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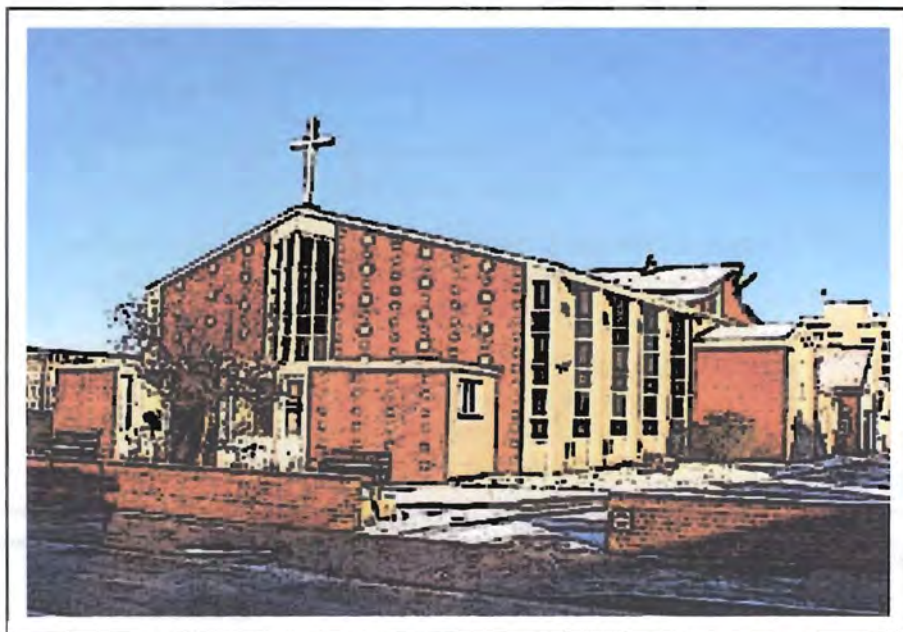
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Sunday Services


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|---------|---|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month. - Family service on Second Sunday in month. - GAS (God's Appreciation Society) - Junior Church with Crèche |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on 3rd Sunday in month - Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month. |

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Dear Friends,

Two preachers having a quiet day out at Cleethorpes, and as preachers do, they start to discuss how they each found inspiration for their sermons. 'Well,' said one, 'I find all the inspiration I need in the world around, in fact there is a sermon waiting to come from everything I see'.

'Ok,' said his friend, 'I challenge you to find a sermon in that bag of fish and chips you are eating.'

'Well,' he said, 'fish and chips are a combination of God's gift and human labour, which is like the bread and wine of the communion service. They also reflect the way we all depend on each other, the fishermen, farmers, merchants, transport people and retailers, not forgetting to mention the gas and electricity suppliers who enable us to cook and keep warm.'

'Also it is like the many members in the one-body picture of the church, which Paul gives us in 1 Corinthians 12. But as well there's the paper that wraps them. This, like the fish reminds us that the resources of the world are finite and are given in trust to men and women to exercise stewardship over them.'

'And like the rainbow covenant with Noah in Genesis 9 it brings together God's desire for his children to have all that they need, and their responsibility for all other living creatures.'

What a lot can be learnt from a bag of fish and chips! So next time you succumb to temptation and have a bag on the sea front why not reflect on some of these ideas and so justify your purchase !

Norman

Pastoral News

Birth & Baptism

Congratulations to Grace & Alec
Ralph on the birth of their grandson,
Matthew James on 30 December 01.

He weighed 7½lbs

Matthew's baptism has been planned
for Sunday morning, 10th February.

The service on that morning is to be
led by Rev Margaret Ashby.

Deaths:

Mrs Ruby White on 7th December 01

*We give thanks for the lives of those
passing into the fuller life and pray
for the peace in the hearts of their
families and friends.*

Thank you

I would like to thank all my
friends at Goring URC for their
kindness to me on the recent
death of my sister.

Also for their prayerful support
during June's long illness.

God Bless you all.

Bobby Hitchin

Member's Handbook 2001 A mendments

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Mr H & Mrs R Nicholls

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Page 19 Directory

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Service at the tables !

The real thanks must go to those who shopped, cooked, served, waited at table, washed up afterwards and to those who provided the music to sing to!

My sincere thanks to you all.

Although it was not arranged as a fund raiser, due to the clever ladies who bought two for the price of one bargains or found things which were on offer, we did make a profit and I was able to present the Church Treasurer with £100.00 to divide between the Church Funds and the Worthing Homeless Appeal.

The fellowship and fun that we all enjoyed on that day was wonderful. Let us praise the Lord for His goodness.

Doreen Norris.

Christmas Lunch

Judging by all the very nice things that have been said, the Christmas Lunch was most successful and I am happy to say that it was. Mind you – all I did was to write lists and make phone calls.



Top: Carol & Robin, Bett in background.

Above: The waiters & waitresses - Hilary, Eileen, Wilf & Graham

Tuesday Fellowship

On the 27th November we were entertained by the "Sing-a-longs". We had a very enjoyable time listening and sometimes singing along with them songs of years gone by. The costumes were so attractive reminding us of our grandmothers' attire in their days.

It is great to know that this group of ladies give so much of their time giving joy to many people.

Our final meeting of 2001 was our Christmas service.

It was a simple moving service led by our President Mrs Peggy Mott. With readings and beautiful carols we were made aware of the joyful news that came to earth on Christmas day with the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the time you have read this the Fellowship will have had two meetings in 2002; 8th and 22nd January. We wish all a very happy and peaceful New Year and look forward to others joining us.

All will be made welcome. *Joan Burrage.*



December Carol Service

I sat in the congregation at the carol service in the church on the morning of 23rd December wishing I had been in the choir stalls singing the wonderful words and music of carols written by Graham Kendrick, Greg Leavers, Phil Burt, John Rutter and more important to us is the carol 'The Three Kings' the words and

music written by our own organist Geoffrey Redman. How delightful it was to us to see the children join the choir in this carol.

At the end of the organ voluntary there was applause - I felt we should have stood and clapped. Many thanks to Geoffrey Redman and the choristers for sending us home remembering the real message of Christmas - the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Joan Burrage



BANNER PROJECT

We are getting on very well with the banner project and it is really beginning to take shape. As I write, the cross is almost complete so no more white is needed. Thank you to all those who have put your squares on the table in the Cornwall Room. Thank you also to the person who put a lovely bag of colourful pieces of fabric.

I would like to know when we are finished how many people have had a hand in the project and I am keeping a list. Not to check up on you, you understand, just to see how many people have been involved. There is a list at the back of the church and if you have done something, even if it was just to do the cutting for your friend, please make sure your name is on the list. If not add it.

I know some of you still have the fabric sitting on your table at home, perhaps now that Christmas is over you will have a little more time to complete your square. I hope so anyway!!

The Aim is to hang the FINISHED banner at Easter or at the Annual Team Service so I need enough completed squares by 24th February to achieve this and then some more help to put it all together.

Thank you for all the work that has been done, I know some of you have been really prolific and really enthusiastic but one from everyone would be lovely.

Caroline Hibbs



Church Flowers

The flower list for the ensuing year is now in the Vestibule.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the Church flowers for one week and/or even try your hand at an arrangement, do please add your name to the list.

This is a wonderful act of worship and a way of celebrating a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one.

Please give any donations or contributions to Pheniah or myself.

Audrey Gerlach



Budget 2002

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The November 2001 Church Meeting approved the Budget shown opposite on page 9. As you will see I am once again seeking an increase in giving to guard against a deficit at the end of year, i.e. our income should be sufficient to cover our "running costs". It is essential that we meet this target. If we do not, our plans for Church and Manse repairs, required under the respective Property Surveys will be in jeopardy.

As you will see I am asking that you increase your giving this year by 9.3% - let's call it 10% for simplicity. I ask you once again to commit your giving to prayer. I have prayerfully calculated that the Lord is calling us to make a 10% increase, as a body. **What do your prayers tell you? What increase is he calling you to make?**

Last year I asked for a mighty 29% increase. Figures to date (the 2001 accounts are not yet complete) suggest that your response was around 18%. What can I say but - **praise the Lord!** Another increase of that order (is that what the Lord is asking of us?) would enable us to

contribute to the property repairs out of our weekly/monthly giving as well as meeting our regular costs.

Don't forget we need to have a Gift Day each year until repairs are complete. Our plan set a target of £10,000 per Gift Day. We raised £5,958 (including Tax rebates in 2001). This was a tremendous response, but £4,000 short of target. We need to pray about this aspect of our giving as well, if we are to meet all our commitments. We have a wonderful Church and we want to keep God's house in the highest state of repair. If we don't our ability to carry on His work could be endangered.

If you want to discuss any aspect of your giving please speak to me. I can advise you on the hows, but only God can help you with the "how much".

Gift Aid

I recently had the pleasure of a visit from the taxman (poetic justice?). As a result of that visit I need to remind all who have signed a Gift Aid declaration of the following:

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- **If your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax, on your income and capital gains, equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.**

You should, in any case, let me know if such a change takes place in order that I can modify the tax claim. If you don't the taxman can ask you to make good the difference!

If you have not signed a declaration, and you do pay tax please have a word with me. I am sure you would rather have the use of the tax you have paid.

Matthew Smith
Church Treasurer

Budget Proposal 2002

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
Offertory	£39,500	£43,162	9.30%	Ministry	£33,376	£34,612
Rents	£5,000	£5,000		Pulpit Supply	£680	£700
Interest	£500	£400		Minister/Manse	£3,900	£4,000
Tax refund	£6,200	£6,000		Cleaning	£1,750	£1,750
Donations	£1,000	£1,000		Utilities	£1,750	£1,750
Deficit	£2006			Insurance	£1,500	£1,500
				Maintenance	£4,000	£4,000
				Church Music	£600	£600
				Junior Church	£500	£500
				Printing	£1,000	£1,000
				Telephone	£250	£250
				Sundries	£1,000	£1,000
				Mission	£2,000	£2,000
				10% Fund	£1,900	£1,900
Totals	£54,206	£55,562			£54,206	£55,562



Fri	1		Launch of Website for this Church - see page 20	
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Sun	3	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	
		6.00pm	Evening Worship	
Tue	5	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Alzheimer's Society	
Thur	7		Day of Prayer	
		9.30am	The Ark	
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise	
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Sun	10	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	10th - Last day for March Chronicle material
		10.30am	Family Worship with infant Baptism	
		6.00pm	Evening Worship	
Thur	14	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Sat	16	10.00am- 5.00pm	Walk thro' the Bible. Sompting United Reformed Church	- page 16
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Sun	17	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	
		10.30am	Morning Worship	
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion	
Tue	19	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Bible Society	
Thu	21	9.30am	The Ark	
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise	
.....				
Sun	24	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	
		10.30am	Family Worship with rededication	
		6.00pm	Evening Worship	
Thu	28	9.30am	The Ark	
		7.30pm	Church Meeting	



Sun 3	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	6.00pm	CTG Evening Worship at Goring United Reformed Church

Tue	5	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Sounds Interesting
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Thu	7		Day of Prayer
		9.30am	The Ark
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise

Sun 10	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	* <i>Mothering Sunday</i>
	10.30am	Family Worship	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	

Thu	14	9.30am	The Ark
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting

10th - Last day
for April
Chronicle material

Sun 17	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	* <i>Passion Sunday</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	

Tue	19	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Age Concern
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Thu	21	9.30am	The Ark
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise

Sun 24	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	* <i>Palm Sunday</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion	

Tue	26	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Easter
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Thu	28	9.30am	The Ark	* <i>Maundy Thursday</i>
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Sun 31	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	* <i>Easter Sunday</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	



Looking ahead

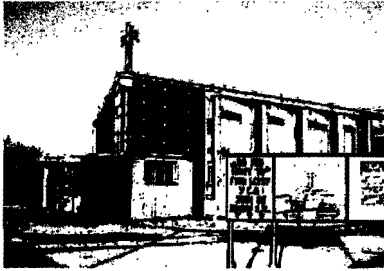


Date of March Church meeting not yet fixed.

27 April Sompting welcome party at Shelley Road United Reformed Church

Worthing Area Team

In November there was an article in the **Argus** by 'Sentinel' which said that two URC churches in the town were to be sold. Many people were worried about this and at the December Team Meeting we discussed how we should go forward, and as a result it was



decided to form a Task Group consisting of three members from each of the Worthing churches and one each from Rustington and Sompting.

They would first meet at Lomas House on the 7th February and then

monthly and bring a report back to the Team in the summer.

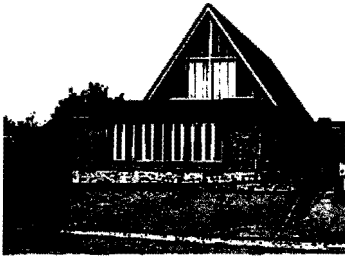
If we do nothing, Ministry will diminish, and if churches close we would get less Ministry.

We hope that by the time you read this,



we would have our three representatives but if you feel that God is calling you to this work will you please get in touch with me.

Sheila Gooderham



LOMAS HOUSE

In December 2001, Lomas House, a superb Edwardian residence in Wordsworth Road, Worthing, was bought by the U.R.C.'s Southern Province Synod. It continues to be home to several retired missionaries and church workers, but from March to September 2002 a new chapel will be built in its spacious



grounds and a complete refurbishment of its facilities will ensure it will also be a welcoming place for you or yours on a daily or residential basis. It seeks to be, a place for inspirational and healing treats, helpful training courses, regular worship and prayer, and a house for those wishing time away on their own, or with a need to talk to someone in confidence and trust.

BEGINNING IN JANUARY, from the 7th onwards, morning prayers for twenty minutes are taking place on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am, so why not pop in and have a coffee as well? Every Wednesday evening from the 9th of January onwards, until Easter, there will be a healing service at 7.30pm led by the Director and anyone is most welcome to come and be part of that peaceful and renewing worship.

CAN YOU HELP? - yes you can! Lomas House seeks to be a significant resource for building up God's people and this cannot happen effectively without a wealth of prayer behind it. Will you be part of that? Prayers for wisdom, protection, well being and new life are what we ask during this period of change and renewal.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AT ANY OTHER TIME or wish more information, or indeed if you or any of your church groups would like to come for the day or longer, please contact me on 01903 200400 at Lomas House.

In the mean time my warmest thanks for all your care and support.

Sincerely, *Revd Peter McIntosh*
(Director)

Sussex West District Council Meeting

The following are the key points from the Council Meeting at Sompting URC on Thursday 17th January.

We welcomed the return of Revd Peter McIntosh as Director of Lomas House. Peter [Tel: 01903 203001 / 01903 200400] would welcome enquiries about use of the facilities during the re-development. There is worship for 20 minutes every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10.00 am. and a Service of Healing every Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. and **visitors would be welcome.**

Sompting URC would welcome others to their **Walk Thru the Bible** session in March. Ring Revd Jenny Martin [01903 754263] for details.

Howard Nurden and Revd Tim Lowe were the main speakers on Youth and Childrens Work and recommended the new 2nd Edition of the **Good Practice Guide** now available from URC Bookshop. Tim would be glad of any suggestions for a collection of resources for Children's Worship which he is compiling.

ALL Local Churches should be represented at the **Finance Consultation** on 23rd February at Brighthelm [10 for 10.30am].

Council agreed to the recommendations from PCC to Clermont:

- a) that KBis should be given notice as soon as possible
- b) a District Commission should meet representatives from Citygate Church to establish the possibilities for a way forward.

Application Forms are now available for the **District Day 15th June.**
ALL Members will be welcome.

Desmond Curry
Sussex West District Secretary

Churches Together in Worthing Annual General Meeting

Geoffrey Dean and I joined 36 representatives from 53 churches in Worthing who were present on this occasion.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. F. Tahzib, the deputy director for public health, for West Sussex Area Health Authority. His theme was: Health & well-being in the Worthing Community. The aim of his address was to enlist the support and help of the Christian Community in Worthing, to work alongside the Health Authority in promoting well-being. He began with citing six aspects of health: physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual, societal. Of interest to us was a definition of spiritual health, which involves being "at peace with oneself"; a major determinant of (good) health was HOPE.

Health cannot be possessed it can only be shared - the health of my brother is relevant to each one of us.

Dr. Tahzib spoke of the value of being a good neighbour and cited the impact of cancer not only on the elderly but on the young and amongst youth — which involves coping, strategies and the vital support of family, carers and neighbours involving sufferers in a

re-appraisal of their lives finding core values leading to committal to God. Illness is an opportunity to learn - finding meaning in life - and the Christian Community is strategically placed to meet these needs, which are seen as outside "the Health Service". Spiritually is a move from Theology because it involves healing and well-being. Church attendance involves relationships which contribute to support in need — often social need. His prescription for good health involved to his way of thinking "regular church attendance" the need to feed our inner being, because he believed that the purpose of God in creating man was to know his creator and attain His presence briefly put surrender, repentance, reconciliation- "my thoughts went at this point to the discourse of the Lord Jesus in John Ch 14-17). These are but jottings on a very able discourse — Churches Together in Worthing will seek to work out possible ways forward to put this perspective of health into practical terms. It was suggested one such way might be to form prayer groups to provide support for doctors' practices.

Alec Ralph

EMMAEUS

Brighton & Hove Community

The Emmaeus Community is one of 6 in the UK and 400 world-wide. It welcomes people who would otherwise have no home, community or work, to come together to make a good home and to reclaim and recycle donated furniture, bric-a-brac, clothing, appliances etc.

These donated goods are either sold in their shop to generate income to sustain the community and support others, or are given to individuals or families to equip a home or start work etc. Sometimes there is opportunity to exchange skills or resources rather than money.

If you are able to help by donating items for which you no longer have a need, or would like to know more, contact:-

Emmaeus Brighton & Hove
Drove Rd., Portslade BN41 2PA
Tel 01273 412093 (24 hour line on ext 25)

Information supplied by Eileen Rhodes

WALK THRU THE BIBLE

Old Testament seminar SATURDAY 16 March 2002

10.00am until 5.00pm

Sompting United Reformed Church

The seminar is open to anyone and is suitable for all stages of Christian growth. The course cost of £12 includes a colour illustrated book.

In just these few hours, participants are taken through the Old Testament in an original way. It is highly creative and fun and has proved an effective way of learning and refreshing knowledge about the Old Testament.

European Coins

Mr. Peter Farley, British Director of the France Mission Trust has written in reply to receiving our recent collections of European Currency. He conveys his thanks to all who contributed to the collections and is delighted at the way British Christians of all denominations have taken this to heart. The amount raised already exceeds £10,000 with more to follow. Some of the money has been used to buy Bibles for which France Mission is so very grateful.

A Certificate is on display in the Vestibule, also leaflets with details of the many problems facing the Evangelical Church. It is one of the World's most spiritually needy countries. Pray for the success of this effort in seeking God's Plan for Church growth in France. Some areas have no meaningful contact with the Christian Church and are therefore indifferent to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanks and appreciation for your efforts in the matter.

Pheniah Taylor

Christian Aid

Christian Aid thank the church very much for their donation of £197.00 towards their emergency relief appeal for Afghanistan.

For the latest news on Christian Aid's work in Afghanistan and the surrounding region visit their website at —

www.christian-aid.org.uk



On behalf of the Bible Society, may I thank all who gave towards this cause in December. I have sent the sum of £ 93.17 to the Bible Society HQ.

This money will be used to promote the Gospel world-wide, and I know that it will be received with gratitude.

Margaret Butcher

A Snapshot of life in the Congo

- Rev Beryl Chatfield

I am unexpectedly writing this in Africa, because, having spent three weeks here with Ruth, my flight home last night was cancelled, due to an airport workers' dispute. I hope to get home in a day or two!

My time here has been in no way a 'holiday' in the normal sense, - but a 'life experience' - of a totally different existence, and one over which I shall ponder for many months. I have found it interesting and enjoyable and have coped well with heat, insects, French and different food, - any of which could have been a problem, so I thank God for that blessing.

The first week I was able to 'sit-in' on part of the workshop for Congolese Christians who are translating parts of Luke's Gospel into seven Congolese languages. Though in French, I was able to follow enough of the discussion to make it interesting. Ruth and I also ate main meals with these students, some of whom are Church Pastors. In the afternoons Ruth took me into the city centre, to see the river, and shopping in various markets.

The streets are full of street traders with small stalls selling anything from mangoes to toothpaste! - many of their wares laid out on the pavements.

The second week Ruth was in the Centre Office in the mornings, and I began painting some of the African flowers. We also had rain, some quite violent thunder storms & power cuts, so after six o'clock, (when it gets dark), - candles! - until power returned. In the city, roadsides are very rough, with deep, wide gutters, which makes walking quite hazardous! - and after rain it's muddy too! Taxis are cheap. 70p flat rate, and minibuses are packed full at 15p flat rate. (1000 Congolese Francs to the £1.00.)

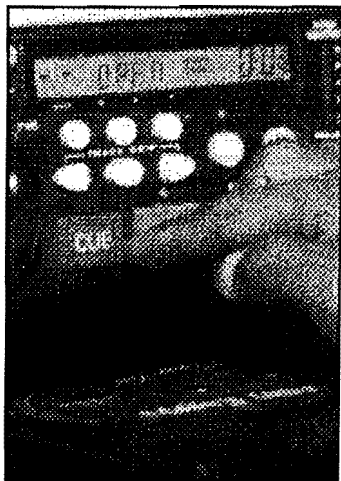
During my third week, Ruth & I spent three days in a village. No electricity or piped water. (We took filtered water with us!) We ate meals with a family in a 'mud hut', but slept in a Church owned room with a shower fed from an underground cistern. Then it was back to Brazzaville & a return to England a day late. (NB. Flights out of Brazzaville were suspended indefinitely after I left.)



Beryl returned to the Congo to stay with Ruth for a few weeks during the autumn after Ruth's holiday in the UK. Many will know that Ruth works for the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazzaville, Congo.

On Air in Africa . . .

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Putting Gospel music on the radio

The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar is carrying out evangelism and education through a full-time radio station, the radio's chief editor, Solo Rene Ravoavison, told *Inside Out*.

"Radio is the best way of communicating in Madagascar, as many people can't read or write and don't have televisions or phones," he said. "it's a great way to promote health and education and preach the gospel."

Radio Fahazavana (Radio light) was set up in September 1997 with funds from CWM. Today, it has 17 full-time staff, including eight journalists, and 50 volunteers and broadcasts across Antananarivo, the capital.

Plans are to set up another church radio in the north-east of the country, in Sambava.

.. and the Pacific

A weekly Christian radio programme in Papua New Guinea is telling the good news of the gospel and changing lives across the nation.

Rev Samson Lowa uses his 20 minute slot on the Radio Nati Broadcasting Commission to focus on the family. The programme is called Strength in the Family - Strength in Papua New Guinea. In other words, when you straighten out the home, PNG will become a strong nation."

