Buzz", it is Britain's biggest selling Christian magazine, and it is now easily available to you all. Each month I will be putting some copies in the vestibule for sale at 40p each. However, I already have a list of people who take the magazine regularly, and if you want to be sure of a copy, I shall be pleased to put one by for you each month. Please sign the list on the notice-board, or else see me for further details.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP After the Summer recess our Autumn Session got off to a flying start with a most interesting evening arranged by one of our own members, Miss Cynthia Nunneley. Australian born Cynthia was educated in England and then returned and spent several years working in and around Sydney. Although the evening was entitled "Australia", instead of describing the country and its customs, she was able to give us an inside picture of her personal experiences and the many people she had met. It certainly was an "eye-opener" about every-day life in Australia, and the meeting was completely absorbed by her every word.

Our next meeting was to be just as interesting and informative as Mr. John Norwood, the Curator of Worthing Museum came to speak to us. One tends to think of Museums as rather dry places but he made it come alive with his genuine enthusiasm for his work. We were able to see at close quarters several precious exhibits and I am sure there will be some new visitors to the Museum in the not too distant future. At our last meeting fun and laughter were had by all as we tried our luck with the dice in a "Beetle Drive". The evening was a happy one with a feeling of real friendship and a caring spirit to help strengthen us all in our daily lives so that we may spread the love of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to hearing Mr. Jones on his work as National Trust South Down Warden, and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and join us.

OLIVE BUSHBY

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE Saturday, 1st November 11.00h our Autumn Spectacular Bazaar to be opened by Dr. Martin White of Radio Brighton. Our target is £500 - please come along and help us not only reach it, but pass it, if we can.

Programmes are also now available for our Display on Saturday, 6th December at 19.00h in the Boulevard Hall of Durrington High School. This is a special night for the girls and we hope you'll come along and see what they are capable of doing.

The hobby horses you have so recently admired, when they were on exhibition, will be used during the Display and that particular item has to be seen to be believed!

We are still trying to sing with the help of a tape recorder. THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE AMONGST YOU WHO CAN PLAY THE PIANO. - Please, your Girls' Brigade Company needs you! Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

BOYS' BRIGADE Boys' Brigade Week known to many as a time when we endeavour to raise money for our Company funds, is this year on Saturday 22nd to Saturday 29th November. As much as we would like to keep our appeals to a minimum we find we just have to raise cash to buy and maintain necessary equipment. Would you please give us your support where you possibly can and give consideration to attending the following events.

Sat. 22nd November at 10.30h we will be holding a Grand Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. There will be stalls of all kinds including a Bring & Buy, Christmas Cards and Goods, Cakes and Jams, White Elephant etc.etc. On the following

Sat. 29th there will be a Jumble Sale at 14.30h. We would appreciate your gifts of all kinds for the stalls at the Coffee Morning and also useful items for the Jumble Sale. Do please let us know by phoning 43787 or 48313 if you have any items that you wish to be collected.

Thank you very much for your interest and support.

DONALD STEWART

#### A THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone who came and enjoyed the wonderful Harvest Supper and the fun and laughter of the Barn Dance afterwards, we should like to say 'thank you very much' to the Family Circle Committee for all the hard work that must have gone into making such a successful evening.

OLIVE & DENNIS BUSHBY

FUTURE PLAN As a regular part of our Church fellowship, it is hoped that in the near future coffee will be served regularly in the Church Hall, every Saturday, between 10.15h and 11.45h. This could prove to be a regular source of income to the Church.

To make this a success it will require a number of ladies to work in groups of three on a rota basis. The more ladies who help, the less often will be their duty. Will any lady who wishes and is willing to help in this way please sign her name on the list in the vestibule, or contact me, Mrs. Robin Bradley.

Please give this your support, by coming and bringing a friend.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP As anticipated, we had an entertaining afternoon on 23rd September, when several of our members told us "How they met their Wives". After an initial reluctance to speak the shyness was soon overcome and some amusing tales were told. We also had musical interludes provided by a quartet excellently led by Lionel Knight (violin) and Geoff Shave (piano). We were also indebted to Lionel on 7th October when he showed us some lovely slides taken on his recent visit to Australia.

We very much appreciated being able to share the Anniversary celebrations of the Women's Guild on 21st Oct. and were able to express our thanks to the ladies verbally for a delightful service and address by Mrs. Yvonne Whitehead, followed by a wonderful spread in the Church Hall. Our programme for November is shown in the Calendar.