One boy heard Lowa speaking about how God can use children to change the lives of their parents. When his father asked why he was so quiet, the boy replied, "You and Mum always fight, and when you fight I don't do well at school." He then invited his parents to listen to the show with him.

In the programme, Lowa pleaded with parents not to get drunk, and to resolve their conflicts. Afterwards the boy wept and said, "I believe this is our message, he is speaking to us." Later he wrote to Lowa to say that his parents were talking again and that his father had stopped drinking.

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Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

The CHRONICLE

The March CHRONICLE will be available on Sunday 24th February. Articles please typed, (preferably by E-Mail) to the Editor by the second Sunday of the previous month, 10th February. The Editor will put you in touch with a typist if you are unable to provide typed material.

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter after a week spent at Cliff College set in the middle of the beautiful Peak District. Sounds idyllic, but it was an incredibly intense time practically fitting a whole term into the space of a week, with long days, not much sleep and dodgy food. Despite this it proved to be a real time of blessing. I met, and had good conversations with people from all over the world who had come to study mission, they were drawn from such far flung places as: Sudan, Afghanistan, Tonga, Estonia, Poland, Sumatra, Kazakhstan and Leeds.

As they told their stories we began to realise that we share so much in common. The only difference that kept coming to the surface was that the church in the west has developed such a luke warm attitude to the faith. This is in contrast to many of the people of the two thirds world who seem to be so hungry to receive the word and accept the reality of Jesus as Lord and saviour. In many cases their lives, families, homes and jobs become! sacrifices to their faith.

There were about 50 students on my particular MA course. Some of the lectures were heavy and I heard words and concepts I had never heard before. Most lectures however were practical and gave great insight into

the state of the church in this country and its options for the future. One interesting fact was that since the 3rd century AD to this day the Christian population of the world has only varied between 32% and 37%.

The world has changed and continues to change at an ever increasing rate. A century ago a major change in society or technology would take decades to be achieved. In our age it can be a matter of months. Communication and transport has compressed the world and drawn peoples together, we can speak to any one anywhere at the press of a button. When we look at our churches they are not just stuck in another decade but some in another century. Many of our traditions have not only lost their relevance but their very meaning has been lost to memory. We in the church seem to be always one step behind society and therefore often lose our opportunities for mission.

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But there is hope! In our age there is a renewed search for a spiritual element to life. A search for truth and meaning among all the technological advances and science speak. We seem to be in a period where all the philosophy has been done, scientific discoveries have slowed down. Having been unable to convincingly disprove the existence of God then perhaps we should begin

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Pastoral News



Birth & Baptism

Matthew James Ralph (the grandson of Grace & Alec) was Baptised on Sunday 10th February 2002.

The service was conducted by the Rev Norman Croft.

EXTERNAL NOTICE BOARD

When events such as coffee mornings and jumble sales take place, posters have been fixed to the Perspex panels with adhesive tape. It is difficult to remove the tape from the Perspex, also posters can hide times of services etc. In future will you please fix such posters on a portable board (kept in store room) or on a board which is being made so that it can be bolted onto concrete post at side of main board. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

House and Fabric Group.

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From the Manse -*

to rediscover God. We in the church need to be aware of these developments and tune in to them. Mission is the life and driving force of the church and we must be able to offer the life of Jesus to the missing generations of the church.

We must be prepared to be able to

receive the vision of God through His Holy Spirit and initialise change and accept the challenge of change. As the world moves on the church has to be there playing a highly relevant role to proclaim the gospel message in a context and language that the world understands.

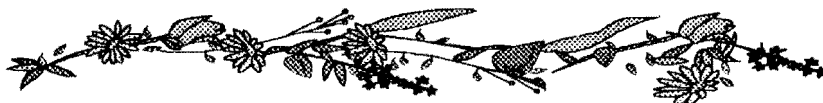
*Yours in His service,
Andrew*

Tuesday Fellowship

New Year's Party

Our New Year's party had been planned by Bobby Hitchin, but sadly the 8th January was the day of Bobby's sister's funeral. Our President Peggy Mott took command and credits must go to the actors Joan, Bryony, Peggy, Denise and Carol for their performance of the last two shortened scenes of the pantomime Cinderella!

We took part in musical and other quizzes and really let our hair down in singing of the rounds. After an excellent tea we all went home thinking the afternoon had been all right!! By the time this is printed we will have had the meeting "Worthing As Was" part 2, but on the 5th of February we will be hearing from Mr Peter Delamere from the Alzheimer's Society which is to be the Fellowship project for the coming year, and on 19th February Miss Olive McCarten will be talking about The Bible Society.



Worthing as Was

On 22nd January we had a visit from Mr Cyril Selby when he gave us the second part of his talk "Worthing As Was" part 2. What changes there have been in our town. To think that a Lifeboat was once harboured along the Front! We were shown slides of many old buildings alongside the new ones in their place today, and there is a similarity in their architecture. Mr Selby is a member of the Worthing Society and I am sure he will be returning to our meeting to give us another entertaining and informative afternoon.



*Goring Road
- mid 1930's*

Alzheimer's Society

Each year we name a charity we will support and this year it will be The Alzheimer's Society. So on 5th February Mr Peter Delamare and one of the Society's lady secretaries came to give us information of the help being given to the carers of those suffering from this debilitating disease. Peter is the chairman of the Worthing and District Society an area stretching from Littlehampton out to Henfield. We were surprised at the number of registered sufferers there were in this locality. Years ago nothing was done to ease the strain of those caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, but now people are trained as carers and can look after the patient for a few hours thus giving respite to those

looking after the invalid. A bus has been bought by the Society and trips are arranged to the Garden Centres and other places where lunch is taken for patients and their carers. Some money is funded by the Government but most comes from donations and fund raising events. I have a much loved brother who suffered in his later life from Alzheimer's Disease and it was distressing to see a person who had been so full of love health and vitality just waste away.

As always I end with an invitation to any male or female to join us at The Fellowship afternoons—our motto being 'To have a friend is to be one'

Joan Burrage

'Et Teneo Et Teneor' The Life and Teaching of Dora Greenwell.

Complimentary copies of the former Minister's recent book are available at no charge.

A supply has been placed on the table at the back of the church from which you are invited to take a copy. Alternatively you may telephone me on 01903 506384

William Connelly



Commitment for Life (CFL)

At our January Church Meeting I reported on a letter we had received from URC House inviting our participation in CFL which is the United Reformed Church's own programme of working with (mainly) Christian Aid to enable local churches to play a fuller part in tackling world poverty.

This participation would not affect our ecumenical support through Christian Aid Week or responses to disaster appeals.

The programme integrates concern for the world's poor into the prayer and worship life of the local church and hopes to fulfil some of the Five Marks of Mission particularly in seeking to transform unjust structures of society. Current campaigns centre on third world debt relief and fair trades.

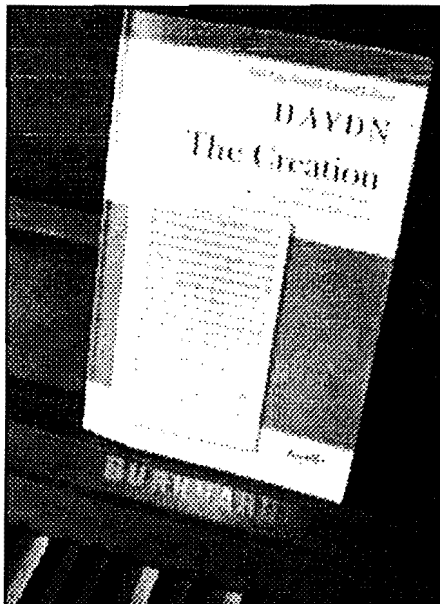
In practical terms this would involve for us:

1. Involve a link person to lead our involvement,
- (volunteer needed)

2. Choose an overseas partner through Christian Aid, (in Zimbabwe, Palestine, Bangladesh, Jamaica)
3. Relay decision to URC House.
4. Thereafter to grow in awareness about our chosen partners, praying for them, holding special Sundays, planning for regular giving, (this is expected to be 1% of personal income) supporting the two campaigns and generally promoting the programme.

NB Some pamphlets are available at the back of the church giving further details. At the church meeting it was decided to defer a decision as to whether we should support CIF by becoming partners, until members had more time to consider the proposal. It is now hoped to finalise our decision at the March church meeting, so please prayerfully consider how the church including yourself should go ahead.

Geoffrey Dean.



The Rowland Singers

The Rowland Singers under their conductor Jacky Emery, will be giving a performance of Haydn's Creation in the church on - Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm.

The soloists will be :
 Soprano—Helen Emery,
 Tenor—Anthony Cartmell,
 Bass—Nick Ryder,
 Organist -Geoffrey Redman.

Admission is by programme at £4.00 obtainable from choir members or at the door. *Sheila Gooderham*

Team Jottings

For this month, a 'Team Jottings Spring 2002' supplement sheet is enclosed with *The CHRONICLE* and with the other Team Church magazines giving news of Team events, dates and articles which may be of particular interest to us all.

This month an article is included about Shelley Road's connections with a Church & community in Wolfstein, Germany.

If the idea of a Team supplement proves to be successful, others will be issued in the future - probably during the Summer, Autumn and Winter .

Graham Redman

dates for your Diary in 2002...



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
6.00pm CTG Evening Worship at Goring United Reformed Church

Tue 5 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship — Sounds Interesting

Thu 7
9.30am The Ark
2.30pm Prayer & Praise



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion * *Mothering Sunday*
10.30am Family Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

Thu 14
9.30am The Ark
7.30pm Elders' Meeting

10th - Last day
for April
Chronicle material

Sat 16 9.45am Walk Thro' the Bible at Sompting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion * *Passion Sunday*
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

Tue 19 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship — Age Concern

Thu 21
9.30am The Ark
2.30pm Prayer & Praise
7.30pm Church Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion * *Palm Sunday*
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Tue 26 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship — Easter

Thu 28
9.30am The Ark
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 29 10.30am Good Friday Service



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion * *Easter Sunday*
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2002...



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 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
 6.00pm

Tue 9 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship — Holiday of a Lifetime

Thu 11
 9.30am The Ark
 2.30pm Prayer & Praise



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Family Worship
 5.00pm Songs of Praise at St Columba's
 6.00pm Evening Worship

14th - Last day
 for May
 Chronicle material

Thu 18 9.30am The Ark
 7.30pm Elders' Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Morning Worship
 6.00pm Evening Worship

Tue 23 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship — CPI

Thu 25 9.30am The Ark
 2.30pm Prayer & Praise
 7.30pm Church Meeting

Sat 27 TBA 'Welcome to Sompting' Barn Dance at Shelley Road Church



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Team Service at Shelley Road
 6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion



Looking ahead



26 May CTG service at Goring New Life Church

27 July Churches in the Park event.

Here I am Lord

*A series of Lent Discussions
for the Churches of Goring*

Each evening consists of

- ✦ *Opening worship*
- ✦ *An introductory Talk*
- ✦ *Discussion in ecumenical groups*
- ✦ *A chance to report back*
- ✦ *Closing Worship*

Bury Drive Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday Evenings
19th Feb to 19th March
7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

All are welcome

For more information see Vestibule Notice Board
or contact St Mary's Parish office - Worthing 242525

**WOMEN'S
WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER**



**FRIDAY,
1ST MARCH
2002**

People of all ages and from many different backgrounds will be celebrating this Day of Prayer, from the first sunrise to the last sunset around the world.

This year's theme "Challenged to Reconcile" has been prepared by the women of Romania. In learning more about their country, their culture and their struggle after years of difficulty and oppression we too can take up the challenge of reconciliation.

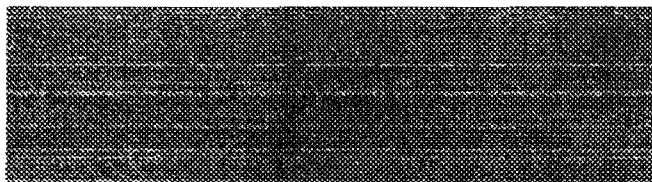
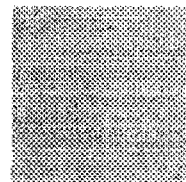
As we pray for forgiveness we are reconciled with Christ, and with our neighbour. When we are reconciled we are blessed in the name of Jesus.

May we invite you to join in a service in this area?

**3.00pm: Church of the English Martyrs
Goring Way
Speaker: Jan Rowland**

**8.00pm: Durrington Community Church
(near Tesco)
Speaker : Mintie Nel**

Eileen Rhodes & Daphne Eames



Jesus is the Passion

Ashburnham Bible Week

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven...



3rd - 10th August 2002

Ashburnham Place, near Balife, East Sussex

Further details can be seen in their brochure which may be found on the table at the back of the church

SOUTHERN SYNOD TRAINING TEAM
presents

ONE STEP FORWARD

**A day of workshops based around
the United Reformed Church
Growing Up Report**

At Brighthelm Church and Community Centre
North Road, Brighton

Saturday 15th June 2002

During the day you will have the opportunity to attend two workshops,
which will be confirmed to you prior to the day.

Workshops are: for those aged 6-13;
Church & Children; Church & Young People; Healing Ministry;
Understanding our culture; Role of the Elder; Church Image in
Community; How Green is Your Church;
Working Ecumenically; Handling Conflict and Team Work

There are more details about these subjects including a programme for
the day, and forms to indicate your three choices of workshop on the
booking form at the back of the church

The day will begin at 9.30am with registration and coffee, ending with
tea & biscuits at 4.00pm

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United Church of Zambia - the facts



In a nation wracked by disease, poverty and crumbling infrastructures, many people are turning to the church for solace, which is a major reason why the United Church of Zambia is experiencing massive growth. This, though, is creating structural problems for the church – not least a deep financial crisis and a worrying lack of ministers

The country

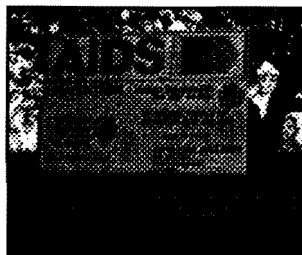


- Main languages: English, Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Kaonde, Lunda, Luvale, Lozi
- Main religions: Christianity (63%), indigenous beliefs (36%), Islam (1%)
- Government: In the 1991 elections, the Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD)

ended 19 years of single party rule by the United National Independence Party (UNIP). Political unrest has continued between parties.

National concerns

- Aids crisis.
- Increasing numbers of school drop-outs.
- Street youth.
- Inflation.
- Unemployment.
- Delinquency.
- International debt.



Church priorities

Members: 850,000 - Congregations: 1,112

- Church schools.
- Muchunga Family Centre.
- Lilelelo Carpentry Project for youth.
- Production of Christian literature to assist evangelism.
- Education of new converts and to prepare preachers and Sunday school teachers.
- New church planting and extension of churches to cope with numerical growth.
- Lay training in presbyteries to provide alternatives to expensive ordained ministry.
- Income-generating projects to meet costs of pastoral and social services like schools, hospitals, farms and Christian ministry.
- Beekeeping project in Mpongwe.
- Agricultural training for youth with physical disabilities and learning needs, Chipembi Farming Institute.



Women

- Women are ordained and are represented at all decision-making levels.
- A strong women's organisation was founded in 1965 to bring women together for mutual support, evangelism, education and care of families.
- Seminars, rallies, workshops and choirs are conducted in presbyteries.
- A booklet for the women's department has been produced and fundraising activities are carried out in presbyteries.

Youth



Youth Choirs.
Boys' & Girls'
Brigades.

Bible studies.
Prayer meetings

Prayer requests

Give thanks for:

- The numerical growth of the UCZ.

Pray for:

- The programmes of the new Eastern Presbytery.
- The communication secretary, Moses Mbulo, and his new department.
- The theological college and its degree programme.
- The mission and evangelism secretary, Derek Silwenga, and the work under his care.
- The leadership of the UCZ.
- Financial stability for the church.



World Church & Mission

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**Missionaries sent and received through CWM**

- Judith and Rev Mackeson Mutale, pastoral work in Botswana, to the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.
- Sulota Drong, nurse, from the Church of Bangladesh (CoB).
- Marina Sarder, nurse, from the CoB.
- Laya Sarkar, nurse, from the CoB.
- Rev Fereti and Sosefina Tutuila, pastoral work, from the Congregational Christian Church in Samoa (CCCS).
- Rev Ioane Uikilfi and Sherry Vaifale, pastoral work, from the CCCS.
- Alison Gibbs, teaching, from the URC, UK.
- Jane Petty, agriculture, ecumenical appointment, from Scotland.

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Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Restro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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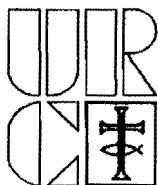
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from the Manse ... Rev Margaret Ashby

Dear Friends

Easter is with us once again with all the joy and peace which surround our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Spring flowers, hidden in the dark earth for so long but now blooming in a riot of colour, and the increasing length of each day remind us of the victory of Jesus over the powers of evil, darkness and death. We rejoice that God has the victory and that his Kingdom of love and justice will come to the earth. Once again, though, we open our newspapers or watch the news on television and wonder why such mayhem, violence and terrorism still dominate many areas of the world. Last month Andrew wrote about the need for today's society to rediscover God and at Easter it is also a good idea for us to rediscover the existence of the active forces of evil, or the Devil, if you want to put it in more personal terms.

We are not thinking about a small, red furry animal with horns and a tail - that was an excellent way for the forces of evil to make themselves appear ridiculous and, therefore, powerless. As we see when mobs of different religious persuasions burn each other alive, evil is anything but powerless.

Some of us have difficulty thinking about this subject because it makes us feel uncomfortable. That is another, very subtle way in which the forces of darkness exert their power and influence. It seems that to acknowledge the existence of evil as an active outpouring of the forces of darkness, or as the Devil if you prefer, is something Christians seem less and

less able to do. Recently there have been those who would prefer to see the inhumanity of different groups of people towards each other as something which, if everyone tried harder to be nice to each other, would disappear. The evil which we see stalking the earth today cannot be explained in those terms and this is why the season of Easter is the right time to think about such matters.

On the first Sunday in Lent the Gospel lesson for the day is always one of the accounts of the temptation of Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. In Luke the passage ends with chilling words: "When the Devil finished tempting Jesus in every way, he left him *for a while*." The Devil was very real to Jesus as he tried to stop him doing God's will at every point in his ministry. The Devil works in many different ways, often through other people, using their human desire for power and influence to promote evil and suffering. The crowds which welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday had turned to a mob thirsting for his blood by Good Friday. That is not unusual even today, remember the violence of the Hindu and Moslem mobs towards each other. Perhaps also go back to last year to the violence of the mob of Protestants who tried to stop young Roman Catholic children going to school in Northern Ireland.

On Good Friday Jesus Christ met the active forces of evil, the Devil, head-on and overcame them with love. The victory was won for us on the Cross where Jesus suffered and died to

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Pastoral News

Caroline Hibbs and family have moved home, their new address is:-

4 First Avenue
Worthing, BN14 9NH

Their telephone number remains the same as — 523570

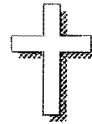
Barbara Popplestone is pleased to say that Eric is now settled in a Care Home in Littlehampton. She thanks all her friends in Goring URC for their generous support of Eric and herself during the last stressful three months. The flowers, cards and especially the prayers of their friends have been a source of great comfort to them both. Thank you

Death

Mrs Ivy Berry on Monday 11th March 2002.

We thank the Lord for all that the Church meant to Ivy, for her love of the Lord Jesus Christ and for all that she did in her Christian service. As well as being a regular worshipper during morning and evening services here at Goring she served a term of office as President of the then Women's Guild

We give thanks for the life of Ivy and pray for the peace in the hearts of her family and friends.



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enable us to come into a new relationship with God, despite our sinfulness and the way we are tempted and persuaded to sin by the Devil.

This is why it is so important to acknowledge the presence of active evil forces around us. The Devil wants to stop us living a Christian life in a similar fashion to the way in which he tried to stop Jesus doing God's will. We need to take that fact seriously. However, it is also vital that we know, deep within us, that there is absolutely no reason for us as Christians to be afraid.

Jesus overcame the active forces of darkness, the Devil, and if we follow him we, with his help, will also overcome those forces when they try to turn us from God's way. Easter is the time at which we especially celebrate God's victory through Jesus Christ. There is nothing for us to fear if we follow Jesus Christ. So, may each of us in our day to day lives know not only freedom from fear but also the joy, peace and love which come to us from our Risen and Reigning Lord.

Wishing you a very happy Easter, with love and blessings,

Margaret Ashby

The Local Church

Tuesday Fellowship

by Joan Burrage

19th February Bible Society

Miss Olive McCarten from The Bible Society gave us an instructive talk with slides of The Bible Society.

We were pleased that Mrs Margaret Butcher as the church representative to The Bible Society joined us for the afternoon.

We are always appalled to see the poverty across the world and yet these people are crying out for the Gospels to learn of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A collection was taken and £50.00 was raised. At our meetings we always remember in prayer those of our members who are unable to be with us.

The following are now in residential homes:-

Dorothy Miller,
Ellen Manix,
Muriel Wright,
Louie Hill,
Joy Blackford,
Dulcie Jenkins,
Eric Popplestone and
Phyllis Wheeler.

Margaret Ross also is housebound at her home.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

There is to be a meeting on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Harris Room to plan social and fund-raising events for 2002.

We need many people to help organise them as we do not have a Social Secretary at present.

The first event has already been booked and is to be a Coffee Morning with a large Bring & Buy / Bric-a-brac / books / cake / grocery stall together with a Wesley Owen Book Stall.

This will be on Saturday 20th April from 10-12 noon in the main hall.

Come to buy and meet up with people you haven't had a chance to say a word to since the Christmas lunch!!

Sheila Gooderham

House & Fabric Group Working Party Mornings

Working Party mornings will be held on two Saturday mornings in April, the 6th & 13th. All offers of help will be much appreciated.

Some of the items needing attention are:-

- Paint the word EXIT on the front boundary wall. Stencil to be prepared by Little Fishes playgroup.
- Touching up decorations in various parts of the church.
- Garden maintenance. Trimming hedges shrubs etc. Dig up plants from rose beds at front of church. Removing old bottles and cans from the bank.
- Removing Graffiti.
- Aquaseal flat roof over Little Fishes cloakroom. Further treatment to flat roof under concrete window sill (front elevation) Roof of disabled toilet. Flashing.
- East Hall cupboard no. 3 Empty this cupboard of items left by the Co-op Guild when their hiring of the hall terminated at Easter 2001.
- Lay paving slabs on grass verge near choir vestry.
- Make good crack on front boundary wall.

Colin Nodes

Tuesday Fellowship (cont'd)

5th March Sounds Interesting

Mr Mike Ulrich visited us and brought along the most extraordinary selection of medieval instruments. He played tunes on all sorts of animal horns and other contraptions, some dating back to before King Henry VIII's reign.

We could imagine the ladies and men of that era dancing and singing to the lilting tunes.