REG GOODCHILD

### OBERAMMERGAU, 1980

#### Excerpt from the Dorking Quarterly

Imagine 5,000 people walking through a small German town, converging upon one place - ALL the streets were full of people aiming for the one centre. This was our first introduction to the Oberammergau Passion Play, 8.30 a.m.



How can one adequately describe such an event. Armed with blanket, gloves, hat and wearing three layers of clothing (it does get a little chilly sitting in the semi open air for some hours!) - we found we had seats in the centre of the auditorium, which is a large arc of iron girders, with a view of the mountains and trees beyond the open end of this enormous building. Fanfares bellowed forth at ten minute intervals before the play commenced.

The Passion of Christ was brought to life by the dedicated villagers fulfilling their promise to God after the Great Plague of 1634. At intervals throughout the action, relative tableaux from the Old Testament stories and prophets were portrayed, showing how New Testament fulfilled the old prophecies. A choir of 48 presented these tableaux in very beautiful music.

After a break of three hours at lunch time the play continued on to well after 5.0 p.m. culminating in a magnificently imaginative portrayal of Christ in Glory.

The performers are not professional actors, they are from the families of Oberammergau. They could be seen cycling through the streets, driving a taxi, serving in the shops and banks. The men were mostly recognisable for their long hair and beards which had been grown in order that they could take part. All women taking part in the Play must be unmarried. The married women help with such things as maintenance of the costumes, and accommodation of visitors, which is a major undertaking; well over 20,000 visitors EVERY week from May to September!

P & B.S.

(with acknowledgments to Dorking)

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE(GORING BRANCH)

The Friendship Centre is still providing a weekly luncheon, on Wednesdays, for the 'elderly lonely' at Bury Drive Methodist Hall. This is an ecumenical venture staffed by representatives from all the Goring Churches.

Over the years, some of our helpers have become frail, and some have become members.

We are in need of help with 'wiping up' waiting at table, handling heavy equipment, receiving the members' fees, acting as hostesses and driving.

Would you like to help, say, once a month?

Please contact Jim Jordan (48106) Harold Morton (44194) Pam Stower (43050) or Ernie Wallace (44467).

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FROM THE VESTRYCARRY ON CHRISTMAS!

Christians need to remember for their Christmas hope and New Year sanity that we live in that "Interim" period of time between the first Coming of our Lord in humility and the second Coming of our Lord in GLORY. The best worship, the best carols, the best cards will lay emphasis upon this.



"O may we keep and ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross;  
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes  
place".

Carry on Christmas .... but not for ever.  
Christmas speaks of a beginning in Christ that  
has an ending fulfillment, victory, consummation  
in Him. Christmas looks to victory.

Perhaps this is why those hopings and yearnings  
(which even the worst celebrations cannot deny)  
are given to us. Dare we consider them to be part  
of God's grace to us in spite of all that we are?  
Should you accept this hope then share it with  
your friends and neighbours. Let your Christmas  
Greeting say something of Christ and of His Coming  
Victory to others.

The past month has witnessed victories of  
grace in the deaths of four of our faithful friends.

Charles Hunt was a gentle and brave man,  
whose only secrets were of his love and  
care of others.

Vi Beamish gave as much encouragement and  
hope in weakness as in strength, and  
seldom looked, even in weariness, but to  
smile.



Harry Oakham was a good man whose love for his fellow residents at Westholme will be missed.

Irene Gill gave so much appreciation and thanksgiving that we shall be the poorer without her words of cheer.



Remember all who mourn, for even to the faithful and most trusting sorrow is so very real, and thank God.

"For those we love within the veil,  
Who once were comrades of our way,  
We thank Thee, Lord; for they have won  
To cloudless day".

John and Edie Beckerton will be missed as they move to Hassocks, we hope to keep in touch.

God give us all a happy Christmas.

Blessing and Love

William Connelly.

### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

How good it was to see Mrs. G. Wills at the Guild - copies of the address given in London in memory of Francis Wills are obtainable from the Vestry. Mrs G. Goss is home again and feeling better as also is Mrs. A. Silveston. Miss M. Johnson and Mr. A. Marsh are still in Worthing Hospital and Mrs. Stears is far from well.

To all who are ill, anxious or bereaved we send love and blessings.

### BAPTISMS

Eve Rebecca Blake	9.11.80
Katy Rachel Blake	9.11.80

### MARRIAGES

Allen Robert Clark to Felicity Mary Culley	25th Oct.
John Whitehead to Joy Linda Standen	25th Oct.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bob Pepperdine on his 90th birthday on  
10th December.

Inland Revenue Carol Service

1.00p.m. Tuesday Dec. 16th in Church all  
welcome.