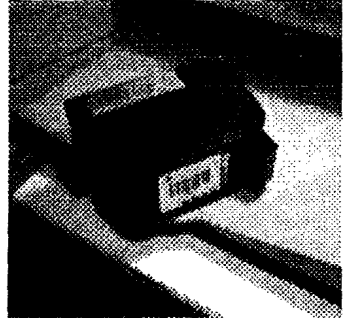
He surprised us by saying that King Henry was a very musical man and wrote beautiful poetry.

We thoroughly enjoyed joining in by clapping and stamping our feet to the rhythm of the music.

Inkjet Printers & Cartridges

Do you use an inkjet printer and throw away your used cartridges? If you are like most of us, you probably do.

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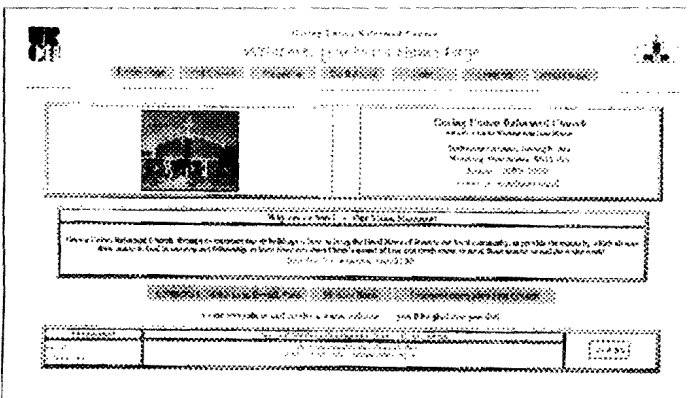


Envelopes are available from Graham Redman

Goring's Website - www.gurc.org.uk

If you have access to the internet and haven't yet visited Goring's Web site, please can you spare a little time to do so and pass your comments (whatever they are !) on to the Webmaster, Graham Redman who will be delighted to hear from you. Graham will endeavour to make the necessary changes.

It is only through feedback from others can we be more certain that we are 'painting' a true picture of the Church. Comments are not of course restricted



to members of Goring, so even if you live some miles away, you are more than welcome to pass on your ideas.

Thank you

!!!! Tell your friends and relatives about it too !!!!

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Dates for your Diary in 2002...



Thu	4	9.30am	Day of Prayer
Sat	6		Church Working Party morning

7		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		6.00pm	Evening Worship
Tue	9	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — Holiday of a Lifetime
Thu	11	9.30am	The Ark
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise
Sat	13		Church Working Party morning

14		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Worship
		5.30pm	Songs of Praise at St Columba's
		6.00pm	Evening Worship at Goring
Mon	15	7.30pm	Social Events Meeting - see page 4
Thu	18	9.30am	The Ark
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Sat	20		Coffee morning with Christian bookstall

14th - Last day for May Chronicle material
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21		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion
Tue	23	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship — CPI
Thu	25	9.30am	The Ark
		7.30pm	Church Meeting
Sat	27	7.30pm	'Welcome to Sompting' Barn Dance at Shelley Road Church - see page 10

28		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.45am	Team Service at Shelley Road
		6.00pm	Evening Worship

Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2002...



5		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		6.00pm	Evening Worship
Tue	7	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship AGM
Fri	10	7.30pm	Churches Together in Worthing Annual Service at Worthing Baptist Church

*** Christian Aid Week: 12 May—18 May ***

12		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion	12th - Last day for June Chronicle material
		10.30am	Family Worship	
		6.00pm	Evening Worship	
Thu	16	7.30pm	Townwide Prayer Meeting at the Assembly Hall	

19		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion * Whit Sunday
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion
Tue	21	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: Chris' Fashions

26		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.30pm	CTG evening service at Goring New Life
Tue	28	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: Outing
Thu	30	7.30pm	Church Meeting



Looking ahead



1 or 2 June	Queen's Golden Jubilee Service
15 June	District Day at Brighthelm
27 July	Churches in the Park (Steyne Gardens)

News of the Team

April is an important month for the Worthing Area Team Ministry. We are enlarging the Team to include Sompting United Reformed Church and are making this a special occasion. There is to be a "Welcome to Sompting" party on Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm at Shelley Road United Reformed Church taking the form of a Barn/Line Dance. Admission is free but by ticket only. (I have 20). there is to be an American supper (everyone brings something to eat) and we are asked to give a small donation each to cover the expenses.

On Sunday 28th April at 10.45am the Annual Team Service will take place at which the new Covenant will be signed. The preacher will be the Rev. Nigel Uden, the Moderator of the Southern Province Synod. The service will take place at Shelley Road and all other Team churches will be closed at this time.

At the March Team Meeting it was mentioned that the Ministers, because they move around all the churches, do not find it easy to remember the people in each church who have certain responsibilities ie. Youth Elder, Pastoral co-ordinator, Treasurer, Cradle Roll Secretary and all other people who they might need to see from time to time.

It was suggested that each church should have photographs on display in both the church and hall of all people who need to be identified as a contact. It was also suggested that just names might be enough. We need to think about this.

In the March Chronicle there was an Inset about the Team, *Team Jottings*, and the Editors have decided to produce 3 of these each year, a Spring issue in February, a Summer issue in June and an Autumn issue in October. This will be reviewed in February 2003.

St. Columba's will be pleased to see as many people who care to go to the "Songs of Praise" on Sunday 14th April at 5.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for St. Barnabas Hospice. I have forms for anybody who would like to choose a hymn.

On a personal note, please feel free to contact me on any query you may have, or any comment you wish to make on anything relating to the Team Ministry. I may not be able to find the answer but I will find a man or woman who can!!

Sheila Gooderham

Sussex West District Council

The main items to report from the meeting of Council on 14th March at St Columba's, Worthing were:

1. DEME [Sas Conradie] introduced a Visit and Outreach Programme for period 11th-17th May starting with a Prayer Rally for Revival in Sussex at Uckfield on the Saturday morning. Contact: 01825 768252.
2. Des Colechin urged all churches to be well represented at the **District Day on 15th June at Brighthelm**. Posters/Fliers were distributed in January.
3. Council approved representatives to General Assembly and an outline programme for visit by Revd John Waller in September.
4. Des Colechin and Revd Dr Peter Bellamy reported on their visit to Church of South India. They had been overwhelmed by the welcome they

received and were challenged by the spirituality of their hosts, despite their extreme poverty. Synod has opened a special fund for contributions from Local churches.

5. Council gave concurrence to two Ministerial Calls:

Revd John Gordon [currently serving in St Helens] to Linden Rd, Bognor Regis and St Ninian's, Pagham.

Revd Patrick McManus [currently at Hayling Island] to Christ Church, Chichester [U/M]

6. **Mr Ian Chalmers** was inducted as **President [2002-4]** before the meeting concluded with the Sacrament of Holy Communion presided over by Revd Margaret Ashby.

*Desmond Curry
District Secretary*



Songs of Praise

*Come and join in this special celebration with the choir and congregation performing a choice of requested hymns and songs.
St Columba's United Reformed Church, St Michaels Road, Worthing*

Sunday 14th April 2002 5.30 pm

*A collection will be taken in aid of St Barnabas Hospice
Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Church Hall*

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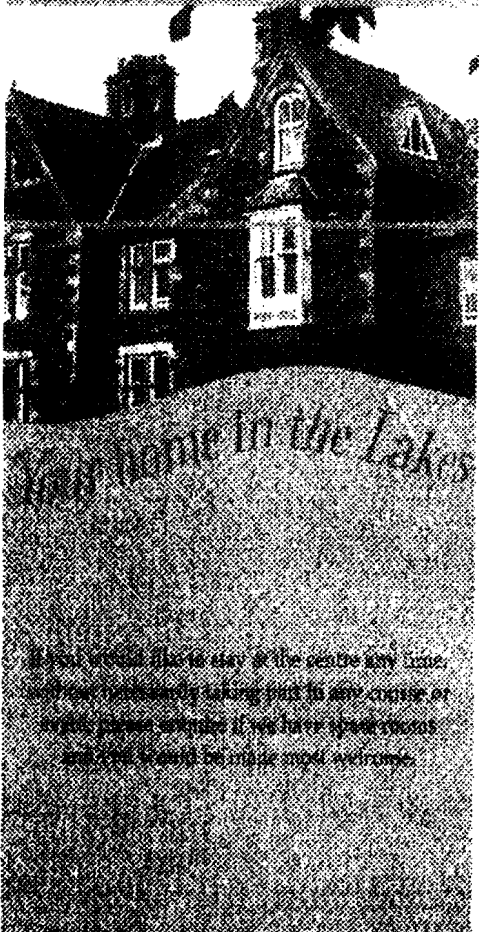
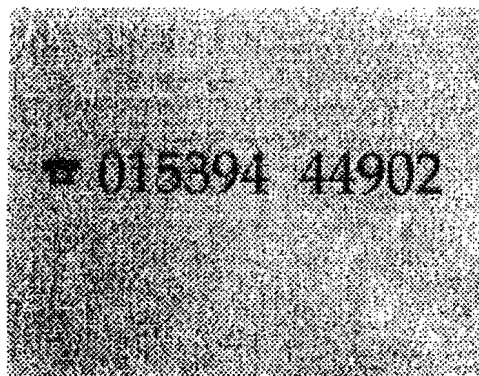
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RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

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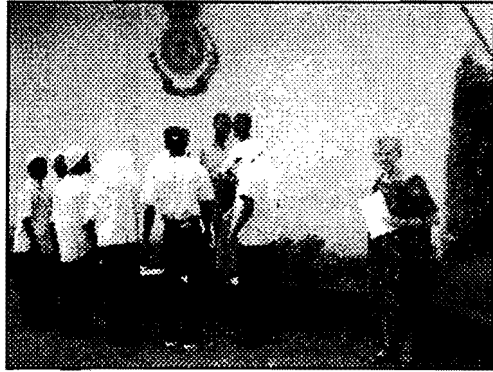
Congo-Brazzaville

March 2002

MUM made it to Congo !

Here she is listening to a choir praising the Lord in one of Congo's languages:

Mum spent a full three weeks here, attending part of the Luke translation workshop which was in progress when we arrived, visiting a village, getting to know my friends, painting some African flowers, eating African food, etc.



She did really well with French, and the mosquitoes liked her too, but she stayed healthy throughout!

The photo below was taken during the closing ceremony of the **Luke translation workshop**, attended by pastors and church leaders who we are encouraging to support and pray for the translators. *We pray that the translated Scripture portions in seven languages will not just sit on shelves, but will impact people's lives!*



World Church & Mission

It seems like a long time ago, but thanks to all of you who sent me Christmas greetings! Most arrived during January & February! It was good to hear from so many of you. I was able to spend Christmas once again with my friends in Cameroon and returned to Brazzaville in time to welcome **Helga Müller**, a Hungarian Wycliffe member who is here to work on the Teke dictionary this year. She is adapting well to life in Congo and has made a good start on learning the Teke language (it's complicated!).

Speakers of five Congolese languages came to a **literacy workshop** which we held in February to develop reading and writing manuals. These manuals are very important in setting out clearly the alphabet for each language, and they also provide a basis for literacy classes for those who already read and write French. *There is still a lot of work to do, in terms of checking and finalising these manuals for printing.*

We have just had a week of **team meetings** for fellowship and planning, and being renewed by the Lord. This took place in Pointe Noire (great beaches!) where our SIL colleagues Jean-Pierre and Alison work alongside three Congolese colleagues on the trade language. **Our Congolese co-workers** are growing in their understanding of the task of literacy and Bible translation and are gradually able to take more responsibility. *This is a real answer to prayer!*

*Please pray particularly for **Roch Beapami**, as he prepares to move with his family back to his village in June, in order to start literacy classes in the Mboshi area. He is used to being part of the team in Brazzaville, but in the village he will be working more on his own. He will also leave a "hole" in the office in Brazzaville, although he will still come for visits and for workshops.*

For the next three months, **Andrea** will be in Germany for rest and time with her family and church. Here in Brazzaville during April, we will be holding an evaluation course for new translators, and another Luke translation workshop (there's plenty more of Luke to translate!). I will need to juggle many tasks: teaching, translation-checking, administration, book-keeping, supervising Helga, Guy, Roch and Lydie (kitchen manger) We are pleased that SIL member **Margaret Hill** will be coming to lead the courses. *Please pray for God to call and equip translators and for their support!*

In May, Helga and Guy will be in Cameroon for a **Dictionary workshop**, after which a team from Congo, including myself, will go to Cameroon for a seminar on **Using Mother Tongue Scriptures**. *We are grateful for these opportunities for further training for ourselves and for Congolese, and for the finances to make the travel possible.*

RUTH's CHAT (cont'd)

Thank you for your prayers for the peoples of Congo and for the SIL team here! Greetings to each one of you and God's blessings.

Ruth

Ruth Chatfield

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Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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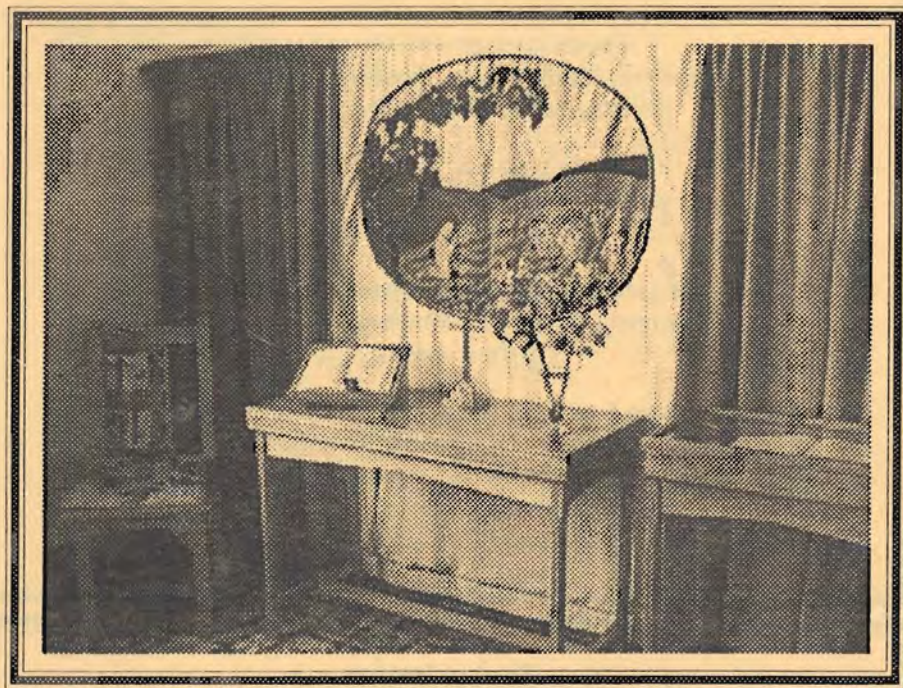
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Sunday Services

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month. - Family service on Second Sunday in month. - Junior Church with Crèche and GAS (God's Appreciation Society) |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing, 3rd Sunday in month - Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month. |

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Dear Friends.

As I write this poor old Srompting is having trouble with its teeth. We've had one of our folk become unrecognisable with a tooth abscess, another friend ended up as an emergency in hospital when his wisdom teeth had their own personal crisis and I have, at this moment in time, tooth ache. Hopefully by the time you read this letter all the pains and swollen faces will be a thing of the past. Sadly the tooth fairy doesn't seem to visit you once you are over 12 years of age. Perhaps she is ageist.

But pain is a sign that something needs changing. This has its spiritual counterpart.

At Pentecost the most wonderful change came upon the tiny Christian church as it sought to come to terms with the pain of losing Jesus a second time at the Ascension, and it began to grow under the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit. It occurred to me today, however, that perhaps the infant church found this hard. We always assume that Pentecost was so amazing that it swept folk along and so it probably did, but there must have been periods

when they wondered where the spiritual torrent was taking them and longed again for the quiet waters of spiritual mediocrity. Had they refused to change and sunk back into the sort of people they were in their pre Jesus existence at that point, I should not be writing this letter now.

The changes the church world wide is undergoing also involve pain but, unless we change enough to be able to communicate the unchanging gospel to our changing world, there will be no minister of the Worthing Team penning a letter to the churches in the year 2102 because there will be no URC churches here to have ministers. So let us face change with courage and see in it an opportunity for progress.

The Holy Spirit is here to empower us just as he did the tiny infant church as they waited on Him in prayer. And just look what he did with that tiny, struggling band of people!

Your friend and one of your ministers

Jenny

Pastoral News

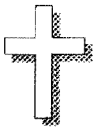
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*An arrangement by Carol Webber
for Easter weekend*



Mrs Ivy Berry's daughter, Joan Newton thanks all her mother's friends at Goring URC for their love, cards, messages of sympathy and prayer support in recent weeks.

House Groups meeting held on Tuesday 16th April

Following this well attended meeting members are invited to prayerfully consider whether they would like to lead or to host an House Group. If you are able to take part please let Hilary know as soon as possible.

When the names of leaders and venues are known there will be an opportunity for everyone to 'put their names down' to join a group.

It is hoped that new groups will begin to meet at the beginning of May; it is therefore important for those who would like to lead or host a group to make themselves known well before Sunday 5th May.

Hilary Redman

The Elders' Election

May - July 2002

Every year at the beginning of May we seek the names of Church members who may be willing to answer the call to Eldership, electing members to take the place of those standing down after the maximum term of service (that is six years), as laid down in the document "Sharing the Work and Mission of the Church".

Nominees must have been Church members for at least two years on the 1st of September in the year of their election, and can only be nominated by church members. Nomination forms will be available from the Sunday 21st April, the last date for handing them in being Thursday 30th May 2002. The permission of the nominee must be obtained, and the nomination form must be signed by the nominee the proposer and the seconder.

This year seven elders will stand down, they are Mrs Robin Bradley, Miss Audrey Gerlach, Mr Bill Marshall, Mr Colin Nodes, Mrs Doreen Norris, Mrs Hilary Redman, Mr Wilfred Rhodes. Robin, Bill and Colin are all eligible for re election.

If you have any questions to ask with regard to the Election of Elders; if you believe that you are being called, or if you are approached by someone who would like to nominate you and you would like further help or consultation, do not hesitate to speak to one of the Ministers or one of the Elders.

The Election of Elders will take place after Sunday morning worship on 28th July 2002.

Hilary Redman

House & Fabric Group Working Party Mornings

Very many thanks to all those who participated on the Church working party mornings on the 6th and 13th April and to those members who are and/or have carried out work on other days.

Colin Nodes



THE ROWLAND SINGERS

The choir after the performance at Goring URC on 27th March

The Singers would like to thank all those who came and listened to 'The Creation' on Wednesday 27th March. We have had excellent reports on the Concert itself. My personal thanks go to Audrey Gerlach and her helpers; to David Butcher, Paul Redman and Andrew Sellwood for all they did so I could concentrate on the singing.



There was a contribution to church funds of £34.

Sheila Gooderham

Photo left shows: Jacky (conductor) & Helen Emery, Anthony Cartmell, Nick Ryder and Geoffrey Redman at the piano.

** Photos by Paul Redman*

ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE!

Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes would like you to join them on a gentle walk on -

Saturday, 18th May - 2pm

We shall meet at the Church at 2pm, and drive to "The Dover" (on the A27 towards Arundel).

The walk is just under 3 miles with a slight incline and one stile. Please wear suitable footwear (there may be a few muddy patches) and bring a drink and a biscuit. Could you also invite a friend?

EXERCISE KEEPS YOU YOUNG !!!

Further details from Eileen & Wilf,

Telephone: 248263

Banner Project

As I write, the banner is not quite finished but by the time you read this I hope if not finished we will not be far away. When I put forward the idea it was greeted with enthusiasm. I hope when the work is finally hung you will all be pleased with the outcome. You may have only done one square or even a few stitches to stitch one on, or even cut the shapes for others, some of you, I know have done lots and every week have come with more. It does not matter how many we did but the love with which they were done and the fellowship in putting it together has been worth so much.

We have made a piece of 'Mixed Media' work to the Glory of God to enhance our worship and fellowship.

I was inspired by a magazine article originally and I have been so pleased that so many of you have been enthused to be part of such a project. As soon as the banner is completely finished I will let you know all the statistics - so watch this space.

A prayer of thanksgiving:

Dear Father God - Thank you for the fellowship of this Church family for the gifts and the inspiration you bestow so freely upon us. We have so much to thank you for every day but today we thank you for the ability to come together to put together a piece of work to Glorify your Holy Name.

*We give thanks in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.*

Caroline Hibbs

Dates for your Diary in 2002...



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		6.00pm	Evening Worship
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Tue	7	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship AGM
Thu	9	9.30am	The Ark
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Fri	10	7.30pm	Christian Aid United Service at Worthing Baptist Church

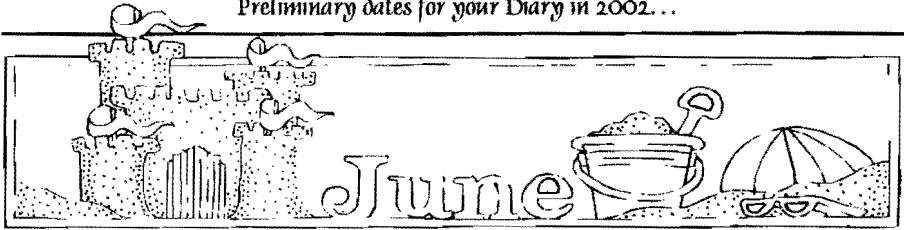
*** Christian Aid Week: 12 May—18 May ***

12		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship
Thu	16	9.30am	The Ark
		2.30pm	Prayer & Praise
		7.30pm	Townwide Prayer Meeting at the Assembly Hall
Sat	18	2.00pm	Enjoy the Countryside. A walk—see page 6

12th May - Last day
for June
Chronicle material

19		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion * Whit Sunday
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion
Tue	21	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship: Chris' Fashions
Thu	23	7.30pm	Outreach Meeting
26		8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.30pm	CTG evening service at Goring New Life
Tue	28		Tuesday Fellowship: Outing
Thu	30	7.30pm	Church Meeting

Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2002...



Sat 1 Queen's Golden Jubilee Service
(See Welcome nearer the date for confirmation & for time)



8.00am Coronation Day (2 June 1952)
10.30am Early Morning Holy Communion
6.00pm Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Evening Worship

Mon 3 The Queen's Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday

Thu 6 9.30am Day of Prayer



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion
6.00pm Evening Worship

9th June - Last day
for July
Chronicle material

Thu 13 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

Sat 15 District Day at Brighthelm



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



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Family Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

Thu 27 7.30pm Church Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship



Looking ahead



27 July Churches in the Park (Steyne Gardens)

News of the Team

The churches are to be represented on the newly formed Worthing Local Strategic Partnership (WLSP). This body has been formed to enhance the life of the town and representatives will discuss ways and means to do this. The WLSP has been divided into 9 sections of which one is Goring. It would be good for our church to have a representative.

Peter McIntosh would like a link person to receive and promote courses etc. at Lomas House.

Matthew Smith talked to the Team about Team finance and how it is worked out. It is based on ability to pay.

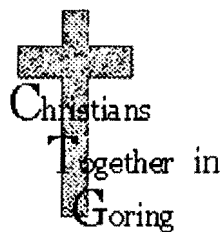
Congregational Players are presenting A Royal Night at the Proms at Shelley Road URC from 13th -15th June 2002. Tickets £5. Contact telephone number: Worthing 202000 or through me.

Sheila Gooderham

Picnic Praise 14th July 2002

To make this service a success it is important that as many people as possible attend from each congregation. More details later.

Ron Flashman



PRAYER RALLY FOR REVIVAL IN SUSSEX



11 May 2002

10am-12noon

bring packed lunch for fellowship afterwards

Uckfield United Reformed Church

Uckfield High Street, East Sussex

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Southern Province Synod

Dorking URC 9th March 2002

Although I have attended several Synods this is the first time I have been asked to write a report.

After opening worship came Bible study. The theme was discovering the Signs of the Times. Concern was expressed of the absence of young people in our churches. Reasons given were rejection of religion and church in their lives. Working on a Sunday earning extra money. Young people saw church as too institutional and stayed away. What can we do?
Food for thought.

Our Moderator Rev Nigel Uden introduced ten church members who had recently visited the Rayalaseema Diocese of the church of South India, developing a partnership link. In 1947, fourteen urban churches came together in poor rural areas. Missionary Societies built churches, schools and colleges,

with education at all levels including adult skills and a training programme for nurses in a Christian environment. A very high standard has been achieved producing high officials to run the country. India has the largest growing IT sector in the world, lack of computers makes modern communications slow. It was suggested that our computers, which in industry are renewed every three years, be sent to India for their use.

Lomas House was on the agenda. Rev Peter McIntosh spoke about the renovations taking place and new jobs and new staff settling in creating a retreat for work and prayer.

This year the URC is thirty years old. Much has been achieved. Let us pray that this continues in this our twenty first century.

*Mary Thornton Synod
Representative for Shelley Road*

SOUTHERN SYNOD TRAINING TEAM
presents

ONE STEP FORWARD

**A day of workshops based around
the United Reformed Church
Growing Up Report**

At Brighthelm Church and Community Centre
North Road, Brighton

Saturday 15th June 2002

During the day you will have the opportunity to attend two workshops,
which will be confirmed to you prior to the day.

Workshops are: for those aged 6-13;
Church & Children; Church & Young People; Healing Ministry;
Understanding our culture; Role of the Elder; Church Image in
Community; How Green is Your Church;
Working Ecumenically; Handling Conflict and Team Work

There are more details about these subjects including a programme for
the day, and forms to indicate your three choices of workshop on the
booking form at the back of the church

The day will begin at 9.30am with registration and coffee, ending with
tea & biscuits at 4.00pm

— Saturday 15th June 2002 —

Living with unfair rules

A small village in Ghana, two hours' drive from Accra, may seem a far cry from the world of transnational corporations and international trade rules. Yet as international trade has continued to grow over the last few years, the people of Agbazo have had their lives turned upside down.

Ama Kale and her husband Samuel have seven children aged between 15 and eight months. They used to farm land which Samuel's family had rented for many years. Then one day the owner sold the land to a company exporting pineapples and papayas to the UK and Germany.

The director of this company didn't trouble to give the tenant farmers any notice – he simply came and destroyed all their crops. Although this was illegal, the farmers were too poor to take him to court. The consequences for the Kale family were devastating. Ama says: 'We didn't have enough food to eat. I had to sit by the roadside and beg. I used the money to buy soap to wash the children and porridge to feed them.'

Fortunately for the Kales, Christian Aid's partner the Development Action Association (DAA) was

working in their village. DAA's main work is supporting food production, and they provide small loans to help people start making a living. In particular they help people like Ama, who have been thrown off their land, to find new ways of earning an income.

For Ama, DAA provided training and a small loan. She used this to buy maize flour to make 'kenkey', a fermented dough which is eaten with fish or sauce. She sells her produce in the village and makes a small profit of around 60 pence per day.

When the Kales first lost their land Samuel had to go to Accra to find work. But now he is back in the village and works as the local handyman. With his sister Mary he has bought machines to grind cassava and maize, which they rent out to villagers.

Since DAA has been working in Agbazo there has been a marked increase in the confidence of the women as the loan scheme has enabled them to provide for their families. They are now planning new projects, such as growing mushrooms and making oil. While Christian Aid partners are

Christian Aid week: 12 - 18 May 2002



photo: Christian Aid: Sophie Evans

Christian Aid partner DAA help people like Ama to find new ways of earning a living

helping put people back in business, Christian Aid's Trade for Life campaign is aiming to ensure that the benefits of trade are felt by those most in need.

This year Christian Aid Week (12-18 May 2002) is focusing on how international trade rules affect the lives of people like Ama and her family.

Could you be a collector for Christian Aid Week?

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's main fundraising event of the year. Last year was a record year as nearly £12 million was raised. This would not be possible without the support of thousands of collectors throughout the UK and Ireland.

If you would like to collect for Christian Aid Week in a street near you, please call Geoffrey Redman

Tel: 01903 268019

E-mail: organist@gurc.org.uk

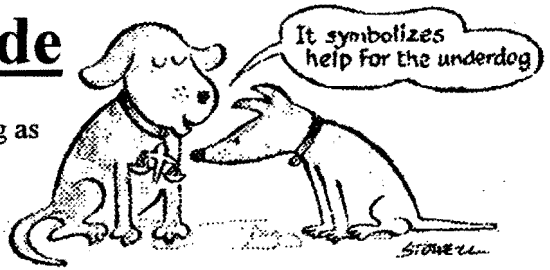
Christian Aid

Talking trade

Christian Aid is campaigning as part of the Trade Justice Movement to tackle the negative impact of international trade rules on poor people, on the environment and on democracy.

Instead of bringing prosperity, trade often causes injustice and poverty, making the world's poorest people poorer. The problem is that the rules, which govern international trade are shaped by rich governments and companies to their own advantage.

Rules are important. With the right rules, trade could bring new products, new technology and new



opportunities that would help countries tackle poverty. It could create income, employment and investment for poor people. Rules could be made to work for poor people not against them.

But they have to be the right rules, fully endorsed by those they seek to protect.

As a sign of your support for the Trade for Life campaign, why not wear the badge?

A prayer for Christian Aid Week

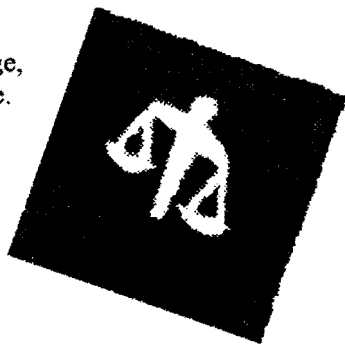
We dare to pray:
Lord, let the world be changed,
for we long to see the end of poverty;
We dare to pray:
Lord, let the rules be changed,
for we long to see trade bring justice
to the poor;
We dare to pray:
Lord, let our lives be changed,

for we long to bring hope where good
news is needed.
In the strength of your Spirit
and inspired by your compassion,
We make this promise to work for
change,
and wait confidently for the day
when you make all things new.

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What do you know about... scales?

- The simplest form of weighing scales – ‘the equal-arm balance’ – was first used by the Egyptians around 2500 BC.
- Today’s laboratory scales can measure amounts of material to the nearest microgram (one millionth of a gram) – but they have to be kept at a constant temperature to do so.
- Accurate scales are commended in the Bible: ‘A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but an accurate weight is his delight’ (Proverbs 11:1).
- In Shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice’ Portia tells Shylock that his fate depends on the total accuracy of the scales: ‘If the scale do turn/But in the estimation of a hair – Thou diest, and all thy goods are confiscate’ (4:i).
- Scales feature on Christian Aid’s trade badge, highlighting the imbalance of global trade. The figure to the right reminds us that the imbalance is the result of human rules; but it also gives us hope, because people are the solution – we must all take action to help tip the balance of trade in favour of the poor.



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Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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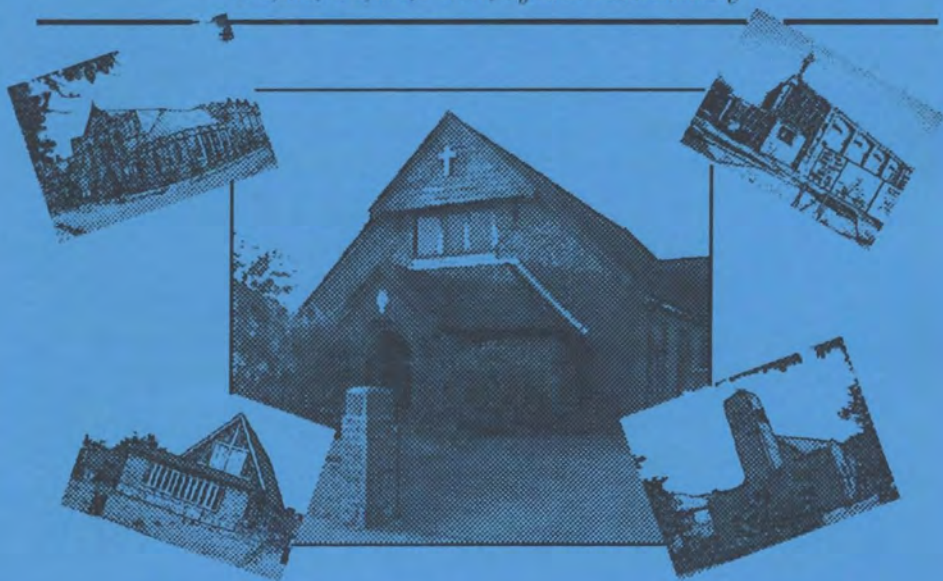
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Welcome, Sompting
to the Worthing Area Team Ministry

Also, a new series starting in this issue:

"The Banners of Goring United Reformed Church"



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Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship
 - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.
 - Family service on Second Sunday in month.
 - Junior Church with Crèche and GAS (God's Appreciation Society)

6.00pm Evening Worship
 - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing, 3rd Sunday in month
 - Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month.

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from the Manse ... Rev Jenny Martin

Dear friends,

Sussex has been the home to many famous characters, some that were a credit to the area and some that we would probably like to forget about.

One such character on the credit side was King Canute. (AD 994 - 1035).



For some years he lived in a palace at Bosham, and we are told that one of his daughters is buried in the crypt of parish church.

As a young man he gave up plundering and pillaging and started valuing the territories and the people under his rule. He became so highly regarded and gained such authority, that the rumour spread that even the forces of nature would obey him. So was laid the foundations of the story that has brought Canute to the attention to every schoolboy and schoolgirl through the centuries. The story goes that he took his throne to the seashore and commanded the incoming tide to stop. We all know that it did not and Canute got very wet feet. He did this, we are told, to prove that he did not have authority over Gods creation and there was some one far more powerful in control of the earth than he!

Jesus shows us whom that is. His father. God. And nowhere is this more graphically portrayed than in the story of the miraculous catch of fish in John's gospel (John ch 21 v 1 - 14)

John records Jesus' appearance to his disciples on their home territory of the Sea of Galilee. There was Peter's impulsive decision to go fishing. Possibly trying to put the clock back and return their lives to what they were before their time with Jesus. If this was so, they soon discovered that they could not. The whole fishing trip was a failure. They fished all night and caught nothing. Then we are told of their meeting with Jesus on the lakeside. With Jesus' help they made a record breaking catch. They discovered that they needed Jesus just as much as they ever did. They also learnt that returning to their old ways was not an option. Two stories with lessons for us today. God is in control of the world now, just as he was at the time of the creation.

And he is there for us every step of our lives and will help and assist us whenever we allow him to do so!

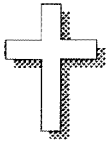
Norman

Pastoral News

Death

Mrs Dulcie Jenkins passed to the fuller life on Sunday 21st April 02.

We give thanks for her Christian witness and pray for the peace of God in the hearts of her family and friends.



A tribute to Dulcie

It was in 1950 that we moved to Watford and it was at the Congregational Church there we met Dulcie and Jim Jenkins. We also got to know their family, Betty, Maurice and Phyllis. Many pleasant memories remain of Dulcie and Jim at Watford and at Goring. In the 1950's she was our baby sitter. In the 1970's Dulcie & Jim offered us a recuperative holiday in Goring by Sea at a time of our need, taking us to various small churches and beauty spots.

Dulcie was a staunch traditional Christian as well as a practical Christian helper. In her earlier years she played an active part in Church life. She regularly worshipped at Goring URC right up to last year, when she was 94 years and became too frail.

Her faith upheld and motivated her throughout her life, and she was an example to both her wider family and to all who knew her over the many years.

Eileen & Ron Jordan

Thank you everyone for your love and care for my family and myself during my Mum's illness. I really appreciated it and it means a lot to me. It is good to know that when she is poorly and we don't know what is happening to her, we

know the Church and more importantly, God is there for us. That is a real comfort. I really do thank you all. God bless you.

With love from Janet Dean

Tuesday Fellowship*by Bobby Hitchen and Joan Burrage***9th April**

Our own member Mrs Jean Webb gave a talk entitled: "Holiday of a Lifetime" with much enthusiasm, she told us of a trip that had been planned and anticipated for several years.

In May 2001 she flew to New York with a friend. As Concorde was out of service, she flew on a 727 business class, and was treated as a V.I.P all the way. On arrival they were taken to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel by limousine, for a four night stay; everything was the height of luxury. In the following few days Jean enjoyed a helicopter flight over New York, a trip up the Empire state buildings and several shopping trips taking in 'Macys', Bloomingdales and Tiffany's. Everything very much enjoyed. Following this she boarded the Q.E.2 for 6 nights of sailing in absolute luxury. On board there were numerous activities from dancing to flower arranging.

Evening entertainment was provided by Johnny Dankworth and Cleo Lane among others. Jean's enjoyment of the trip and her enthusiasm made us all feel that we had experienced it with her.

Thank you Jean.

Bobby

23rd April

Our speaker was Mrs Moira Luck who brought along her chocolate Labrador called Harley. Moira was the first person in Worthing to receive a dog from "Canine Partners for Independence". As she suffers from Multiple Sclerosis having Harley has given her so much more independence.

She took us through how dogs are chosen and trained; a dog is chosen at 6 weeks and goes to a puppy walker for a year to become accustomed to traffic and the usual hazards of life. This is followed by six months advanced training and the dog is taught to recognise 100 commands. Recipient and dogs are matched by personalities and Moira had to go for two very intensive weeks of training with Harley. Although this had been very daunting, it had all been worthwhile. Harley has now accompanied to the Millennium Dome, the theatre and the Houses of Parliament apart from everyday outings and the tasks Harley can do in the home.

The Local Church

At the end of her talk she demonstrated how Harley picks things up, when she drops them, he also helps her dress and can take the washing out of the machine. It was obvious how much Moira enjoyed Harley and how worthwhile his help to her was. A collection was taken at the end of the meeting which will go towards the training of other dogs

Bobby

7th May

The Fellowship held it's Annual General Meeting. Thirty-three members attended. Carol, our Secretary, gave a resume of the year's meetings and mentioned that four of our members had died and we remembered them.

The membership stands at fifty-five and an average of thirty-eight attended each meeting.

The Treasurer, Pheniah Taylor, gave an account of the monies and we have in hand £641.41.

Jean Webb's sale of fancy goods etc., brought in £200. and Joan Finlay's profit on sale of cards £50.

Our outgoings included:-

<i>The Wire Project</i>	<i>£78.15</i>
<i>The Bible Society</i>	<i>£63.57</i>
<i>The Alzheimer's Society</i>	<i>£28.00</i>
<i>C.P.T.</i>	<i>£34.65</i>
	<i><u>£204.37</u></i>

We also gave a cheque for £500. to the Chestnut Tree House, which was our project for the previous two years.

Our President, Peggy Mott, gave her report on the first year of her Presidency. Just before taking office her beloved husband, John, died and Peggy was apprehensive of taking over the position of President.

However, she felt she had been, and still was, surrounded by love so that her year had been a happy one serving the Fellowship.

Our Treasurer, Pheniah, was presented with a plant and thanks were given to her for the many years she had acted as our Treasurer. Pheniah would like to relinquish this position but, as yet, we have not found anyone to take over from Pheniah. If there is someone who would be willing to do this duty we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Joan

NB. The Editor apologises for not including the two March reports in the May Chronicle

Between now and Easter next year The CHRONICLE will be illustrating some of the banners which are displayed from time to time on the Church walls. Against each photograph there will be a brief description

The Church Banners

- by Caroline Hibbs

In 1993 the older girls in Girls' Brigade made a banner under my supervision. It was something I had never attempted before and we were all very pleased with the result.

After this Peter Heckels asked me if I would be interested in making more to enhance our worship.

I wasn't too sure about this at the time and asked for time to think. It didn't take me too long to realise that the Lord was at work here and also how much I wanted to take on such a challenge. I asked around and quite a few people were interested in joining me so the Banner Group was born.

We started meeting in January 1994 and made the first one for Easter 'HE IS RISEN' was hanging in place in time for our Easter celebrations. We then proceeded to make a banner for each festival in the Church calendar through the year. We also made the general ones at the same time. We all enjoyed designing the various

banners, the designing in fact, often took longer than making the banner itself. We also enjoyed a time of amazing fellowship each week whilst we worked on them.

After 2 years we stopped - having made 17 banners, well we didn't actually stop but we left our needles unthreaded for a bit!! A few of us came together again to make the Little Chapel backdrop, which again was a tremendously rewarding experience, and then at the turn of the Millennium we made the '2000' Banner. We still have a few ideas which we would like to see made but we take it all more gently now after the first 2 years of hard work.

There are not many of the original group still worshipping in this church for one reason or another but the banners remain which have all been made to the Glory of our Lord who inspired every one of them and to Him is the Glory.

This Year's Banner Project

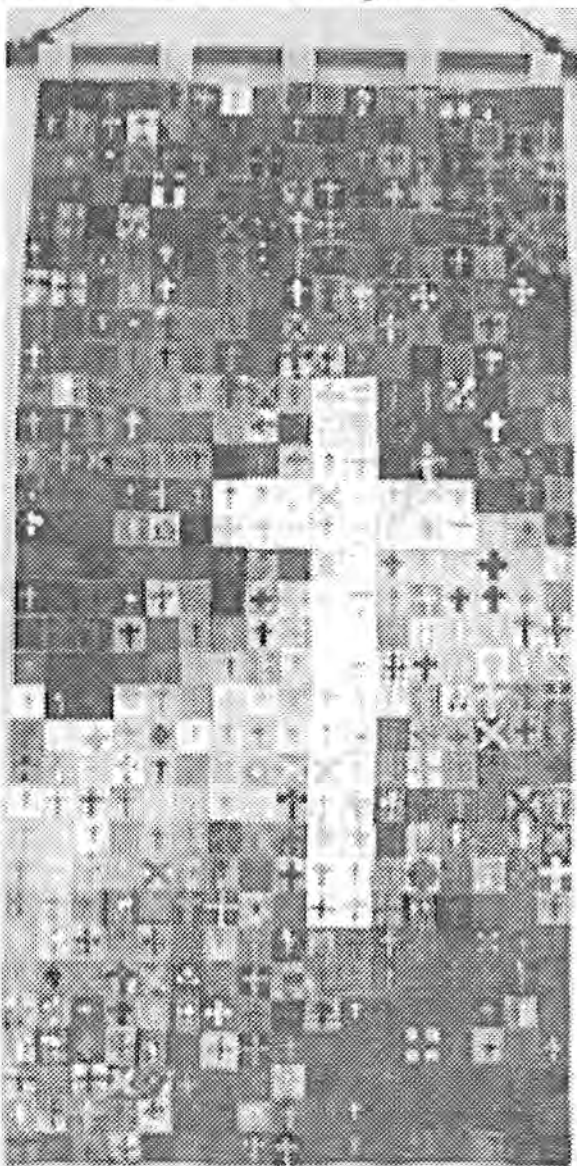
Our latest banner has been a joy to put together with so many involved in both practical ways and prayerful support. I may have nagged you gentlemen into making a square on occasions but I am so pleased so many have been involved. Mark Nicholls summed my feelings on Sunday 12th May, the day it was put up for the first time 'Ooh that's ours' he said, and yes he was so right as young as he is. Here are a few statistics for you:

There are 544 squares made by -

65 people
39 Women,
15 Men,
11 Children,
- 6 girls and 5 boys.

Some from Irene Dearsley in Devon.

And some from friends in Hampshire and Blarney in Eire.



Thank you to all of you who took part its been a lovely, and really uplifting experience. *Caroline*



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

This was made in time for Elizabeth Bond's wedding in 1995.
We made it for weddings but the words mean a great deal to us all, all the time.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

By Matthew Smith

Putting Christ Back Into Christmas! Can you help?

At a recent Church Meeting I suggested that we might put up Christmas lights on the outside of the Church. The Christmas light habit is growing and draws a lot of interest, with people “driving past” to take in the sights. My idea is that we should put up lights depicting, in words and pictures (stylised), the Christmas message. My hope is that people will, as the word gets round, drive past to see our lights; receive the message; and come and join us in worship.

Church Meeting gave approval to an exploration of the idea’s feasibility. To this end I am calling a meeting in the Cornwall Room, on Tuesday 11th June, 7.30 p.m. I would be grateful for as much support as possible at that meeting. I am particularly looking for artistic talents to develop the concept (art is not my strength) and practical people to advise on such matters as framework, electrics, etc. I am sure that there are other talents we can use.

some outline options, and rough costs, which can be taken back to Church Meeting for approval.

Sorry if I haven’t expressed myself very well. If you need me to explain further, please speak to me, or better still come to the meeting. We need to put Christ back into Christmas and I hope you will agree that this is a way to do it.

Matthew

If this idea is of the Lord, then I am sure the right people will come along to offer their talents, and help develop the idea into something of substance. My aim for the meeting is to develop





House Groups

Do you belong to a House Group? If the answer is 'no, but I'd like to' then take the opportunity to sign your name on the list at the back of the church, or speak to Jane Bond or Hilary Redman.

You will see that there are already several groups meeting at various times during the week. Some meet monthly, some fortnightly or weekly. Some will be looking at books in the Bible, some looking at themes, or aspects of Christian life. All will be enjoying fellowship with each other and with Jesus, who promised that where two or three gather in His name, He too would be present with them.



Never been to a house group before?

Perhaps now would be a good time to begin?

Groups are currently meeting as follows:-

Monday morning ~ see Audrey Gerlach

Monday afternoon ~ see Graham or Hilary Redman

Monday evening ~ see Roy or Sheila Gooderham

Two groups meet on a Thursday morning

~ see Audrey Gerlach or Lily Collison

Soon to begin:-

Wednesday evening ~ see Geoffrey or Glen Dean

We have been asked to provide a group on a Tuesday evening ~ could you lead it?