Durrington School Carol Service

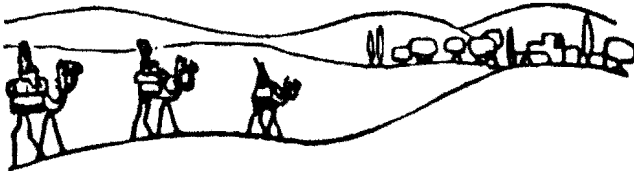
7.30p.m. Wednesday Dec. 17th it is regretted  
that the school and parents are  
expected to take up all available  
seats.

Services of Christian Healing arranged by the  
Goring Churches.

Nov. 27th 7.30p.m. Methodist Church, Bury  
Drive.

Dec. 15th 7.30p.m. St. Mary's, Goring

Jan. 15th 7.30p.m. U.R.C. Shaftesbury  
Avenue.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Many of you, like ourselves, will be looking  
forward to a family gathering. Others on their own  
we hope will be with friends. It is right that the  
celebration of Christmas when "Jesus came to earth"  
as the Carol expresses it, should be a time of  
rejoicing. May God bless you all during this  
Christmastide and be with you throughout the New  
Year.

RON & ELSPETH CHRISTOPHER

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It was a great joy to be with you all in October and I would like to thank you for the very warm welcome you gave me.

Now I would like to wish you all every blessing this Christmas and during the New Year. I am afraid it is impossible for me to send cards to everyone I would like to remember personally, so will you kindly accept these wishes from one who will always remember Goring U.R.C. with great affection.

MARJORIE HAYWARD

I very sincerely thank all people of our Church and organisations who sent flowers and cards to my wife Violet Beamish (Vi) during her stay in Southlands Hospital and recently in the Christian Home, St. Barnabas, where she passed to the Higher Life, now enjoying the Spiritual life through Jesus Christ her Saviour.

It is impossible to reply to all cards and letters received. On many mornings our loved Minister, the Rev. W. Connelly (Bill) was at her bedside praying that the will of our Lord be upon her, granting her strength to bear her burden. Also our Associate Minister made visits, I thank them much. One more person I cannot miss, Mrs. Robin Bradley, who stayed a whole night, that I may get rest. Death is not loss, not end, not despair; death is transition, is beginning, is fulfilment.

JOHN BEAMISH

Dear Editor,

I should like to thank, most sincerely, everyone who showed such care and concern during my recent stay in Worthing Hospital. My thanks also for the many cards, telephone calls and gifts which have continued to arrive since my return home.

ANN SILVESTON

Dear Friends,

Last Christmastide my wife and I struck a really bad patch which resulted in us spending the festive season in separate hospitals i.e. Worthing & Southlands.

In February we were reunited and able to return to our flat.

Rehabilitation, we must admit, has been far from easy and at times life has seemed rather unbearable. At the time of writing, although we neither of us are 100%, we are very much better than when we first returned to our home and am pleased to say much more mobile.

At this time we should like to record our sincere thanks to our good friends from the Goring United Reformed Church who have visited us both in our home and in hospital. Our special thanks must go to Mr. Connelly who has visited us many times and cheered us up no end. We must also thank Mr. John Beamish who, with his late wife, has paid us many visits and brought some real cheer into our home. Another member of the Church, namely, Miss Doris Evans, has also been a regular visitor and despite her advancing years has given us no end of cheer and comfort when she calls.

From the heart, it is 'thank you' to you all, you have been a very great help.

We are both looking forward hopefully to a much happier Christmas this year and may we send sincere good wishes and trust that all these friends of the Church will have a happy one too.

EDITH & LES AYLING

#### HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Please note this telephone number which is wrongly printed in the new handbook:

Mrs. A. Silveston                      W. 43953

If anyone else has an error in address or telephone number, please notify the Editor of the Chronicle or the Handbook Editor (Mr. F. Marsh) immediately.

Incomplete Address: Mr. & Mrs. R.V. Challis,  
Flat 2, Bramley Croft, 189 Goring Road, Goring.

The following poem was written in the Bungay Church Magazine recently, and I have been asked to print it so that it may help us in our understanding of handicapped children.