By the time you read this some groups may be full but another group or two may be beginning, so either sign the list or ask if you would like to join in.



ENJOYING THE COUNTRYSIDE

**Saturday
18th May**



Organised by Eileen & Wilfred Rhodes, 18 of us including members from Sompting, Shelley Road and former members of Goring, very much enjoyed a walk from the Dover (just north of the A27) through Angmering Park estates.

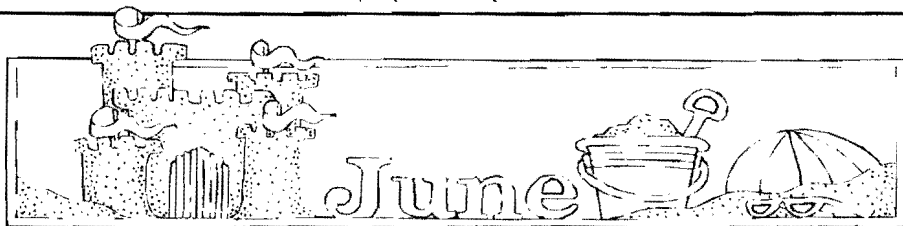
It had stopped raining well before our walk started at 2.00pm, so we were able to benefit from some beautiful late spring sunshine. Not too hot. not too cold.



All with plenty of time to appreciate the countryside about us, to stop for refreshment, to see a few ducks and some large fish in the pond ... and of course time for a chat along the way.

Home again by about 5.00pm. Thank you Eileen & Wilf, when is the next one? !!

Dates for your Diary in 2002...



Sat 1 The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Worthing.
See page 19

2 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
2.00pm Queen's Golden Jubilee Service: Steyne Gardens. See Page 19
6.00pm Evening Worship

Mon 3 The Queen's Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday

Tue 4 Bank Holiday

Thu 6 9.30am Day of Prayer

9 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion
6.00pm Evening Worship

9th June - Last day
for July/August
Chronicle material

Tue 11 7.30pm Christmas Lighting Meeting in the Cornwall Room. See Page 9

Thu 13 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

Tearfund Sunday

16 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sat 22 Junior Church at Coldwaltham for weekend

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

Thu 27 7.30pm Church Meeting

30 8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship



Thu	4	9.30am	Day of Prayer
Sat	6	10.00am- 12.00noon	Coffee Morning with Lily Collison at 39 Reigate Road

7	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evening Worship

Tue 9 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Strawberry Tea

Thu 11 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

14	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	12.30pm	CTG Picnic Praise on the Green (see page 14)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship

Thu 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

21	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Thu 25 7.30pm Church Meeting.
Guest: Rev Beryl Chatfield will talk on her visit to The Congo.

28	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Worship ... and afterwards Election of Elders
	6.00pm	Evening Worship



Looking ahead

The next issue of The CHRONICLE will be the combined July/August edition.
Articles for the following month's magazine, September must be in the hands
of the editor by Sunday 11th August

14 August	Evening Treasure Hunt
28/29 September	Harvest weekend. American Supper/Services/Gift Day
5 October	Jumble Sale



House & Fabric Group

In recent weeks contractors have attended to the following :-

The external door to the Choir Vestry has been removed and replaced with UPVC reinforced panels, also new cladding has been fitted to the front of the Cornwall Room.

Part of the gas water heater in the East Hall has been replaced rectifying the problems of leaking tap and gas.

The problem with the heater on the stage has also been rectified.

Sealants have been applied to the concrete window frames of the church building.

It was discovered that water had lodged in some of the rebates of the echelon windows. It is suggested that repainting of the concrete should be carried out during the next working party day.

Colin Nodes



Christians

Together in
Goring

PICNIC PRAISE

14th July 2002

The Sea Front Green, Goring

(if wet, at St Mary's)

12.30pm Picnic and games

2.00pm Service led by Rev Joseph Steinberg

WELCOME TO SOMPTING WEEKEND

By Roger Weston
Lay Representative for Sompting

What do I mean? Well its finally happened our coming together in Christ's name and linking up with our other four United Reformed churches in Worthing.



Talks and meetings had been going on for some time about Sompting joining the Worthing Area Team Ministry, but it all finally came to fruition on the weekend of 27/28th April.

It happened first with a very enjoyable and hilarious Barn Dance/supper evening on the Saturday evening. About 15 members from Sompting joined with various members of the other four churches and under Elsie Flack's excellent tutelage were put through our paces. It was a great evening with the youngest being about 5yrs and the oldest being probably in their 90's, what a good way to meet with other Christian friends.



Elsie Flack

Out & About

Whether dancing, chatting or just watching those on the floor, the evening went by much too quickly and we were very indebted to Shelley Road for hosting this fun event and Elsie for making sure we all did what we should, at the same time (even those with 2 left feet, like me!) When we finally left, we were all looking forward to the following morning's service, where we would be 'officially' made part of the five.



*Time for a chat
and refreshments!*

Sunday 28th arrived to find members and friends converging on Sompting church for 10.00am and being met by the coach that was to take us all to Shelley Rd U.R.C. Everyone seemed in very good spirits as we set off. We arrived to find the church already half full and we soon helped to fill up the seats, with our children going to join the Sunday School in their own departments. The service started with

the joyful hymn, "Jesus put this song into our hearts" and later our reading from 1 Peter, verses 2-10 and John 14 verses 1-14 was expanded upon during the sermon given by Rev Nigel Uden, our Moderator, who spoke of us being united together in Christ and in the strength of our combined churches, should look to the future. It was then time for the signing of a new Covenant, to be signed by a representative from

each of the five churches and witnessed by the Moderator and by the President of the Sussex West District.

Near the close of the service the children joined us and proceeded to share all they had done in their departments which included music and their own prayers. Our closing hymn, was "Rejoice, rejoice Christ is in you" and finally the blessing.

Below:

Roger, signing representing Sompting

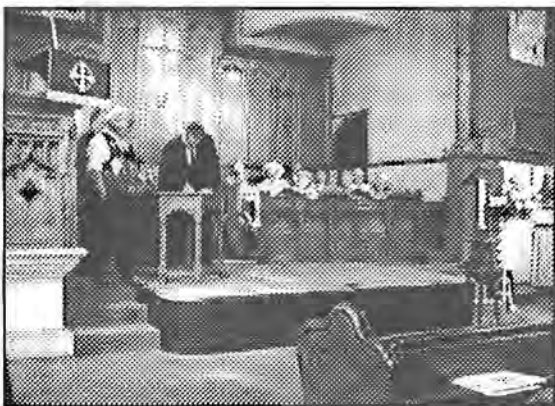


Before we once again boarded our coach for home, we were invited, along with everyone else to enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits, which was most welcome.

Left: Young people lead the music.

Below: The Moderator signing the Covenant.

This was a service to be remembered with well chosen hymns and a message for us all to take into the future. God's blessing was surely on all of us that morning and we trust will continue to be so, as we grow closer together in His name. *Roger*



LOMAS HOUSE



The development of Lomas House is moving on. We are beginning our extensive building refurbishment which will make this special place an inspirational centre for retreat and the renewal for all. But we need further staff to help us and the following job is now being advertised. Please pass on this information to any who you feel might be suitable.

Part time secretary, initially 8 hours per week, 9.00am to 1.00pm Mondays and Thursdays, although flexible, with occasional monthly evening meetings. Rate of pay £8.00 per hour.

Work to include: acting as P.A. to Director and House Administrator, office management, filing, computer email and word processing, telephone answering, minute taking, mailing and some reception work.

We are looking for quality applicants who will become part of an effective and committed team working for the benefit of others.

Applications, with the names and addresses of two referees and full C.V., to be sent to :-

**The Director, no later than June 30th, 2002.
Lomas House,
43 Wordsworth Road
Worthing, BN11 3JA.**



The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Worthing

Jubilee Marquee, Steyne Gardens

Saturday 1st June

- The EDS 'Crown & Cornets' Children's Parade
- The Mayor's Golden Jubilee Garden Party from 2.00pm-4.00pm
- The Golden Jubilee Dance Party from 7.15pm until 12.30am.
£15 includes buffet. Tickets from Box Office 01903 206206
- Grand Jubilee Musical Firework Display & Laser Show at
10.00pm

Sunday 2nd June

- Queen's Golden Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving at 2.00pm
- The Queen's Golden Jubilee Concert with Worthing Symphony
Orchestra at 3.30pm in the Assembly Hall

Extra

A Jubilee Market & Traditional Seafront Funfair will operate over the Bank Holiday weekend. See Local press for details.

For more details on any of the above call Civic Office 221017

A Day on the Healing Ministry at Burrswood

Thursday 20 June 2002 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Who is it for?

Those with a working interest in the Healing Ministry.

What about my questions?

We ask you to indicate questions you may have about the Healing Ministry. These will either be addressed on the day or will form the basis of another day on the Healing Ministry

How much will it cost?

£4.00 which includes tea and coffee Jacket Potato Lunch £4.75

What will the programme offer?

- 10.00 am Arrivals and coffee in the Conference Centre
- 10.30 am Introductory session: What is happening in our churches?
Sharing experiences, joys and difficulties.
- 11.30 am Healing Service in the round in the church
- 1.00 pm Lunch **
- 2.00 pm Session led by the Chaplain, Rev Steve Clark. What if?
(Comforting the sorrowing)
- 3.30 pm Closing session and then tea
- 4.00 pm Departures

** Lunch:

Choice - either bring you own packed lunch
or Jacket potato and fillings provided at a cost of £4.75.

We are limited to 35 people in the Conference Room, so please book early. If there is an overwhelming demand, we will hold extra days.

*** For more information and booking forms, see notice board in Vestibule ***

GORING LITTLE FISHES

We are approaching the 7th Anniversary of the opening of Goring Little Fishes; this was in September 1995. (It doesn't seem possible it has gone so quickly).

The group is very full and we have a waiting list. The majority of our children come to us through recommendation, which is very rewarding for us.

There are four members of staff, two full-time and two part-time. In addition to having good OISTED reports, we are just embarking on gaining a West Sussex Quality Kite Mark. This will take approximately two years to complete. There are seven modules that make up the whole portfolio, each one is assessed and marked by outside agencies in order to gain this prestigious award. The first module is "Welcomes, Farewells and Transitions". This means a great deal of extra work for all the staff, but we feel it will be good to be recognised and associated with this new venture.

We value your interest, support and prayers for us all. Thank you.

Sue Mitchell

This picture is of some of our little ones and dolls wearing our new set of costumes from ethnic minorities.

These costumes are all hand-dyed and made in the countries of origin. The charity that organises this gives all the profit back to these people.



Women's work

Career-wise, it sounds like a bad move. The hours are long and the wages low. You'll travel a lot, and you'll pay your own fare. Or walk. You'll be a preacher, health worker, social worker, and lots more. **Rev Margaret Kalaiseivi** reports on India's Bible Women

SEVENTY PER CENT OF INDIA'S population live in rural areas. Administering to their spiritual (and earthly) needs is a massive job.

Most of that job is done by church Bible Women and Catechists.

It's hard work, and only the multi-skilled need apply.

The Bible Women meet people of all levels; they visit the sick and reach out to the poor and the down-trodden; they act as counsellors and community workers; they conduct services - in fact, they do whatever needs doing for whoever needs helping.

Their main role is to tell people about the ministry of Jesus Christ. But the nature of this kind of work is that it cannot remain solely spiritual or religious; it becomes rather an integrated

mission that has to involve other social, political and economical dimensions.

So when they meet a sick person, they don't just offer prayers - they offer help, such as by ensuring they get proper medical

treatment, or they provide assistance in getting poor children into schools.

The Bible Women and Catechists see this as more than social work. For them, this is building communities and is the real work of mission.

“Each woman covers five villages. They walk mile after mile to preach the gospel”



Expectant: Dalit women meet in Kanglvakam, south of Chennai. India's Bible for Women offer practical and spiritual comfort in villages where it is most needed.

No record

Tracing the history of the Bible Women is hard because of the lack of records. In 1949, the World Council of Churches asked the Christian Council of India and Pakistan to collect data for its Amsterdam meeting, which led to a study project on women workers in the Indian churches. But much of this information quickly became redundant, as there were changes in later years depending upon the policies of the various traditions and denominations.

Some patterns have emerged, and each diocese in South India now has between 20 and 25 Bible Women. The women don't do it for the money. Wages are low compared to what other church workers are paid, and many of the women get no expenses or travel allowances. Each woman has to cover a minimum of five villages. They travel long distances and walk mile after mile to preach the gospel.

I am working as an honorary assistant pastor in four villages in Madurai Ramnad Diocese. There is one Bible Woman and one Catechist working with these people. Working alongside these women gives me many insights into the nature of mission. They do important work, and we need to honour them and encourage them.

And we also need to document and investigate their role and the contribution they make to the work of the church. This will involve:

- Taking stock of the contributions made by women in the churches throughout the history of Christianity starting from the early church;
- Conducting a complete survey of the employment conditions of Bible Women in the mainstream churches;
- Networking and organising women workers in various churches;
- Maintaining proper records in official church documents of who these women are and what they do;
- Recognising and respecting their hard work by paying them a fair wage;
- Making provisions for them to undergo short-term training on basic theological education in a recognised institution.

These women are undervalued by the church. They have a lot to teach us about serving Christ. It's time their work was given due recognition.

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CAN YOU HELP ?

At the Synod Office we feel the need of a "tame IT Consultant" - someone to whom we can turn for advice and assistance when the need arises, e.g. creation of a database, networking of computers. Please contact the Synod Clerk if you know of anyone with the necessary experience who might be interested in undertaking this role.

Further Information on either of the above from..

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Croydon CRO 5LP

(Telephone: 0208 688 3730)

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Restro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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— *A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry* —



Christians
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Picnic Praise

Sunday 14th July at 12.30pm

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Sunday Services

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Morning Worship
 - with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.
 - Family service on Second Sunday in month.
 - Junior Church with Crèche and GAS (God's Appreciation Society)
- 6.00pm Evening Worship
 - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing, 3rd Sunday in month
 - Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month.

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from the Manse . . . Rev Andrew Sellwood

While I was at college there was a subject on the timetable that intrigued me, it was *Christian Apologetics in the early church*. Was this to teach people how to say sorry in church? For instance: I'm really, really sorry I didn't realise this was your seat, sorry. No, of course it wasn't about this. In the first century of the Christian churches life there were a group of people going round called apologists, Justin Martyr being the greatest. Because of a general misunderstanding of Christianity and the slander that resulted, there arose prominent Gentile Christians who wrote apologies in defence of the faith. Their main task was to defend Christianity against the false charges of atheism, cannibalism, incest, human sacrifice, indolence, immorality, abduction and other antisocial behaviour. I wonder if that list surprises you or even shocks you? Misunderstandings arose about Christianity because it was easier for society to criticise than to find out what it was all about. Christianity was a minority activity and mysterious to those outside. Christians were thought to be very odd and didn't fit in with the rest of the world.

Coming right up to date I wonder how far things have moved on? Are we inclined to apologise about our faith or are we prepared to defend it? Nearly 2000 years after Justin Martyr we are still a minority group in this country, and people who have had absolutely no contact with church see us as odd. But in this nation instead of persecution we are treated with apathy.

I think it is time we ask ourselves two fundamental questions. First, why is our church here? That's easy it is primarily a place of worship, a place where people are made welcome and are free to meet with God. Second, what should we be doing? That's easy too, we should be serving the Kingdom of God, ministering and witnessing in the name of Jesus. I now ask a third question, this one is perhaps harder to answer: How are we fulfilling those two roles?

From time to time in the church we are given the chance to review our current situation. We need to take these opportunities to seek God's will for our future. We need to put our own personal desires to one side and allow God's spirit to renew us. My prayer is that we rise to the challenge of the future in full confidence of God's plan of salvation for the world. With this in mind are we a sorry church or a confident defender of the faith.

Yours in His service Andrew

A Grand-daughter

Congratulations to Daphne Eames on the birth of a grand-daughter.

Daphne's daughter Sarah gave birth to Emma Louise on 5 June - she weighed 7lbs 12½oz.

Flowers

Tom & Doris Lyons thank all those who made it possible for them to receive the beautiful flowers a few weeks ago - they were so wonderful and very much appreciated.

Trudie Knight

Last week I was very surprised to see two visitors walking up the garden path - Mrs. Trudie Knight and her grand-daughter, Louise. Trudie, with her late husband, Lionel, were active members of our Church for many years. It had been about ten years since I had seen Trudie, when Ethel and Irene Dearsley, Leslie and myself had attended Lionel and Trudie's Diamond Wedding reception.

At the age of ninety two years (she is now ninety-four) she travelled to Australia on her own and even now she is tackling the intricacies of the computer and the E-mail system. A truly wonderful lady.

Trudie would like to send her regards to those members of the Church who would still remember her. *Joan Burrage*

Strawberry Tea

You are invited to Tuesday Fellowship for a Strawberry Tea on 9 July at 2.30pm to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Tickets at £3.00 each from Carol Webber or on the door.

Bring & Buy table and Entertainment
Proceeds to Worthing Alzheimer's Society.

The Autumn Session starts on 10 September with a talk by Rev Beryl Chatfield.

Coffee Morning

Lily Collison invites all to 39 Reigate Road on Saturday 6 July from 10.00am to 12.00 noon to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a time of fellowship together.

There will also be a small sales table. Proceeds to Church funds.

Picnic and Songs of Praise service



Sunday, 14th July at 2 pm on the Greensward at end of Alinora Avenue.

The Picnic is from 12.30 pm, and if wet at St. Mary's Church & Hall.

Please pray for this important event.

The following is a summary of prayer pointers for your guidance..

1. For the efficient planning of the whole event, especially for the Christians Together in Goring Planning Team.
2. For a good response from the 8 Goring churches to the appeal for volunteers to help with a variety of jobs.
3. For a good response to advertising in church magazines and notice boards, newspapers, shop windows, library etc.
4. For the safe transport of equipment and adequate transport for such to be provided.
5. For the technology, and setting up of the Public Address system.
6. For the Picnic Praise Service and Rev. Stephen Gurr who will hold it together.
7. For Malcolm Chilton the musical director, and the singers and musicians.
8. For the speaker Rev. Joseph Steinburg and Lisa Jackson who will arrange children's activities and picnic.
9. For warm, dry weather, and good attendance from the Goring churches.
10. For the stewards who will hand out programmes and that many passers by will join in the service.
11. For lives to be touched by the Holy Spirit, and for those who will be available to help any in spiritual need.
12. That the Service might be a living testimony to the love of God for his people.

Worthing Area Team Ministry News

Worthing Local Strategic Partnership We were told that because of the change in the Worthing Borough Council after the local elections that anything relating to the Worthing Local Strategic Partnership is now on hold.

Welcome Sompting Weekend Everybody agreed that the weekend when we welcomed Sompting into the Team had been excellent. The offertory for Worthing Homeless amounted to £307.21. Norman had made, and distributed to all the churches, copies of the Moderator's sermon on tape. So if anybody would like to hear it, please contact Graham Redman. Comments had been made that as there was a great uplift in having a filled church and large choir for the Team service, that perhaps we should have them more frequently.

Deployment of Ministerial responsibilities We were given a note regarding the Deployment of Ministerial responsibility in the Team which is as follows;

Andrew: 30% St. Andrew's, 50% Goring and 20% overseeing evangelism for the 5 churches.

Margaret: 40% at both St. Columba's & Sompting with 20% oversight of pastoral work

Norman: 40% Shelley Road and 10% oversight of Youth work.

Simon: 25% St. Andrew's and other Team projects as required.

This was agreed with the exception of the 20% Margaret has for Pastoral oversight.

Task Force Simon said that the Task Force had met and a report will be coming soon, possibly September.

Youth Worker Each church was asked to obtain particulars of what they would like a Church Youth Worker to do. We need to present our findings by the next meeting in July.

House to House Survey Sompting URC together with Sompting Christian Fellowship are doing a house to house survey to find out the needs of the community.

Littlehampton Simon asked for prayers for the Littlehampton church as they have a group of children coming to the church who are disruptive.

Sheila Gooderham

Dates for your Diary in 2002...



Thu 4 Day of Prayer



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

Tue 9 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Strawberry Tea

Thu 11 7.30pm Elders' Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
12.30pm CTG Picnic - See Page 4 for details
2.30pm CTG Praise
6.00pm Evening Worship



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

Thu 25 7.30pm Church Meeting



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

Evening Services in the Worthing Area Team Ministry

You are welcome to join in worship at either of the evening services held at Sompting or Goring on any Sunday.

Services at Sompting are held at 6.30pm and Goring at 6.00pm



Thu 1 Day of Prayer



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



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

11th August - Last day
for September
Chronicle material

Wed 14 Treasure Hunt



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



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Family Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

Mon 26 Summer Bank Holiday



Looking ahead

14 August Evening Treasure Hunt
10 September Tuesday Fellowship Autumn Session start
28/29 September Harvest weekend. American Supper/Services/Gift Day
5 October Jumble Sale



The Church Banners

- by Caroline Hibbs



Left: ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Inspired by the song: 'I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart'

Below: COME HOLY SPIRIT

This banner was made in time for Pentecost in 1994, the design had been on the heart of one of our members for a long time and she was never sure how to depict it - and then there was the Banner Group!!



Why the church is failing young people



Faith training: Kim Hwa Jung spent a year with CWM's youth Training in Mission programme in South Africa and India.

Kim Hwa Jung slates the church for failing to tackle growing spiritual and social apathy among youth.

Until recently, the Korean church was proud of its growing number of young Christians. A declining interest in religion was a problem for the West, not Korea. But now, the church is experiencing something it thought would never happen: young people are leaving.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Christian youth were in the front-line of the fight against dictatorship and injustice in Korea. Today, though, they think they have nothing to fight for as they can't see the new forms of exploitation that are invisible to society.

These are mainly the result of globalisation and modern technology. The gap between rich and poor keeps on increasing in Korea; small farmers are committing suicide because of heavy debt burdens; pollution is becoming a serious problem.

The church, meanwhile, only focuses on church growth and preserving spirituality amid the world's chaos. Young people who expected to find the answer to modern life in the church feel that it has become old fashioned, with old traditions and worship.

It's been left behind by the world. They find it boring, while the world seems full of exciting things.

Caste oppression

In India, church youth are still in bondage to the caste system, as I found out when I was over there with CWM's Training in Mission programme in 2001. One day, I met a group of Christian youth who'd come for a retreat before their confirmation service. One girl from the group was always alone and didn't mingle with the others. I asked why, and was told, "She's from a Dalit family."

The caste system - with the Dalit untouchables at the bottom of the social ladder - is still alive among young Christians. I already knew this to be true, but never wanted to believe it. As Christians, we believe we are one in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Love your neighbour," and, "Love your enemy."

One Indian pastor proudly told me that his church sends missionaries to North India to spread the gospel. I asked, "What's the use in sending missionaries to convert other religious people to Christianity? Isn't that just going to give them the same experience of segregation, but now within the church?"

While with Training in Mission in South Africa, I was shocked to see how HIV/Aids was devastating young people - Christians and non-Christians. In Kuruman, a mainly rural area, the cycle of poverty was pushing youth to despair. They had no jobs or education, leading them to drugs, crime and promiscuous sex. Teenage pregnancies and Aids were common.

In Cape Town, I came across similar problems. One church youth group told us they found it hard to resist their friends who tried to pull them into "the world". Indeed, the secular world seemed so much more interesting than the church.

I met young people who didn't go to church who asked me what difference my faith made to my life. One young man said he used to be a Christian but had given up when he'd faced tough times and not had an answer from God. Now he believes in no-one, he said. I could see his deep loneliness and despair.

In each instance, what was the church doing? Couldn't the Korean church challenge young people not to focus so much on material things, instead of just thinking about church growth and building new churches? In India, why was the church allowing young people to prolong the caste system? In South Africa, couldn't the church do something about Aids, despite it being a taboo subject?

The church can't shut the door to the outside world. Jesus tells us to go into the world and preach the good news.

CWM churches need to challenge each other to more effective mission. They need to encourage narrow-minded churches to deal with problems and push CWM to broaden its mission. We need to shape our young people into God's agents to transform the world.

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Christian Aid

The total monies raised from the house to house collections including envelopes placed in the church pews amounted to: -

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Thank you very much to all who helped in any way to make the week a success. *Geoffrey Redman*

N.S.P.C.C. ADVANCE NOTICE

The Worthing and Goring Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. is to have an AUCTION on Friday 4th. October 2002 in St. Columba's United Reformed Church Hall, Worthing.

An appeal for Unwanted Gifts, Bric a Brac, Quality Items in Good Condition, Antiques ! All will be very welcome please for this Auction.

These can be collected from you and kept until October.

Please speak to Mrs. Brenda Churchman (232149). Miss Daphne Keating (244226) or Miss Jill Gough (692117) all members of St Columba's.

Further details of the Auction will be announced later.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gillian H Gough

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from the Manse ... Rev Margaret Ashby



Dear Friends

The meeting at which the Task Group presented their report took place a few weeks ago now and I think most of us are still digesting its findings.

This is not the place to discuss the issues but one thing has become clear and that is the real feeling that the Spirit was moving among us on that Saturday. Some of you perhaps less directly involved, from St Andrew's and Sompting, have told me that you also felt it. To me this suggests that we are all becoming empowered with the Spirit, not only the churches facing possible changes but also St Andrew's and Sompting as they play a vital role in giving stability and

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from the Manse . . . Rev Margaret Ashby

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prayerful support right across the Team. We are at the beginning of exciting times which will stretch us all as we ask for God's guidance and grace.

As I write this letter at the beginning of August, Norman and I are looking forward to visiting the St Columba's Brownie Pack at their camp in the New Forest. As a former Cub Scout Leader myself it evokes all kinds of memories from being thoroughly lost on a hike and depending on the Cubs to get us back to camp (which they did very successfully) to playing wide games in which the best policy was often to climb a tree to remain hidden. (Where else could reasonably sane adults climb trees and not be thought eccentric at the very least?)

Going to camp, whether with Cubs, Brownies or older Guides and Scouts is not only an exhausting experience but one in which we learn a lot, mostly about ourselves and how much we take for granted in ordinary life. At camp life gets down to basics. With no electricity, no television, no fridge or freezer and no hot water we begin to live with much more respect for our immediate surroundings. When it starts to rain and the fire begins to go out we realize that if we want any dinner we must keep the fire going. With no fridge or freezer we understand the importance of keeping the food properly covered and maybe, in a heat wave, even storing it in waterproof containers in a stream. When we cannot turn the tap on for

hot water a certain amount of forward planning must take place and with every drop of hot water being heated over the fire none is ever wasted.

The fire is the most important part of a camp under canvas. It gives heat to cook with (and to dry wet boots with!), hot water to wash with, and a certain amount of light at night so the site is not pitch black, even if the fire is dampened down. It is the main power supply for all the people camping. In a way we can look at God like that - God being the main power supply for the life of a Christian. God provides us with good, hot, spiritual food so that we grow and develop in the faith. If we have the ready supply of a regular prayer life then the "hot water" which we may need if we get hurt and have to clean a wound is already there. Even in the darkest times when God seems a long way away we do retain some light although our awareness of God may be dampened down by pain or suffering. The enormous energy of the fire can also remind us of the magnificent energy of God.

So, however you have spent this August, on holiday, at camp or at home I hope it has been a time of refreshment and renewal for all of you.

*With love and blessings to you all,
Margaret*

Sponsoring

Some time ago I was sponsored (mainly by the Church) to write out the New Testament by hand, and raised £610.00 for the Bible Society.

I now propose to write out the Psalms (DV) and hope to be sponsored for the same cause.

It would be encouraging if a few people would let me know of their support for this venture.

(No figures need be quoted at this stage)

Phyllis Wheeler

Mrs Elsie Marsh

Now resident in Holcombe House Rest Home in Heene Road, Elsie Marsh wishes to be remembered and sends her love to all her friends at Goring URC.

Handbook Amendment

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Mrs Irene Kitto's is now,
108 Windermere Crescent
Goring by Sea

Dates for ^{The} CHRONICLE

Now that I do not have ready access to the Church diary, please ensure that I receive notification of all engagements, appointments and events, as this will help to keep our "Dates for your Diary" in The CHRONICLE accurate and up to date. Please do not assume that I may already know.

The bottom line is — "If I do not know, it will not be printed !!!"

Graham Redman

Alternative Magazine

Dear Friends

Quite a few of you have described the more adult writings that have appeared in the Alternative magazine as helpful, even spiritually helpful.

I would be more than willing to produce a small booklet of such articles, perhaps quarterly, for those who would like them. If you would like to receive a copy please let Margaret or me know.

Norman Ashby, St Columba's

A thought for a visitor

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

Anon

The Local Church

Tuesday Fellowship Golden Jubilee Strawberry Tea

How lovely the hall looked decorated with Union flags, red, white and blue bunting and silk streamers for our Golden Jubilee Strawberry Tea on Tuesday, 9th July. Tables laid with white cloths, red, blue and gold stars sprinkled on them, the same colouring for serviettes and a posy of sweet peas on each table. Some folk had worked hard!



We commenced our afternoon with a Royal Quiz - do you know how many corgis the Queen has or how many British Monarchs had reigned for over fifty years? Ask Carol for the answers!

The roof of the hall was lifted with our singing of patriotic hymns and songs which Bobby led with gusto.



Then came a few items of entertainment and then 'THE TEA' and what a tea it was! All kinds of sandwiches, scones, home made shortbread biscuits (which melted in your mouth) tea bread and cakes. Then the strawberries and cream served in blue bowls thus keeping the red white and blue theme. Lashings of tea was drunk and a wonderful afternoon of fun, love and fellowship was had'.

Peggy, our President, presided over the jollities and she thanked all who had contributed to such a happy time.

£109. 58p. will be added to the amount we are collecting for the local Alzheimer's Disease Society, which is our project for the year.

Joan Burrage

Elders Election July 2002

This year, by agreement at the Church meeting, the Elders Election was held after morning worship, on 28th July.

The election was conducted by Rev Andrew Sellwood and just over 70 members were present to cast their vote.

Andrew began by thanking those who had been in office and were standing down after many years faithful service. He made special mention of, and presented a gift to the Church Secretary whose 6 year term of office would be ending on 31st August.

Andrew led the meeting in prayer, and the vote was taken. All four candidates were elected for a term of three years.

They are: -

Mrs Jane Bond, Mrs Robin Bradley, Mrs Valerie Cooper and Mr. Colin Nodes.

Andrew closed the election time with prayers and the congregation shared The Grace together.

Hilary Redman

Appointments

At the July Church Meeting it was announced that the following people have offered their help with -

The Ark: Hilary Redman (to be reviewed after Christmas)

Co-ordinating the monthly Day of Prayer: Barbara Popplestone

Co-ordinating the work in the kitchen: Bobby Hitchin

Co-ordinating social activities: Sue Mitchell, Carol Webber & Valerie Gill

Representative to Synod: Michael Donnelly

The meeting was glad to give its blessing to these appointments.

All other appointments remain the same for the coming year.

Dates for your Diary in 2002...



8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion - including Induction of Elders
6.00pm	Evening Worship

Thu 5 9-12 & 2-4 Prayer Day

Sat 7 2.00pm The Wedding of Lesley Smith to Mr Craig Kovacs.

Wilma & Matthew Smith look forward to sharing this happy occasion with the Church family



8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship
6.00pm	Evening Worship

Tue 10 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Autumn Session start
~ Visit to Congo: Rev Beryl Chatfield

Thu 12 7.30pm Elders Meeting

15th September - Last day for October Chronicle material
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8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship
6.00pm	CTG Evening Worship at English Martyrs



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

Thu 26 7.30pm Church Meeting with discussion on Team Churches

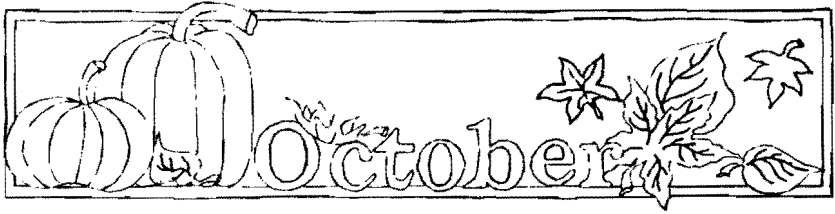
Sat 28 Harvest American Supper



Harvest Festival

8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship
3.00pm	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Evening Worship

Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2002...



Thu 3 9-12 & 2-4 Day of Prayer

Sat 5 Jumble Sale



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

Thu 10 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sat 12 Southern Synod Meeting. Hove

13th October - Last day
 for November
 Chronicle material



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Sat 26 Ghana day at Goring URC. See page 7 Team Jottings



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Thu 31 7.30pm Church Meeting



Looking ahead

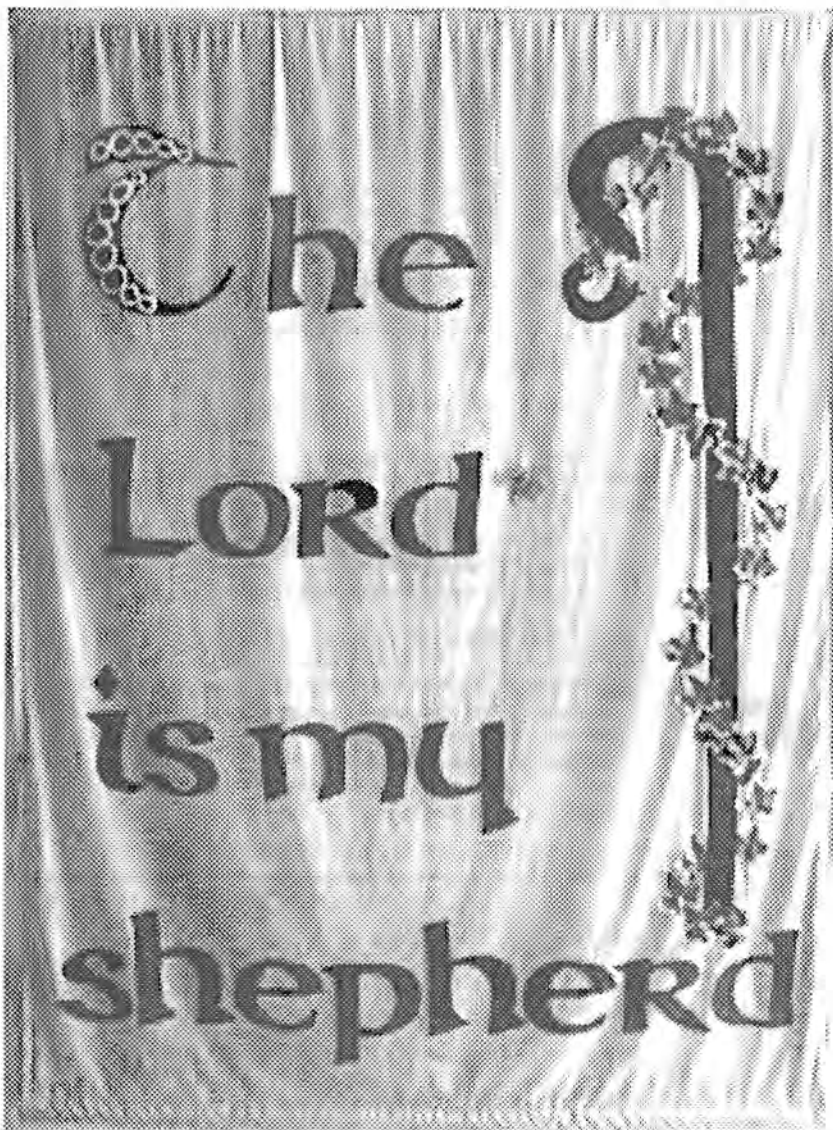
7 November CTG Evening Service at St Mary's

30 November Christmas Sale

14 December Christmas Lunch



The Church Banners



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Surely the best-known and most-loved of all the Psalms: familiar words that bring comfort and peace.

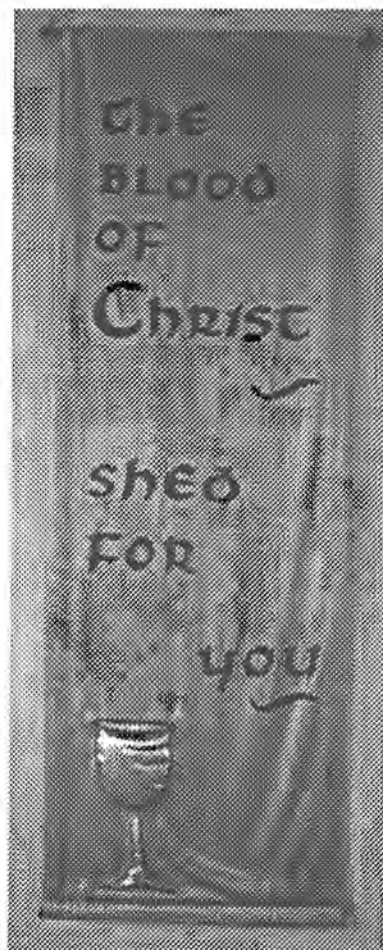
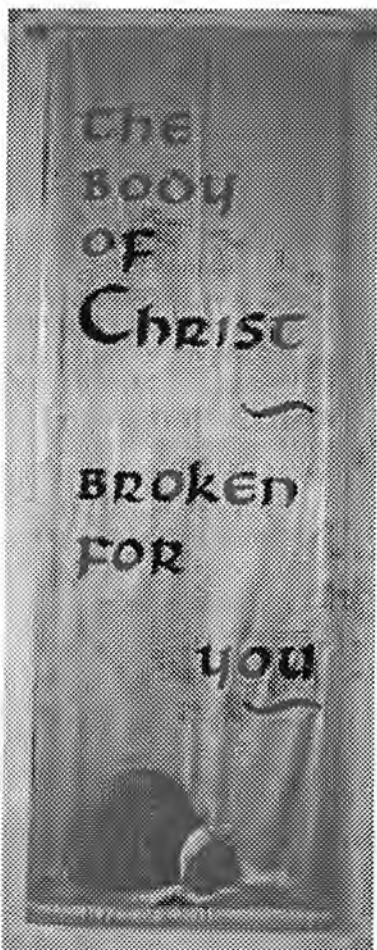
The design of this was a family affair with both my daughters-in-law helping with the style of lettering

Eileen Rhodes

COMMUNION BANNERS

These were made for the performance of 'Breaking Bread'. Now we use them sometimes to enhance our worship during communion services.

Caroline Hibbs



RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

No.29

Congo-Brazzaville

July 2002



*Training
for the
World Cup?*

Dear friends,

Today is "ville morte" (dead town) because of local elections - no vehicles are allowed to circulate and most people are just staying at home (it's also World Cup final day). So I'm seizing the opportunity to write to you...

Brazzaville has been vulnerable in recent weeks. An attack on part of the city by rebel soldiers in mid-June was quickly quashed by government forces, but it led to insecurity, people fleeing parts of town and others taking advantage to loot. We also had a series of elections and have been warned that things may remain unstable until mid-August. We are thankful to God for the relative calm here in the centre of town, and that we are able to continue with our work.

Andrea returned to Brazzaville on 20th June after three months in Germany, looking

definitely more relaxed after good times with family, friends and churches. I was glad to see her back and thank the Lord for supporting me through the three months of her absence.

Since I last wrote we completed a **successful translation workshop on Luke chapters 22-24**, helping translators from five languages to express clearly and naturally the meaning of each verse. A highlight was hearing Scripture songs using the translated verses, which the teams had composed using traditional music from their culture.

In May we took a **delegation of Congolese pastors to Yaoundé, Cameroon**, to interact with other church leaders from five other countries, and consider the role and use of Mother Tongue (MT) Scriptures. (In the middle of

the seminar, I celebrated my **40th birthday** with my Cameroonian family and some SIL friends!) Here are some quotes from the seminar participants:

This seminar has helped me in a very personal way. For the first time in my life I have started praying to God in my own language instead of French.

I see now how the MT Scriptures are one of the main means for us to reconstruct our African churches and give them a firm foundation.

I was particularly interested in seeing how easy it is to memorize Scripture in my own language. We have always found it hard to do in a foreign language.

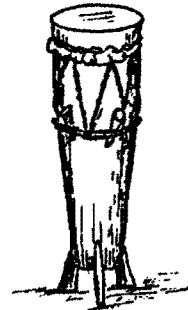
Up to now I always thought I needed to praise God using music that has come from the West. On this seminar I learned to use our own tunes to make Scripture songs. This is new and exciting!

In the meantime, Andrea and I are supervising **two dictionary projects** at the Brazzaville centre: Helga Müller (short-termer) is working with Tekes on the Teke dictionary database, and Guy Kouarata is working with Beembes on the beginnings of a Beembe dictionary.

You may remember one of my previous prayer requests for more workers. We are pleased that there are now **several new Wycliffe members** interested in coming to join us in a year or two, and also that the **Phillips family** (John & Elisabeth + their two girls who worked for some years in Congo before the war) **plan to return to work here in a year's time**. It is a huge encouragement to have some experienced help to look forward to! ☺

Ruth

Roch Beapami has now found a house in his village (Boundji) and will move there with his family in July, to start literacy classes and promote the Word of God in Mboshi. As well as literacy materials, he will take with him Bible portions in Mboshi, and cassettes of an evangelistic message in Mboshi with some Mboshi songs.



PRAYER + PRAISE

** Please pray for Roch as he takes the big step of faith of moving to Boundji, and that his walk with the Lord will remain strong, despite the weak church situation there.*

** Pray for the five Congolese church leaders who attended the seminar in Cameroon, that they won't forget what they heard but will actively promote mother tongue Scripture use.*

** Pray that the right nationals will be identified and trained for the Teke & Beembe dictionary projects, and for the necessary funding (we submitted a request to UNESCO for Beembe.)*

** Praise God for the encouragement of hearing about people who are interested in joining us in the Congo team!*

** Finally, pray for the peace of Brazzaville:*

***"For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say
'Peace be within you'***

***For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will
seek your prosperity."*** (Ps. 122 :8,9)

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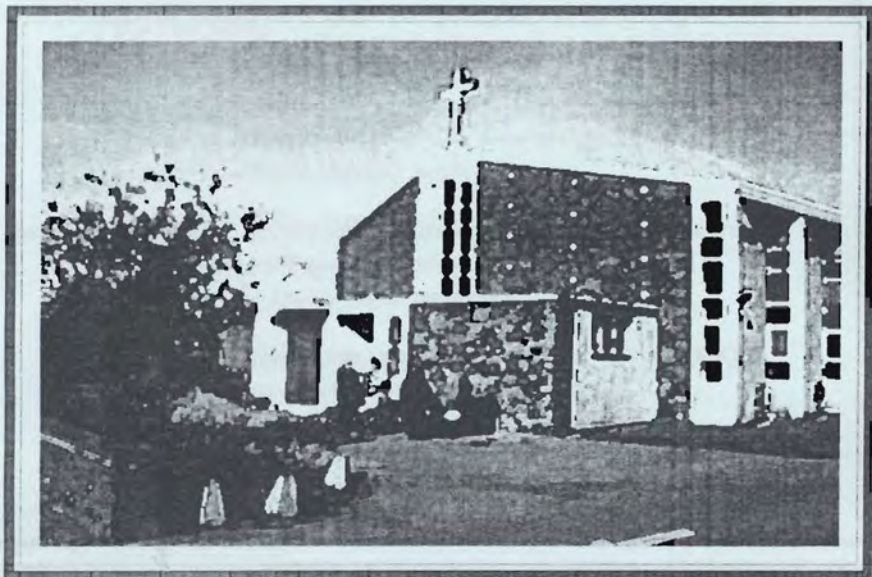
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Dear Friends

Traditionally in our churches at this time of year we give thanks to God for the wonders of creation as we celebrate Harvest Festival. In the words of the hymn writers, as thankful people we will sing about ploughing the fields and scattering the good seed on the land and we will raise the song of harvest home. We will give thanks to God for all that he has given us and for the way he sustains us day by day. However, part of our Harvest celebrating is an acknowledgement of the part that we are called to play. God gives us the things of the earth and also the skills to use those things. We are called upon to use those God given gifts, to look after and nurture created order so that all peoples may be nourished and sustained.

The writer of the letter of James (generally thought to be James the brother of Jesus) wrote of a harvest of goodness that will be produced by the actions of conscientious peacemakers. 'A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.' [James 3:18] He points out that goodness is a natural product of peaceful living. As believers, once again we have a part to play for we are called to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) and, if we sow in peace, we will surely raise a harvest of goodness that will be better than we have ever experienced.

At Harvest Festival time we give thanks and praise to God for the

wonders of nature, the crops, our food, our drink and all the good gifts around us that are sent from heaven above; and, as we celebrate, we remember that the God of creation and harvest is the God on whom we can depend for everything. So, we who are called to be sowers of God's perfect seed and harvesters of his word can place all our trust and hope in him. As Paul put it in Galatians, "*Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.*" [Galatians 6:9]

A few weeks ago a friend and I sat by the side of the river Arun enjoying a leisurely day fishing. However, my leisure soon turned to panic as, to my horror, a large fish took my rod and reel out into the fast running stream. Fortunately all was not lost, my friend reacted quickly by casting his line out and landing not only my rod and reel but also the offending fish. A lesson learnt not only in the art of fishing but also in our Christian endeavours. If we are alert and prepared to play our part when opportunity calls we will reap a successful harvest.

So as we celebrate Harvest let us not grow tired or get dejected instead let us persevere and strive forward in our Lord's work.

Yours in Christ

Simon.

Pastoral News

Many will know that our friend Mr Leslie Montford died in hospital on Saturday morning 21 September 2002.