EDITOR

### GIFT OF A CHILD



I'll lend you for a little time  
 A child of mine, He said  
 For you to love the while he lives  
 And mourn for when he's dead  
 It may be six or seven years  
 Or twenty two or three  
 But will you, till I call him back,  
 Take care of him for Me?  
 He'll bring his charm to gladden you  
 And should his stay be brief,  
 You'll have his lovely memories  
 As solace for your grief.  
 I cannot promise he will stay,  
 Since all from earth return,  
 But there are lessons taught down there  
 I want this child to learn.  
 I've looked this wide world over  
 In search of teachers true,  
 And from the throngs that crowd life's lane  
 I have decided upon you.  
 Now will you give him all your love,  
 Nor think the labour vain  
 And hate Me when I come to call  
 To take him back again?  
 I fancy that I heard them say  
 "Dear Lord, Thy will be done  
 For all the joy this child will bring,  
 The risk of grief we'll run.  
 We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
 We'll love him while we may  
 And for the happiness we've known,  
 Forever grateful stay.  
 And should the angels call for him  
 Much sooner than we planned,  
 We'll brave the bitter grief that came  
 And try to understand.





BIBLE VERSES

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but  
have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the  
world, not to condemn the world, but that the world  
might be saved through him. John 3 vv. 16,17

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son  
of God has not life. 1 John 5 vv, 11,12

God is love; God showed his love for us by sending  
his only Son into the world, so that we might have  
life through him. 1. John 4 vv. 8,9

Jesus said: "I am the Light of the world; he that  
followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall  
have the light of life. John 8 v. 12.

Remember the generosity of Jesus Christ, the Lord of  
us all. He was rich beyond our telling, yet He  
became poor for your sakes so that His poverty might  
make you rich. 2 Cor. 8, 9 (Phillips)

The Lord has visited and redeemed his people. Let us  
praise the Lord, He has come to the help of his people  
and has set them free. He has provided for us a  
mighty Saviour. Luke 1 v. 68

O Come, let us adore Him,  
CHRIST THE LORD  
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What a shame  
That R.B's name  
Is not well-lent  
to versification.

How very nice,  
Whilst free from vice,  
To trumpet for occasion,  
On a dialectic Diapason.

C.S.

HE COULD BE RIGHT

Could we be wrong  
And less than kind?  
Let's suffer long  
And tolerance find.

The other view  
Is false, we say  
And only we  
Have found the way.

He could be right,  
The other man  
Who's views and thoughts  
We wish to ban.

AQUARIUS

CHURCH FINANCESChurch Audit

The Church financial year ends on 31st December 1980 and the Treasurers of all Church Organisations should ensure that their accounts are available for the Church Auditors by 19th January, 1981 at the latest. All accounts should be handed in to the Elders' Vestry and will be returned as soon as possible.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY  
Treasurer

From the Free Will Offering Treasurer

As we are coming towards the end of 1980, the time has come round again for me to distribute the new sets of Free Will Offering Envelopes for 1981. As usual, these will be set out in the vestibule at the rear of the Church in alphabetical order from Sunday, 30th November onwards. Please collect your own set as early as possible.

Some members are unable to meet with us regularly for various reasons and it would help considerably if you would collect and deliver the envelopes for your friends or neighbours who are absent. Postage is now so expensive and, thanks to your help, all envelopes were delivered last year without the necessity for us to incur any postal charges.

You will, no doubt be aware that our necessary Church expenses increased very considerably during 1980 and it was wonderful to hear our Treasurer report that as a result of our increased giving these expenses had been met in full. Our Ministers, Elders and the Finance Committee are most encouraged in your generous support of the Lord's work within our Church.

Unfortunately, our expenses in 1981 will again increase in line with inflation generally, and we will need to increase our giving again if we are to meet our costs in 1981.

The New Year is an appropriate time to reconsider our giving and I would ask you to give prayerful thought to this at this time.

We would also welcome new members to join the F.W.O. scheme. It is such an easy way of giving and your regular support will assist our Treasurer in his budgetting.

I will leave some F.W.O. Scheme forms on the table with the envelopes. Please take one and complete it and return to me personally or in the offertory plate, using the confidential envelope provided.

MRS. V.E. CLOSE

#### PRELUDE TO R.F.B.

Please, no ban!

We find R.F.B's contribution to the Chronicle stimulating and thought-provoking. What a pity to try and silence such an interesting addition to an otherwise rather platitudinous magazine! Please

carry on R.F.B. and don't be discouraged. The poem was clever and factual!

Carry on R.F.B.  
We want  
Your articles to see.

F. & D.B.

#### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### FOUR 'U's FOR EUPHORIA FOR YOU FOR YULETIDE (SORRY!)

At this Christmas (with apologies to the United Nations) tide let us show more Christian (ditto) joy about some of the things we get into the habit of moaning about:-

#### EUROPE AND THE E.E.C.

"Invaders cross Rhine" - a headline of 1940, 1914, 1870, 1810, 349 AD, 50 BC or any of 100 other dates. We really ought to take some time off from complaining (albeit justifiably) about all the unnecessary nonsenses perpetrated by the bureaucrats of the E.E.C. and instead remember, and thank God for, the chief political advantage of the E.E.C. which we have long taken for granted. I mean the fact that it is now - and has been for some 30 years - unthinkable that Germany and France, France and Britain, Britain and Germany should again go to war with each other. Not since the very heyday of the Roman Empire has this situation obtained for such a long period. Surely every Christian, pacifist or otherwise, should rejoice for this political advance as we celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.

#### YOUTH - A TRIUMPH FOR YOUNG ACTORS

A most moving theatrical experience came to many people who were privileged a few weeks ago to attend the Sixth Form College when present and former students were courageous enough to put on the play "The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson, which is

about Helen Keller and 'Teacher' Ann Sullivan. This group of gifted actors held the audience of several hundred (including large numbers of late teenagers) absolutely spellbound on each night of their performance. They took us from touches of subtle humour to the deepest compassion in the space of a few moments. A splendid illustration, both in the presentation of the play and in the message it contains, of the potential of Christian love attainable through discipline.

#### UNITY - ECUMENICAL

Some years ago I mentioned on this page that after years of inter-denominational strife the Catholic and Protestant political parties in Holland were working together on a political platform. The recent good news was that the united Christian party had strengthened its position and become the second largest in the Dutch Parliament.

#### U-TURNS - OR LACK OF THEM

Let's be happy about the fact that our so-called standard of living is not going to improve and may even go down slightly over the next few years. In any event I suspect that I am not alone in thinking that I would happily exchange a good deal of today's standard of living for a return of some of yesterday's standards of life - simple things like clean streets, less violence, less noise, good tunes, being able to leave things around without having them 'nicked', efficient postal services - you will each have your own list. Oddly enough, I suspect that a lot of the things in our lists could be obtained by acceptance of a lower standard of living; which could simultaneously give benefit to the least well-off in our own society and in the world. Here again is surely a common cause for all Christians.

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CHURCH CALENDARWEEKLY MEETINGS:

Mondays	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Autumn Session ends 9/12/80)
Wednesdays	17.30h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

1st Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Outing to Connaught Theatre
2nd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - "Adventures in Thailand" - Rev. V. Hedger
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "Parks and Gardens" (Illus) Chairman Mr. R. Hurt
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
3rd Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
4th Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
6th Saturday	19.00h	Girls' Brigade Display at <del>6th Form College</del> <i>Dunmurry High Sch.</i>
7th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
13th Saturday	19.30h	Family Circle - Christmas Party
14th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

DECEMBER, 1980

15th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Members Christmas Evening
16th	Tuesday	13.00h	Inland Revenue Carol Service
		14.45h	Women's Guild } Joint
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship } Christmas
			Meeting
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
17th	Wednesday	10.30h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
		19.30h	Durrington School Carol Service
21st	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Carol Service
		18.30h	Carol Service with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
24th	Wednesday	23.30h	Holy Communion
25th	Thursday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Family Service
28th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday 1st January, New Year's Day PRAYER VIGIL  
This will be held in the Little Chapel from 08.00h  
and all will be welcome to participate. See separate  
notice on page 21.

Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy will be  
Sunday 14th December. Please be punctual  
as we have to fit in with Christmas.

EDITOR

### A 5th 'U'

In case you were wondering about that reference to the United Nations:-

#### News Item

The Council of United Nations Staff has forbidden its Christian members to use the term 'Christmas' Party.



Do the UN staff all shudder  
At the mention of the Buddha?  
Do they crimson up like fuchsias  
If the Chinese say Confucius?  
Does Kurt Waldheim turn bright puce  
When a classicist says Zeus?  
Does the UN Tower fall over  
At the very word Jehovah?  
Do they cringe beneath the soffit  
If a Moslem whispers Prophet?  
  
If not ..... don't you think it odd  
They should expurgate our God?

May I wish you all a Blessed Christmas - and add a special word of thanks to all who have encouraged me by agreement or by criticism, in particular of course our hard-working Editor and Printing 'Staff'.

R.F.B.

### SOME CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

by Tapton

Congregational Praise has arguably the best selection of Christmas Hymns No. 72 - 96, and Carols Nos 706-723 in any modern hymn book. How strange though to find people who after thirty years with this hymn book have never found the CAROL SECTION!

Among some excellent and happily reasonably well-known carols to be noted and sung are:



710 Once there came to earth

720 O leave your sheep

721 All poor men and humble what a beautiful Welsh  
carol this is.

722 He smiles within His cradle

723 To us in Bethlem City

Learn some new carols for Christmas, why not revive  
the custom of singing them at home round the piano  
if you have one?