We give thanks for his life and Christian witness, and for the help he gave to the Kestro Club. He also gave a number of years to editing and printing of *The Chronicle*, also to the printing of the Welcome sheet Sunday by Sunday.

We remember his family and friends and pray for the peace in their hearts.

Handbook Amendments

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Name Change

Page 18 Miss Lesley Smith
to Mrs Lesley Kovacs

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Page 11 Mrs Peggy Croydon : now at-
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Tel: 232115

Page 15 Mrs Elsie Marsh: now at-
Willett Lodge
4 Chaucer Road, Worthing. BN11 4PB
Tel: 235347

Death

Page 16 Mr Leslie Montford
on 21 September 2002

Thanks

Just to say how much I appreciated the flowers and cards I received following the death of my father.

Daphne Eames

My grateful thanks are due for the Church flowers which were brought round after I had been forced to miss a Sunday service last month due to illness.

Fortunately the trouble was not serious and, after a visit from the doctor and with appropriate medication, things cleared up within a week. But the flowers were lovely; again many thanks!

Ian Hennell

Thank you very much for the gift that I was given on Sunday morning 28th July, as I approached the end of my term of office as Church Secretary.

I was honoured, surprised, and very delighted. However, I would also like to say thank you for all the love and support which I have received as Church Secretary.

The church, and the job, have changed quite considerably over the period as we have continued to seek God's will for His people at Goring, for we have embraced the whole new concept of Team Ministry, sadly saying 'goodbye' to Peter Heckels, but gladly welcoming Andrew Sellwood, and with him continuing to work out the place of the church within the Team Ministry.

Now we must continue the process of discerning the future that God has planned for the 5 churches in Worthing, and importantly how we can fulfil our role in bringing God's word to His people. This is a good time to step down and allow the wind of change - the wind of the Spirit - to blow amongst us and wake us up to all the new challenges which still lie ahead.

There have been tough times and good times, and I thank God for His love and His care, and you for all the encouragement that I have received. Let us now pray that as the elders prepare to lead us into the future God will make His way plain before us and we will have grace and strength to follow His call.

Hilary Redman

Secretarial Work

From the Elders' and Church meetings "Organising the Secretarial Work"

At the Church meeting held on Thursday 26th September members received proposals from the Elders' meeting regarding the sharing of the secretarial work of the church. A happy conclusion was outlined in this way:-

Jane Bond will take the administrative role, supported by Ken Woods who will send and receive e-mail, and do other computer based work. **

Carol Webber will be responsible for information displayed on the internal notice boards and on the table at the back of the church.

Graham Redman, who keeps the church roll on the database will continue to produce the pastoral lists and the church handbook.

Hilary Redman will continue to keep the handwritten roll, and to oversee the distribution of Harvest and Christmas gifts. She has also offered to be minute secretary to church meeting.

Pastoral lists still have to be reviewed, and Sheila Gooderham will be calling a meeting for this purpose on Thursday 17th October.

The church meeting was happy to ratify Jane's appointment as Secretary, and to confirm the other roles.

**** All e-mail addresses will remain unchanged - see below**

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Note. Other e-mail addresses can be allocated to other areas of the Church's work by speaking to Graham. The provision of e-mail addresses in this way means that they can remain unaltered, even if the work or appointment is transferred to another person. *ie. secretary@gurc.org.uk used to go to Hilary, - but mail to that address now automatically goes to Ken...*

Publications for 2003

2003 PUBLICATIONS - as it is now October, the time for ordering the following Literature will soon be upon us. Unless I have been advised of a cancellation, I shall place orders for our Subscribers as previously.

Newcomers are most welcome to join. Please let me know by the end of October any of the Publications noted below you wish to order:-

IBRA - International Bible Reading Association -

Words for To-day 2003	£6.50
Light for our Path 2003	£6.50
Finding our Way together:	
Books 1, 2, 3 and 4	£8.00 each
The series - 4 books	£25.00

Sharing God's Word 2003 £8.00

The URC Pocket Diary 2003 £4.74 per diary or insert
(Colours - Red, Brown, Green & Blue)

Diary Leather Organiser Cover £5.50 (inserts extra)

PRAYER HAND-BOOK - Advent 2002 - 2003 'BRIDGE OF LOVE'
£2.95

Discovering Christ —

Advent and Christmas	£8.00
Ascension & Pentecost	£8.00
Lent and Easter	£8.00

Living Prayers for To-day £15.50

More Living Prayers for To-day £15.50

SCRIPTURE UNION -

Daily Bread

£10.00 p.a.

Scripture Union is an international Christian Charity working with Churches in more than 130 countries providing resources to bring the good news about Jesus Christ to children, young people and families - and to encourage them to develop spiritually through the Bible and prayer.

PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR DETAILS WHICH YOU MAY FIND HELPFUL.

Pheniah Taylor

Festive Fayre

30 November 10.00am - 12.00 noon

At a recent meeting the arrangements for our annual fair were discussed and we decided on the above title as we wanted something different. We propose having the stalls decorated and labelled with words from Christmas Carols and asking the people running the stalls to also dress up as appropriate.

There will be the usual stalls, including gifts, toiletries and jewellery, so if you have anything suitable please bring it to the church and give it to either me or Sheila Gooderham.

There will be an entrance charge of 50p to include a drink, mince-pie or biscuits.

A notice will be put up in the vestibule on Sunday 3rd November for two weeks, asking for volunteers to help with the stalls, or in any other way. So please sign up as soon as possible.

There will be a further meeting on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Harris Room to arrange all the details. So make a note of the date and come if you can.

Bett Swierk W. 243194



Thu	3	9-12 & 2-4 7.30pm	Day of Prayer Elders Meeting
Sat	5	2.00pm	Jumble Sale

Sun	6	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship with Holy Communion Evening Worship
Tue	8	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship. "Neighbourhood Watch"
Sat	12		Southern Synod Meeting. Hove

Sun	13	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship
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13th October - Last day
for November
Chronicle material

Thu	17	7.30pm	Townwide Prayer Meeting at the Assembly Hall
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Sun	20	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship with Holy Communion
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Tue	22	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship, "Anniversary Service"
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Sat	26	10.00am- 12.00noon	Ghana Day "Coffee Morning" in the Church Hall. See page 13
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Sun	27	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship
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Thu	31	7.30pm	Church Meeting
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Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2002



Sat	2	9.15am	Church Working Party Morning
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Sun	3	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		6.00pm	Evening Worship
Tue	5	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship. "West Sussex Film Footage"
Thu	7	9-12 & 2-4	Day of Prayer
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
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Sun	10	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship

10th November - Last day
for December/January
Chronicle material

Sat	16	9.15am	Church Working Party Morning
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Sun	17	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	CTG Evening Worship at St Mary's

Tue	19	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship. "Ferring Country Centre"
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Sun	24	8.00am	Early Morning Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
		6.00pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Thu	28	7.30pm	Church Meeting
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Sat	30	10.00am- 12.00noon	Festive Fayre. (See page 7)
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Looking ahead

1 December	Bible Society Sunday
14 December	Christmas Lunch
11 January	New Year Party



The Church Banners

by Caroline Hibbs



The "Praise the Lord" banner was inspired by a "Songs of Praise" programme from Majorca, when the people met together in a room above a supermarket.

"Where 2 or 3 are gathered ..."

The Harvest banner was inspired by the gifts our Lord provides every day, and which we take for granted so often. Give thanks for God is good.



Tuesday Fellowship

"A visit to the Congo"

We commenced the new session of our Fellowship on 10 September and thirty-one members attended. We were welcomed back by our President, Mrs Peggy Mott, who hoped that we had enjoyed our summer weeks.

After a short devotional service Peggy introduced us to our speaker the Rev. Beryl Chatfield. Beryl is no stranger to many of us, as before entering the ministry she was a member of our church.

Those of us who read the Chronicle are familiar with the wonderful work that Ruth Chatfield, Beryl's daughter, is achieving in Congo, Brazzaville. It was good to hear first hand news from her mother who had been out to the Congo on a visit.

As we listened to her story we felt we were being taken along with her from her departure to her return.

Many photographs of Beryl's visit were passed around which made her talk come even more alive.



We send our love to Ruth and her team and Pray God's blessing on the work she has been called to do in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Joan Burrage

Christian Aid thank all those who contributed towards the Southern Africa Appeal.

Retiring collections over last few weeks raised a total of £305.00 and as requested the donation has been passed to the Disasters Emergency Committee of Christian Aid. - Thank you for your support. - *Geoffrey Redman*

Christian Aid

Ghana Day Coffee Morning

26 October. 10.00am - 12.00noon ~ Church Hall

A coffee morning of a special kind; we will have music from Ghana playing in the background for you, and we will have a speaker giving us some information about life in an African village. There will be a bookstall and there will be a "Bring and Buy" stall, and of course, there will be tea, coffee and homemade Austrian cake!

The entrance and the refreshments will be free, but there will be an opportunity to make an offering to assist our two friendship churches in Ghana. As part of the worldwide family in Christ we would like to make a contribution towards the education of their children and to help them with their chapel building and re-building projects. The latest news from one church is that earlier on this summer they suffered unusual and very serious flooding which did great damage to the chapel.

Please, come and support our brothers and sisters in Ghana!

The World Church and Mission Group

Ghana is the old "Gold Coast", where Europeans came 500 years ago searching for gold and where they found it. Along the coast there are still forts and castles - some of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites - that the European slave traders left behind. They are visited by tourists today, who are horrified when they see the dungeons into which slaves were crammed before they were shipped to the New World.

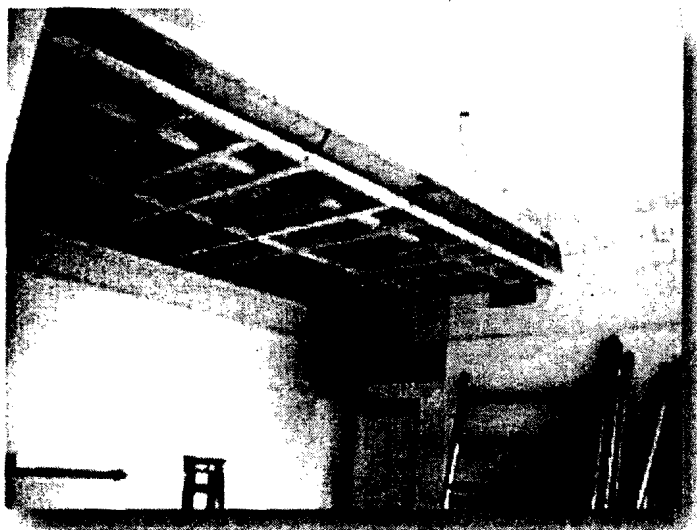
According to the "lonely planet" guide, the Ghanaians are among the friendliest people in West Africa. They are laid-back and not loud. You will rarely hear

If you have read this article before, fine, otherwise you can read the rest in Team Jottings issue 2

Lomas House Developments



LOMAS HOUSE resembles a building site. The work taking place to produce a facility worthy of the vision and purposes behind it, is extensive. Inevitably unforeseen technical and practical difficulties have occurred which have extended the time envisaged to complete the refurbishment, which means it will now be towards the end of January 2003 before the house opens its doors to its new life.



Structural work required to some parts of the building

Lomas HousePreparation of programmes

In the mean time a full programme of retreats, events, and courses covering the whole of 2003 is being prepared to be published in October. The programme details the kind of place Lomas House will be, the nature of its retreats and quiet days, the content of its courses and events, its booking procedures and costs, distributed to every congregation and district within the Synod. Despite no official publicity having yet been made, several congregations and church groups have already made bookings for their own purposes and requirements, which is encouraging. I hope this congregation and individuals within it will also want to make use of Lomas as we seek to become more faithful and effective in our witness to the world.

Staff

Staff, required to run and service a House of this nature in a way that is both efficient and caring, are also being prepared during this time, not always an easy task as previous practices and routines are challenged and changed. Additional staff are

being recruited, and a secretary will be in place from the beginning of October to be responsible for the processing of all enquiries and bookings, anticipated when the programme is published.

Residents

The six residents have not found this period of transition easy either, and considerable pastoral and practical care has been rightly necessary to ensure their safety and well being, including the provision of 24 hour, seven days a week staff cover.

Prayers

There is always costly 'cross' required to bring about any genuine and lasting resurrection or renewal. In this period of cross, Lomas House, and those who live and work there require and value your prayers. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10.00am, twenty minute prayers are still said for its life now, along with the church it seeks to serve, and the world in which it lives. Resurrection will come, and by God's good grace it will be a wonderful thing to behold to His glory.

Peter McIntosh (Director)

Worthing Area Team

Worthing Area Team Ministry

We have talked about a Youth Worker for the Team for a very long time now and on 11th September the Youth representatives will meet to discuss it further with regard to their own Churches:

Paul Redman is our representative.

There is a 'Fun Day' arranged for the children in our church on Wednesday 30th October from 10.00am - 3.00pm. (It is half term week) The theme is David and Goliath. The cost is £1.00. per child and you need to book.

Forms available from Paul West.

St. Andrew's is starting a Pilot group and I understand this is the fastest growing youth organisation in the URC. Shelley Road are holding a Beetle Drive with a Fish & Chip supper on Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 each

Please pray for the Team Ministers and representatives as they meet on Tuesday 1st October to look at the individual churches response to the Task Group's recommendation for the future of the Worthing Area Team.

Sheila Gooderham

Picture below of Lesley (nee Smith) with her husband, Craig after the wedding service on Saturday afternoon 7 September 2002. About 140 people attended the church, and the Rev Peter Heckels officiated.



Photo by Paul Redman

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

The CHRONICLE

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Visit us at our Team web site: www.worthingchurch.co.uk
 or better still visit us in person at one of the above churches.

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Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

- with Holy Communion on First Sunday in month.
- Family service monthly as announced.
- Junior Church with Crèche and GAS (God's Appreciation Society)

6.00pm Evening Worship

- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing, 3rd Sunday in month
- Worthing Area Team Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays in month.

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Dear Friends

Jesus said 'I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains . Who ever loves his own life will lose it.'

John ch 12 verse 24. The scene is Jesus' house in Nazareth.

The springtime sowing has long past and it is now Autumn. In a dark corner of the house on a wooden shelf, Jesus comes across a tiny grain of wheat stuck in a join between two planks. The grain appears perfect, but Jesus knows that unless that grain of wheat is put into the ground where it will undergo the violent and transforming act of germination, it will remain a solitary grain.

I feel this is a parable for all the churches of the Worthing Team. Jesus chose the word 'die' deliberately. The Christian life is all about dying to ourselves and our own private agendas, our own little church comfort zones of mutual entertainment and socialising . As I look at our churches I see tremendous potential for growth in a way that could be attractive to people of the 21st century. I also see however that there is the possibility in all our churches to turn them into little grains of wheat left on the shelf in

warmth and comfort. One day they will shrivel to so small a compass, that death will come to them anyway. But death in this sense will not lead to wonderful new life. No! it will be terminal.

Naturally the grain of wheat shrinks from death in the earth. Even so every church community finds it very hard to constantly be seeking to bring the gospel of Christ to those outside the church. However if this is not top of our agenda then there is little hope for our continued life. God constantly brings his people to Kadesh Barnea, shows them the promised land and leaves them to choose life or real death. [Numbers ch 13 verse 25, ch14 verse 22, Hebrews ch 3 verse 11]

As I leave the Worthing team to retire may I encourage each church to put evangelism and Christian nurture to the top of the agenda, and the central churches to be prepared to fall into the ground and die in order to rise to new, vibrant life. God bless you all. Your friend and minister,

Jenny.

Events

Harvest Supper

44 people came to the Harvest Supper held on the 28th September.

A pleasant evening of fellowship was had by all. Thanks to Bobby, Sue, Carol and the Choir for the parts they played in making sure we had a good time. £16.30 was given to the Church funds after expenses had been paid.

Christmas Lunch

After the success of last year's Christmas lunch, we shall be having one again this year. It will be held on Saturday 14th December priced at £5.00. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. *Sheila Gooderham*

Junior Church Leaders' Training Weekend 11-13 October

Having booked our training weekend at Dalesdown in November 2001, it couldn't come round soon enough. Sue, Val, Valerie and Carol experienced a wonderful weekend that proved to be educational, thought provoking, uplifting, heart searching and relaxing. It was a retreat from our busy lives, giving us a chance to be at one with God and each other.

On Sunday we were able to "Be Still" for whole hour before sharing communion. We returned home on Sunday afternoon to our families and other commitments refreshed and uplifted by the Holy Spirit. *Sue Mitchell*

District Leaders of Young People and Children Training Day - 19 October

This URC Training Day was held at Goring URC Hall on Saturday 19th October. As you can see the day was both fun and informative. Howard Nurden, (Centre of picture) our Synod YCWT and Lucy Moore from the BRF lead the day to which 24 people attended.



We looked at Story telling, games, drama, The Criminal Records Bureau and The URC's best practice guide.

Various resources for youth and children's work were on display. The day was excellent value including lunch - jacket potato, apple pie and custard, costing just £1.00 each!

Paul Redman

A message from friends in the West Country

"Geoffrey and Irene would like to express their appreciation to all those who have responded in different ways expressing their love and assurance of prayers over the period of Geoffrey's arm problem. We are grateful to you all and the Lord that recovery is now progressing very well and he is beginning to feel much more like his old self (with not too much emphasis the old!). Naturally we are sorry that this prevented us coming up for Lesley Smith's wedding and seeing many of you at the same time but we are planning a visit before Christmas when we will look forward to being in touch again. God bless you all."

A Tribute to Leslie Montford

I first met Leslie when his wife, Christine was a patient in St Barnabas Hospice. Following Christine's death Leslie started attending Goring URC and soon entered into membership.

He and Brad, (my late husband) spent many an afternoon sharing memories of their service in the North African desert during the last war.

In 1989 he came to live in Hayward House, and joined into more fellowship within the Church.

For several years Leslie was Editor of *The CHRONICLE*, as well as becoming treasurer of Kestro, and was often to be seen about his work in the print room. Leslie loved writing, and had several books published.

Our memories of Leslie will be of a kind man, who grew in faith, and was always willing to be of help in many ways. He will be sadly missed by us all as a good friend.

Robin Bradley

Electrical safety in the church

How many cups of tea or coffee do you make each day?

When you think about how much you use your own kettle, it's not surprising that the kettles at Church get worn out fairly quickly! We all use electrical equipment at home everyday of our lives, whether it be the radio or television; microwave or vacuum cleaner; the toaster or the kettle. In a public place where there are a lot more people about through the week, there is a much greater demand on the equipment than there is at home. It is important then, to be aware of the dangers associated with Portable Electrical Equipment. Just a minute!

What is Portable Electrical Equipment?

Well, Portable Electrical Equipment is anything electrical that can be moved around from place to place like kettles, vacuum cleaners or extension leads. Also stuff that perhaps doesn't get moved very much but could be moved if necessary like photocopiers, microwaves and televisions. Generally anything that has to be plugged into the mains can be classed as Portable Electrical Equipment.

So what are the dangers?

Damaged electrical equipment can cause electric shock which can kill. Damaged equipment can also cause fire. So spending a few seconds checking the outside of the equipment and its lead and plug, can prevent accidents and save lives.

"95% of faults or damage can be found just by looking"

(HSE Guidance note IND(G)236L)

What should I be looking for?

Before using anything electrical, remember that it may not be safe, so unplug it and have a quick look at the lead, the plug and the equipment itself. Remember the chances are that it has been used by a lot of people since the last time you used it, and something may have gone wrong.

- Look for **damage to the mains cable** e.g. nicks and cuts; use of taped repairs or joints; any chaffing or abrasion.
- Look for **damage to the plug** e.g. cracked casing; bent pins; signs of overheating like blackened pins or discoloration of the case.
- Look for **damage to the appliance** e.g. obvious loose parts or signs of overheating.
- Make sure that you can't see the coloured insulation of the internal wires of the mains cable where it enters the plug or the equipment and that the cable is gripped properly.

If you can't find anything wrong, then there is nothing to worry about. If, however, something appears to be damaged in any way, don't use the equipment. Please let me know asap and remove the equipment from service so that it is no longer a danger to anyone and it can be repaired.

This is all very basic safety information but the Law says that it's the responsibility of *EVERYONE* to help prevent accidents.

Geoffrey Redman

Tuesday Fellowship

"Recent Meetings"

Meeting 24 September **A House with Seven Crosses**

What a wonderfully inspiring talk we had at our Fellowship meeting on Tuesday 24th September.

Mrs. Mollie Priest, the widow of the Rev. Paul Priest, who was for a short while the Minister of Rustington Methodist Church, spoke to us of 'A House with Seven Crosses'. These crosses are ones she has in her possession and each one indicates a time in the period of her life.

She commenced with a New Testament which she 'won' at the age of eight years and then showed us the different crosses, each one had a story of the passage of her life. There was one cross which she had when Paul was at Theological College during which time they became engaged. One cross was broken from a chain around her neck when she was abused, another stood in the hall window of their house and attracted the attention of passers by and also new neighbours who arrived in the area. Each cross, as I have said had a story that she told. The final cross was on the top of a Church, which was made of matchsticks. This was bought for her by her daughter from a lady sitting

by the wayside, making these, in Moscow where Nicola was studying. Nicola is now a Minister at a Church in St. Petersburg. We were all spell bound and could have listened much longer. We just hope that Molly will visit us again.

Meeting 8 October **Neighbourhood Watch**

Since it's inception, in the early eighties, I have been a co-ordinator for the local Neighbourhood Watch, so I was very pleased to meet Ivor Webb, the Crime Prevention Officer for West-Sussex, at our Fellowship Meeting. Although I have spoken to him many times on the telephone - I had not met him. After a short devotional service Ivor spoke to us about the Neighbourhood Scheme, how it began and how it is now operating.

Each month a newsletter is sent out advising people of many crimes which have been committed in their particular area. Also advice is given to help us to prevent crime.

So many scams are used to enter premises, very often of elderly folk who are very vulnerable. Do you know what the 'Data Link' is? This scheme works on the basis that all your medical details and names of your next of kin are recorded on a form which is encapsulated in a sealed canister and left on a shelf in the door of your fridge. Because there is a green cross on the outside of the fridge services will know exactly where, in an emergency, your essential details are located.

Ivor demonstrated various alarm systems which many of our members bought. The Data Link equipment is free of charge and Ivor distributed these to the members.



If you are not a member of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, how about starting one in your area.

Ivor Webb can be contacted at 'Centenary House' Durrington Lane, Worthing BN13 2PQ - telephone number: 0845 6070999 Ex 81214

NB. A cheque for £300.00 has been sent to the local Alzheimer's Association which was our project for the year 2001/2. This Association was chosen because our friend the late Ivy Berry was very much involved with this.

Joan Burrage

Handbook Amendments

There are no amendments to be made in the Handbook this month.

However, by the time the next Chronicle is available, an up to date Handbook should have been produced. If you have an e-mail address that you would like printed in this book please let me know very soon.