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#### YOUTH COUNCIL

Our various youth organisations are all very  
active with their individual programmes and with the  
blessing of the Elders and Church Meeting have recently  
reformed the Youth Council.

The work and devoted service given by our Youth  
Leaders is a most vital part of our service within  
the Church and it is a real privilege to have been  
asked to act as Chairman for the Council. It is hoped  
that this will not only provide a forum for the mutual  
support and encouragement to our leaders and organisa-  
tions, but also, a means by which we may share an even  
closer link with our Church.

The challenges, temptations and pressures that  
confront young people today are greater than ever  
before. New technologies, growth and the influence  
of communications and changing public attitudes,  
present new opportunities but will require a strength  
of character based on sound principles and a firm faith  
if they are to be harnessed for good.

In the years ahead, how many of our young people  
will look back at their time associated with Goring  
United Reformed Church, as a time which helped prepare

them to become stable and valued members of their society. This is the calling our Youth Leaders have accepted. It is a tremendous challenge which we all share with each other and wish to share with the whole Church.

As always we require your prayers and your support. In turn we seek to support the Church in all its work. This, after all, is part of our training.

Occasionally, all our organisations hope to join together for a special occasion, and what more special occasion than Christmas? We plan to go carol singing in the district together, and on Sunday evening 21st December, to take an active part in the service, when it is hoped young people of all ages will fill our Church with the Spirit and Message of Christmas. Please come with your friends and neighbours that we may truly share this occasion together.

R.J. CLOSE  
Chairman

### ONE IN CHRIST

In a meeting, curtailed because of the early departure of both our ministers, our attentions were focused upon the needs of those friends who are sick infirm or bereaved and for those departed. Coinciding with the celebrations of 'All Souls Eve' and 'All Saints Day' it was undoubtedly proper that we should particularly remember those who have passed to the fuller life and that we should reaffirm our trust that they are at rest with God.

However, as Jesus reminds us, the sick and the poor are with us always and we must ever be mindful of them. We must ever be seeking to support them - in prayer, to uplift them in fellowship and to share with them peace and rest in one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Still thinking of the elderly and infirm, we were reminded that several of our members are unable to attend Church under their own steam. Can you help by offering them transport to Church on Sundays? Just think for a moment of the blessings you receive each Sunday morning. Those members would welcome an opportunity to share in those blessings and your fellowship.

Do not let me simply make an appeal to those 'better wheeled' among us. I am sure that there are many who for one reason or another would not request such assistance. To you I would extend the invitation to share in our Sunday blessings, praise and fellowship. Do not view it as an imposition to seek a lift, rather your right in Christ Jesus.

'Ask and ye shall receive'

I'm afraid that I am unable to convey any clear picture of our meeting, it being fragmented by many snippets of information and news of the fellowship. But after the heady meetings of late it is good that we should have the opportunity to sit back and look at all that is happening within the body of our Church.

Mrs. Dora Newell, as you will all know, has now been commissioned as a Lay Preacher within the U.R.C. and to Dora and indeed her husband, Ray, we extend our warmest congratulations. If Dora will forgive me, it is a source of much joy that young and old alike are achieving such success as we have witnessed in recent months within our body. I am of course referring to the performances of those members of Junior Church who have performed so outstandingly in their Scripture Examinations. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving amongst our young people, or, in Dora's case, those who are young in the Spirit.

There was the usual repartee between the floor and the chair, generally known as 'Bait the Vicar', on that traditional subject of timekeeping, and true to his word, Bill ended the meeting at ten to nine, giving him and Ron ample time to trapes off to their meeting/party/revelry? with the other clergy of the

District, which reminds me, much of the news content of this meeting laid emphasis on an ecumenical movement, a coming together in the Lord. We must always remember that we are one in Christ Jesus and that as members of His body we must not strain against other members, else the body will become weak. Pray for the strengthening of Christ's body in the Church in unification, to the Glory of God.

MATTHEW SMITH

### NEWS, REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Fellowship We were very pleased to welcome the Rev. Tom Cawthera from Bury Drive Methodist Church as our speaker on 4th November and enjoyed a most interesting talk entitled "Up and Down" illustrating how important it is to be able to adjust to the changing circumstances of life when one's fortunes change for better or for worse.

We conclude the session with an illustrated talk by Mr. E. Saxon, the Assistant Parks Superintendent of Worthing Borough Council on 2nd December, and our Joint Christmas Meeting with the Women's Guild on 16th December.

We look back on a session which has given us a lot of pleasure but which has also brought sadness in the loss of two of our members, Francis Wills and Charles Hunt, and the departure from the area of John Beckerton. We send our best wishes to John and Mrs. Beckerton at their new home.

The first meeting of the Spring Session will be on 6th January when at our Members' Afternoon we invite members to give us their views on "I thank God for...." A Happy Christmas to you all,

REG GOODCHILD

From the Choir Vestry"THE CHRISTMAS STORY" - IN WORDS & MUSIC

This is the title of an ambitious programme which Mr. J. Robson Turton has arranged, with a greatly augmented choir, for Sunday morning, 21st December. He has gone to a lot of trouble to secure soloists and additional choristers, and we hope you will make a note of this event.

The soloists will be:-

Patricia Cartwright - Soprano

Joanna Corbitt - Contralto

The Organist will be Mr. Cyril Levett, and Mr. Turton will be conducting.

EILEEN FISHER  
Choir Secretary

STARTING ON 6th DECEMBER - Coffee will be served every Saturday morning in the Cornwall Room between 10.15 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. Do come and bring a friend.

ROBIN BRADLEY

Hayward House As a result of Mr. Connelly's appeal for donations toward the estimated cost of £3500 for essential repairs to the roof of Hayward House, some £1600 has been received from generous friends in the Church, for which we give grateful thanks. These gifts enabled us to meet the first demand of £2000 on account, without application to the Church Treasurer.

Unfortunately the FINAL account is likely to be at least £1000/1200 more than the £1500 anticipated, due largely to essential work on the tank room, the need for which was only uncovered as the work progressed. We hope to find a further £500 from the Association's bank balance toward the final account so that our borrowing from the Church will be increased by approximately £2000 not £3500 as originally anticipated.

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Association Ltd. was formed by the Church in 1969 and has been

supported by Church members and adherents ever since. The purchase of 2 Shaftesbury Avenue plus fittings etc. cost well over £22,000 and until this present roof trouble, our only loan was to the Church, namely £3,000.

Christmas is the season of giving; will YOU help us to reduce or repay our debt to the Church. Christmas greetings to you all.

J.R. BEALE

Auction Sale We have received many items for the sale but we need further gifts if the auction, which is for Church and Housing Association's funds, is to be held in the Spring. Forms are available in the vestibule or from members of the Church Finance or Housing Committees.

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#### GIRLS' BRIGADE

Thank you all once again for supporting us at our recent Bazaar, when we raised £530. "What do they want £500 for?" was a question we heard asked many times during the weeks leading up to 1st November. So now we will tell you!

Fees for 1981	£200 approx.
Hire of Hall for display	65
Remaining cost of Hearing Aids	86
Gifts to Cheshire Home	40
Badges and awards	60
Christmas Gifts to elderly	20
Donation to Church for heating	20
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	£491
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The balance will be added to what we already have to pay for equipment during 1981.

Have you bought your programme yet for our DISPLAY to be held on 6th DECEMBER in the Boulevard Hall of Durrington High School? These are available price 30p each for adults, 15p for children, so do get yours soon. We can promise you a happy and enjoyable evening out.

We've had another happy year and thank God once again for the joy and happiness we find in working with His children. May He bless us every one and grant to us all this Christmastide, love, joy and peace.

JEAN WEBB

#### PRAYER VIGIL on NEW YEAR'S DAY 1981

Jesus Christ knew the importance of prayer and taught His disciples. Prayer began and ended His day. Peter and Paul were released from prison when they and others prayed. Prayer changes things.

Join with us in praying for the life, work and witness of the people of this Church, our Town, our Nation and the World.

COME to the Little Chapel in the Church  
ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st January, 1981  
ANYTIME between 08.00h and 22.00h

You may share in this time of blessing in a number of ways, e.g.

- (a) Join us for a while in the Little Chapel any time during the Vigil
- (b) Be responsible for a particular hour or half-hour during the day (Names and times to me please)
- (c) Pray at home if you are unable to join the Vigil in person.

LET US TOGETHER START THE YEAR WITH JESUS!

"Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people" Ephesians 6 v.18.

IRENE TULEY

### FLOWER ROTA, DECEMBER

7th	The Connellys & Mr. & Mrs. Brunton	21st	Mesdames Cozens-Walker and Turton
14th	Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine	28th	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Young

### FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £20.10 received during October/November.

### Service to God through Flowers

My grateful thanks to all who have contributed with donations or through the flower fund to this service throughout 1980.

A special 'thank you' to my loyal helpers, Margaret Craghill and Jill Pownall who, week by week, assist me with the flower arranging.

Early in December the Flower List for 1981 will be placed on the notice board in the Vestibule of the Church, and if you wish to supply flowers on a special date please put your name on the list. If you intend to arrange the flowers on the date chosen please let me know in writing or telephone.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a joyous Christmas.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary  
Tel: 43843

### WANTED - USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please help our Christian brothers and sisters in Communist countries by saving all used postage stamps. There will be a box to receive all stamps in the Church Vestibule during the month of December until after Christmas, in aid of the Christian Mission to the Communist World.

IRENE TULEY



### BOYS BRIGADE

At the time of writing the Anchor Boys are busy preparing items for our Coffee Morning. Some of the Junior Boys are making models of prehistoric monsters and other peculiar animals for their "Art & Action event at Horsham on 29th November. The Company Section Boys are making a noise as usual at their Band practice. Much depends on the outcome of our B.B. Week fund raising as to whether we can buy new instruments for the Band. Mr. Brian White, our Band Master, is keen on equipping us with a better sounding trumpet. When you think that some of our bugles are over fifty years old there is surely a good reason for some replacements.

If you would care to donate an instrument to the Company in memory of a loved one, or because of some happy B.B. association, then please contact me for details.

On behalf of the Officers, Helpers and Boys,  
I do wish you a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

DONALD STEWART

### CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during October - £11.00

" " " November - £13.70

Amount received from Harvest Festival collections £133.05

All these received  
with many thanks,

HILDA HELE

### B.B.C.

In a letter to Mr. Christopher the B.B.C. states: "Please be assured the B.B.C. has no intention of reducing or eliminating its televised religious services".



## LONDON LETTER

A few weeks to go and it will be Christmas. At school, preparations are beginning. Many of the children are looking forward with excitement to the parties and presents which they have been promised - or hope for. There will be a "Christmas Entertainment" for parents and friends - this year, the story of Baboushka, the Russian equivalent of Santa Claus or Father Christmas. Why a Russian folk-tale or legend? Why not? We have children of about 20 different nationalities in school and at least 6 different religions. Our language problem is not a small one! The children, in general, learn fairly quickly. The greatest difficulty is with non-English speaking parents.

Camden has an English language scheme for Neighbourhood English classes - leaflets are distributed through schools, social workers, etc. these leaflets offering to teach "the kind of English you need in day to day life - the ordinary everyday language spoken in this country: at work, in the shops, on the bus, at the doctor's surgery. Do you know how to make a telephone call, how to fill in forms, how to apply for a job or how to talk to your child's school teacher? If not, we can teach you". The leaflets have this message written in Greek, Turkish, Italian, Portugese, Spanish, Hindi, Urdu, Guyjerati, Punjabi, Bengali and Chinese.

The Camden Community Relations Lending Library reflects the multi-cultural nature of our society. It covers African, American, Asian, Caribbean, Chinese, German, Greek, Guyanese, Gypsy, Irish, M. Eastern, Multi-racial, Persian, S.African, Spanish, Turkish and Polish.

So, apart from our Russian play, we shall have on the walls in our Lower Hall, representations of different Christmas legends from all round the world:- Saint Nicholas - or Santa Claus; Wenceslaus; Christmas Roses; the beasts in the stable; the gift of the glow-

worm; the song of the robin; the holly bush; the swallow, the moth and the little scuttling mouse.

Though the other religions in school have their own (religions)? festivals during the year, this is the Christian Festival in which most of them will join.

In whatever language we need to speak, the universal message is:

Peace on earth, goodwill to all men!

MARY CONNELLY

### STOP PRESS

#### Women's Guild

Our Anniversary:- Mrs. Whitehead's address on 'The Friendship of Jesus', was an inspiration to all, as was Miss Corbitt's delightful singing. One hundred and forty sat down to tea, prepared by Mrs. Young, our Committee and helpers. Thank you all. We were able to hand over at our next meeting £25 to the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

We now look forward to Christmas and already we are preparing for our joint Christmas meeting with the Men's Fellowship.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all the Peace and Joy that comes when we remember the true meaning of Christmas - the coming of Jesus into our world for our salvation.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

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THE 'CHRONICLE' PRODUCTION STAFF

WISH ALL OUR READERS



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A

BLESSED NEW YEAR.

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Church is like a bank;  
the more you put into it, the  
more interest you have in it.  
Anglican Digest.

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## SERVICES

### DIVINE WORSHIP

Sundays at 11.00h and 18.30h.

Holy Communion : Every Sunday at 08.00h and

First Sunday in the morning.

Third Sunday in the evening.

### MONTHLY CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 19.30h.

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Second Thursday in each month at 10.30h.

with Holy Communion