Graham Redman

Dates for your Diary in 2002...



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Thu	7	9-12 & 2-4	Day of Prayer

Sun	10	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship	10th November - Last day for December/January Chronicle material
Thur	14	7.30pm	Elders Meeting	

Sat	16	9.15am	Church Working Party Morning
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Sun	17	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship CTG Evening Worship at St Mary's
Tue	19	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship. "Ferring Country Centre"

Sun	24	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	28	7.30pm	Church Meeting
Sat	30	10.00am-12.00noon	Festive Fayre. (See page 7, October Chronicle)

Remember that the next CHRONICLE to be issued after the December/January edition will be the February magazine, available the last Sunday in January.

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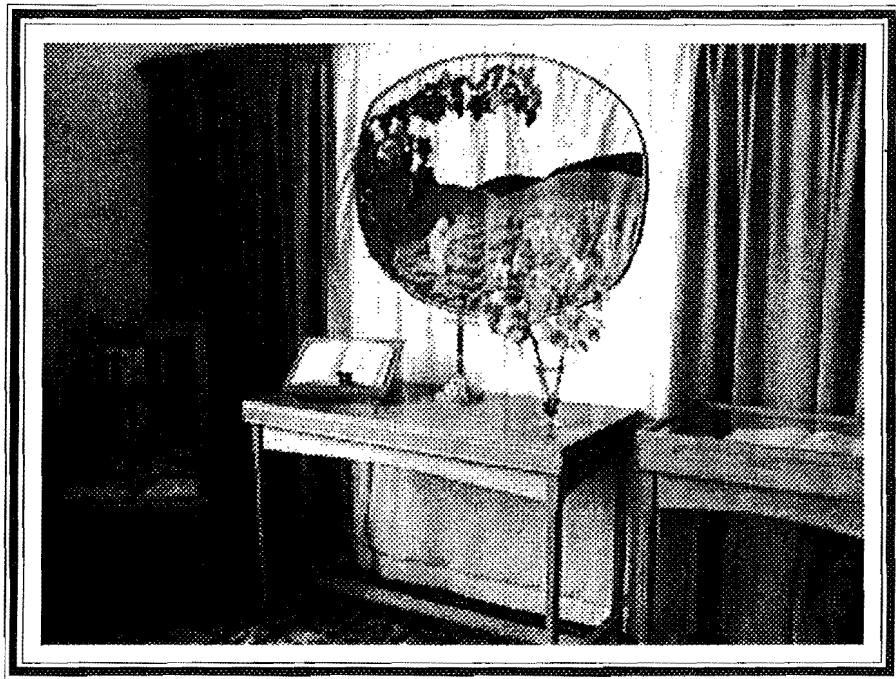
Looking ahead

11 January New Year Party



The Church Banners

by Caroline Hibbs



THE LITTLE CHAPEL

The Chapel backdrop was originally an idea from Peter Heckels. The Lord is the Vine and we are the branches, when I thought about the idea I felt we should be looking through a window with the downs in the background. The picture has both grapes and corn which is the basis of bread and wine our communion food. It was the only banner we have brought to the Church Meeting so that all who wished to were able to comment on its design.

A Quiz

A Brain Teaser

A few 'abbreviations' below just to get you thinking ! Solutions next month

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- 2 24HiaD
- 3 1953TQC
- 4 366DIALY
- 5 3PS
- 6 20FOiaP
- 7 MML&J
- 8 3FiaY
- 9 SWat7D
- 10 57HV
- 11 01903NDCfW
- 12 26LitA
- 13 1760YiaM
- 14 39BitOT
- 15 T10C
- 16 1,2,3,4,5 OICAFA
- 17 12liaF
- 18 90DiaRA
- 19 T39S
- 20 asits9
- 21 13iaBD
- 22 1000giak
- 23 5280FiaM
- 24 10PB
- 25 27BitNT

Walk Peninsular Isle of Grain, Kent 14 - 22 September

by Ron Flashman

Saturday 14th We left Worthing at 7.45 am and arrived at Stoke, a few miles north of Rochester for registration at 10.00, followed at 11.45 by a short sending out service. We were then driven most of the way to Cliffe Woods walking only the last 4 miles. (usually we walk a long distance with full pack of about 30lbs) The rest of the afternoon was spent getting to know each other, and in the evening we were invited to a curry supper with a group of Christians and non Christians. Some good conversations were entered into.

Sunday 15th We started our day at 6.00 am for our own private devotions. After breakfast we had time together for prayer and Bible study, followed by the morning service. My part in this was to give my testimony. The service finished at about 12.30. The afternoon, free, was enjoyed by playing games with local children in the park, followed by dinner in local members houses.

Monday 16th We took assembly in the local primary school and were given a good reception. Some of the children wanted to talk but they were moved off to their next lesson. This was followed by calling doors in the village. We were generally well received and gained a great deal of blessing from it. In the evening we had an evangelistic meeting and fireworks in the primary school grounds. A local Christian band played, and a talk given by our chief evangelist Rev Daniel Cozens, which was well received.

Tuesday 17th Today was spent on more house calls again was well received and had many blessings. In the evening myself and three others stayed at the church for a drama by the young people. Unfortunately it was poorly attended.

Wednesday 18th Our last morning at the Emmanuel Christian Centre. We did not do any mission work as such, but we had a de-briefing session with the church elders. After lunch we moved from Cliffe Woods to Cliffe, had lunch at the Rectory, met the new team members and spent the afternoon getting to know each other and planning our programme. I visited the local Cub Pack and led prayers.

The Local Church and Mission

Thursday 19th Most of the day spent door knocking. Again a good reception. Had lunch with local pensioners again good reception. Supper today I was with the church bell ringers.

Friday 20th Again started day with prayer at 6.00 am. After our Team time and breakfast we were out again knocking on the doors for the duration of the morning. After lunch we had games on the green with two classes from a local primary school including about 20 children from Chernobyl in Russia. The children mixed well despite not being able to speak each others language. In the evening I went with two others to the Scouts where I gave a talk and testimony which finished about 8.30 pm

Saturday 21st Started the day with prayer breakfast followed by more house calls. After lunch I took time off from calls to prepare for next day's Bible study. This was followed by the village annual wheelbarrow race and a 'night of colour' with Daniel where he spoke about is painting and gave his own testimony. He said that before becoming ordained into the ministry, he was a professional artist. He does these night colours on a regular basis all over the country.

Sunday 22nd The last day of our 'walk', and all feeling the strain, as most of the days had been very long. After Bible study and prayer we took part in the local church service, St. Helen's in Cliffe. Daniel was the preacher. The service of Communion was followed by the healing service of prayer which I took part in. After the Service we were joined by the other teams and all enjoyed a barbeque. A decommissioning service then took place on the local green outside the church. We left the Peninsular at about 3.30 pm and most of us feeling pretty completely exhausted !.

Smiling is infectious, you can catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed the corner, and someone saw my smiling grin, when he smiled, I realised, I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile, and then realised its worth, a single smile like mine, could travel round the earth. If you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

Anon

Sussex West District Report

by Desmond Curry, District Secretary

URC Sussex West District Council met on 10 October at Shelley Rd Worthing URC and for the first time ALL 23 churches were represented. The key points were:

A One-Day Conference on Saturday 25 January to study remits from General Assembly. Wide representation from local churches expected. Numbers to be notified to the Secretary by 1st December to arrange catering.

Churches Together in Sussex is holding its **Forum** on 16 November in Crawley: 10a.m. until 4p.m. Theme *God's Creation and Us* space limited: advance reservations to Ian Chisnall 07976 811654 or ianpchisnall@aol.com

Regional Government Local Churches are represented by the Synod, which is a member of **South East England Faith Forum**, and the District is a member of RAISE, which is the umbrella body for voluntary & community organisations in the region. The RAISE Newsletter comes out monthly and can be forwarded by e-mail on request to the Secretary.

19 October at Goring. Workshop for Leaders of Young People.

All are invited to share in a **Day of Prayer and Fasting**
6th-7th November : details from Graeme Allan or Charles Martin

Women's World Day of Prayer 2003 A preparatory meeting in Horsham on 22 October; details from Sylvia Parkington, 01903 772740

100 years of the Gospel

The CWM-member United Church in Solomon Islands marked 100 years of the good news of Christ in its area with a week of celebrations in May. Celebrating God's Love was the theme for the week-long event, which commemorated the arrival of Australian Methodists in the western part of the country, where the church is based. The festivities began with the opening of a centenary building in Munda.

Solomon Islands prime minister Sir Allan Kemakeza made his first official journey outside Honiara to attend the celebrations.

"The United Church has sustained our human and spiritual resources, especially during times of conflict and disaster," he said.

The country is in turmoil following violent ethnic tension in June 2000.

The economy, law and order have broken down because the government has no money to pay state workers such as teachers and the police.

Converting the Chinese

A Congregational church in New Zealand is bringing Chinese people to Christ through teaching English via the Alpha course on Christianity.

Three Kings Congregational Church, Auckland, which is part of the CWM- member Congregational Union of New Zealand, started the course in 2000 under the guidance of church member John Eccles.

Having completed a programme to teach English as a missionary to Japan, Eccles used his skills to redesign the Alpha course after his trip to Japan fell through. Eccles said: "Fifty thousand people come to New Zealand each year, mainly from Asia. They want to study English, so we offer this to them and teach them about Christianity at the same time."

The course has 40 students, a fifth of which may become Christians.

Most are well educated, often doctors or accountants. Yet the course has to teach Christianity from scratch, Eccles said. "The Chinese are atheists. They've been taught there is no God."

Alpha is a popular course teaching the basics of Christianity in 15 sessions. It was started by the Anglican Holy Trinity Brompton church in London, UK.

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Overseas Mission

Mrs Georgina Gyan-Nkrumah

The Rev Samuel Gyan-Nkrumah is pastor of Ehiamenkyene Presbyterian Church in Eastern Ghana. He has been in touch with many folk in our Church over many years. Very recently Bob and Monica Leal received a letter dated 2 October containing some very sad news, this is an extract :-

“WITH DEEP SORROW I WRITE TO INFORM YOU THAT MY DEAR WIFE MRS GEORGINA GYAN-NKRUMAH IS DEAD – SHE DIED SORROWFULLY ON 25-9-02 WEDNESDAY AT AROUND ONE O’CLOCK TIME. SHE HAS SINCE BEEN KEPT AT KIBI HOSPITAL MORTUARY – SHE WAS FIRST SENT TO TAFO FOR ONE WEEK – BECAUSE THE MACHINE WAS NOT IN GOOD ORDER I REMOVED HER FROM THERE TO KIBI. SHE WILL BE AT THE MORTUARY FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS EXCLUDING THE ONE WEEK SPENT AT TAFO – I HAVE TO PAY OVER ONE MILLION CEDIS ON THE MORTUARY – THE BODY WOULD BE REMOVED FROM KIBI MORTUARY ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2002 THE BURIAL ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2002 – HER MEMORIAL SERVICE WOULD BE ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2002 – EVERY EXPENSES WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED ON THE FUNERALS WOULD BE BORNE BY ME ALONE – BECAUSE I HAVE MARRIED HER ON HOLY MATRIMONY – ALL SHE HAS IS FOR ME AND OUR CHILDREN AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS FOR HER AND THE CHILDREN. PS/WHEN SHE WOULD BE LAID IN STATE I WOULD TRY TO SEND YOU PICTURES ON HER – GOD BLESS YOU ALL”

The World Church and Mission Group decided that members of our Church and Congregation would like to be given the opportunity to contribute urgently to a personal gift for Samuel, so a retiring collection was organised on two Sundays. We give thanks to God and your generosity that we collected a total of £174.75.

We were able to send a Bank Transfer to Samuel on Monday 21st October amounting to US\$ 270 which will convert to well over 2 million Cedis.

World Church and Mission Group

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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The Rev. Canon ... Church of ... over many years ... October ...

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Sunday Services

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



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**** Insert: Ruth Chatfield's Newsletter from The Congo**



from the Manse . . . Rev Norman Croft



Dear Friends

Welcome to Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas.

Advent, a time when we are reminded of God's promise that in David's town the Saviour of the world will be born.

Advent, a time when we dust off last year's Christmas card list and see whom we can remove.

Advent, a time when you realise you should have sent Aunt Peggy a card after all!

Advent, a time when we consider anew the Christmas story, and its message for us today.

So let us do just that and have a quick look at St. Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. (Luke chapter 2 v 1 -20)

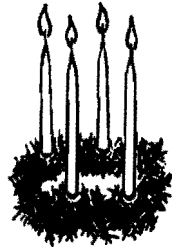
Here Luke deliberately sets Jesus' birth in the historical context of a world where Caesar Augustus was the Roman ruler. Not only did Augustus style himself as 'son of god' but he proclaimed that he was lord of the world, and to be worshipped as a god. Therefore with the birth of this Jesus the stage is set for the inevitable confrontation between God's Kingdom, with its apparent weakness and vulnerability and the world's greatest empire.

And this vulnerability was given a further boost by the place chosen by God for the birth of His Son. Luke tells us that on finding no room in the inn Mary gave birth to her baby in a stable, which in those days probably formed the ground floor of a house where the residents lived on the floor above.

Maybe this was a deliberate move by God to remind us for all time that He is always with us especially in the mess and muddle of real life.

So welcome to Advent, a time when you have to choose whom you will worship this Christmas! Will it be the gods of the Roman world, or the baby who was born to be Saviour of the world?

Norman





Pastoral Matters

Les and Beryl Richardson wish to thank everybody for their kind thoughts, telephone calls and prayers which are much appreciated at this time.

Many thanks to the elders and fellow church members for your kind thoughts during this difficult time resulting from the illness of our daughter Valerie. Your prayers at this time are valued very much. May we also thank you for the lovely flowers which we received on Monday 4th November.

Ken & Vera Irving

Thank you to all those who sent cards, left telephone messages and for the lovely arrangement of flowers brought to me by Carol during my indisposition. In a world of such pain and stress it is wonderful to think that there are kind and caring people. *Joan Burrage*

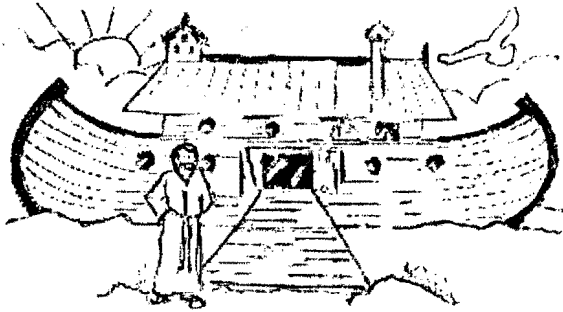
The Message of The Christmas Bells

“Hallelujah” pealed the bells,
 “A Son is born” they sang with joy,
 From Cathedral spires to village towers
 So all could hear- “A new born boy”.
 “Come to Church” then pealed the bells,
 “Rejoice at the new born Saviour’s birth”,
 And young and old folk hurried along,
 Children danced and skipped with mirth.
 Inside the church the bells were quieter,
 All humbly prayed, their homage to bring,
 “Come to the manger, kneel and adore Him,
 O worship the Lord, tell the world He is King”.

Eileen Rhodes



The Ark



Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your enquiries, thank you for your support. The Ark has been busy!

Have you seen the picture in the Church Hall "God Made.. e v e r y t h i n g"? (see opposite page). It is a collage put together by parents, carers, helpers and children as we have explored the things that God has made. It was put together over the first half of the autumn term.

We have enjoyed the company of 17 adults who have brought the children in their care to The Ark since September, but we have an average attendance of only six or seven each week. Some have only been once, others are coming more regularly which is very encouraging.

Each morning we begin to gather from 9.00 am and soon get down to conversation and play (the toy cupboard is very well stocked). At about 10.00 o'clock the kettles are on for drinks and biscuits. The colouring modelling and craft activities continue throughout, and at about 10.40 am we tidy up ready for a story and some singing, sometimes accompanied by musical instruments. Every morning **MUST** end with the song "The wheels on the bus go round and round..." which has remained top of The Ark charts for many years!

Please continue to keep The Ark in your prayers.

Hilary Redman



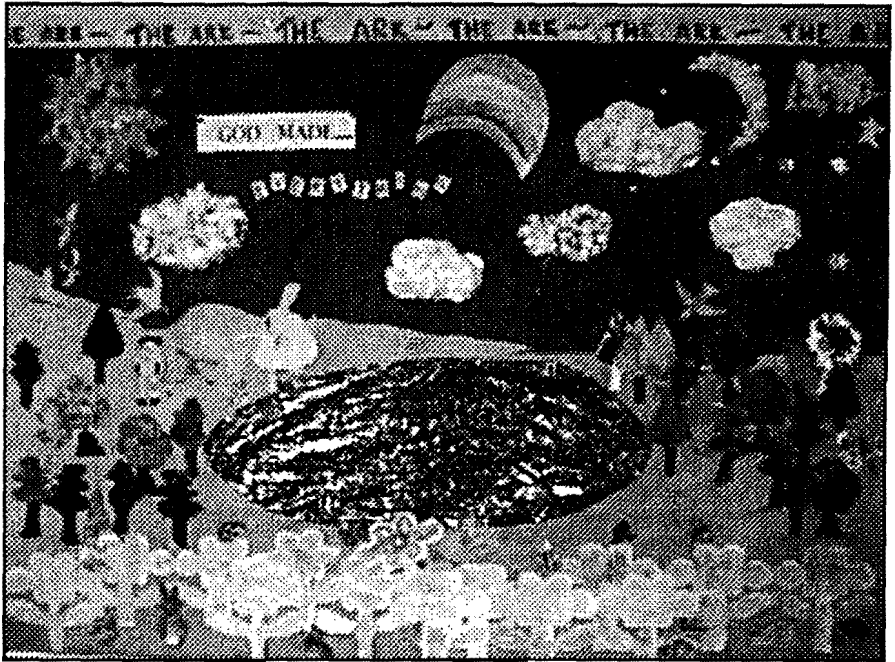
Handbook

The 2002/2003 Hand Book will be available soon - look out for it on the table at the back of the church in due course!

There will be some changes to the new edition:- notably the number of elders engaged in Pastoral Care. Please look carefully at the listings and note the name of your Pastoral elder. This is the person with whom you can make contact should you need any help and who will keep in touch with you during the course of the coming year. Please tell them if you would like them to visit you, and if you would like them to share your news with the elders or church meeting. They will also pray with or for you and if you would like Holy Communion in your home they will arrange this with one of the Team Ministers.

James Ch 5 v 13 - 16

Hilary Redman





Tuesday Fellowship

"Recent Meetings"

Tuesday, 22 October, 2002

We were all very pleased to welcome the Rev. Jenny Martin from Sompting to our service. We were also delighted that so many visitors from neighbouring churches were able to join us. This was especially the case in view of the excellent talk which Jenny gave us.

Having distributed little sparrow prints for us to ponder over, she started by reminding us of God's infinite love and care for each one of us, just as the Bible reminds us, He cares for tiny sparrows and even the hairs on our heads are numbered. Jenny went on to give us a fresh insight into the story of creation as depicted in the book of Genesis. Had we realised that God's design and creation of the universe could have taken, not days but years in eternal terms?

We all went home with food for thought having partaken of delicious food provided by our committee in the lovely tea which they had prepared. We look forward to our Christmas activities and hope that many more friends from the congregation and the neighbourhood will be able to join us for these and further meetings in the new year. With Christmas greetings and with love,

Barbara Popplestone

5th November 2002

How can I put into a few lines the wonderful afternoon we had when Mr Alan Readman, the West Sussex Archive Officer, came to our Fellowship - I cannot!!

The West Sussex Record Office in Chichester holds twenty five miles of archives covering one thousand and two hundred years of the County's history.

We had an afternoon of film snippets taken around our Area of West Sussex.



We visited Shoreham, where there was once a thriving film industry, and we saw comedies and dramas which has been filmed there. Just snippets - we would have loved to have seen more of the films! Then came films of Brighton, Lancing our own town Ferring, Littlehampton, Goodwood and Chichester, such interesting films of yesteryear.

It is difficult to pick out the highlights but here are a few - a rescue from the sea at Brighton. Ferring in the 1930s with the old deckchair attendant, we were surprised to see the number of people on the beaches and the number of vehicles travelling along the fronts - bicycles motorcycles and old cars almost like the traffic we see each day but a different type of car! We travelled with the pleasure steamer, the Brighton Belle, one of the Armada of ships used in the evacuation of our troupes from Dunkirk. We saw flying displays of Alan Cobham - how many remember those days of early flying?!

All these films are on videos - silent pictures of course. One very interesting film was of Knowll School, Shoreham, taken during the war. When the siren sounded each class was alerted by a youngster blowing a whistle at the door of each room, then it was down with the pencils, on with the gas masks and when the masks were on work was as usual.

The finale was an advert for Shiphams which was, apparently, made in Chichester, it was in the form of a comic opera with a background music of the operas which we see today.

In her vote of thanks our President expressed our appreciation to Mr Readman for the fascinating afternoon he had given us.

The fellowship have two more meetings before Christmas:-

3rd December - WSTWG Choir and

17th December - Christmas service.

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

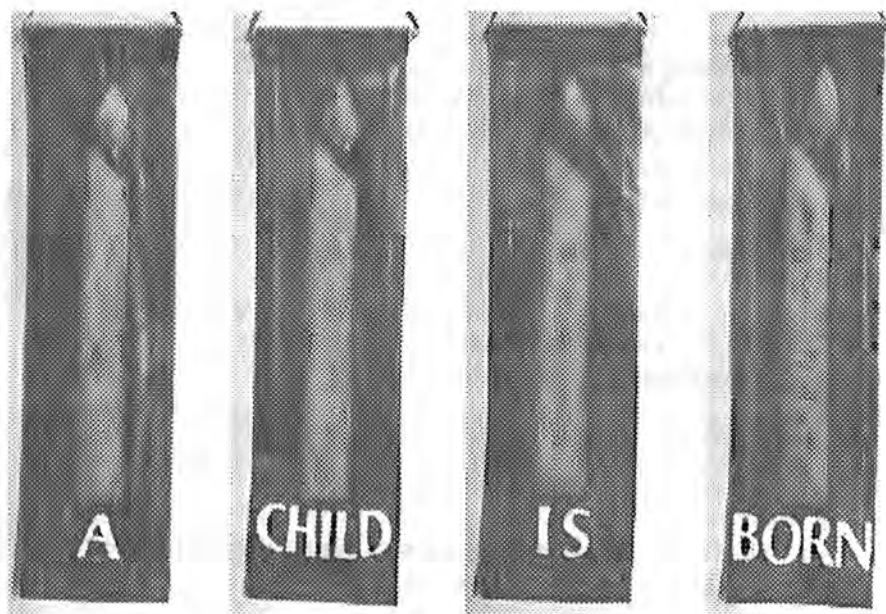
We commence 2003 with a New Year party on 7th January. A happy and blessed Christmas to all our readers!

Joan Burrage



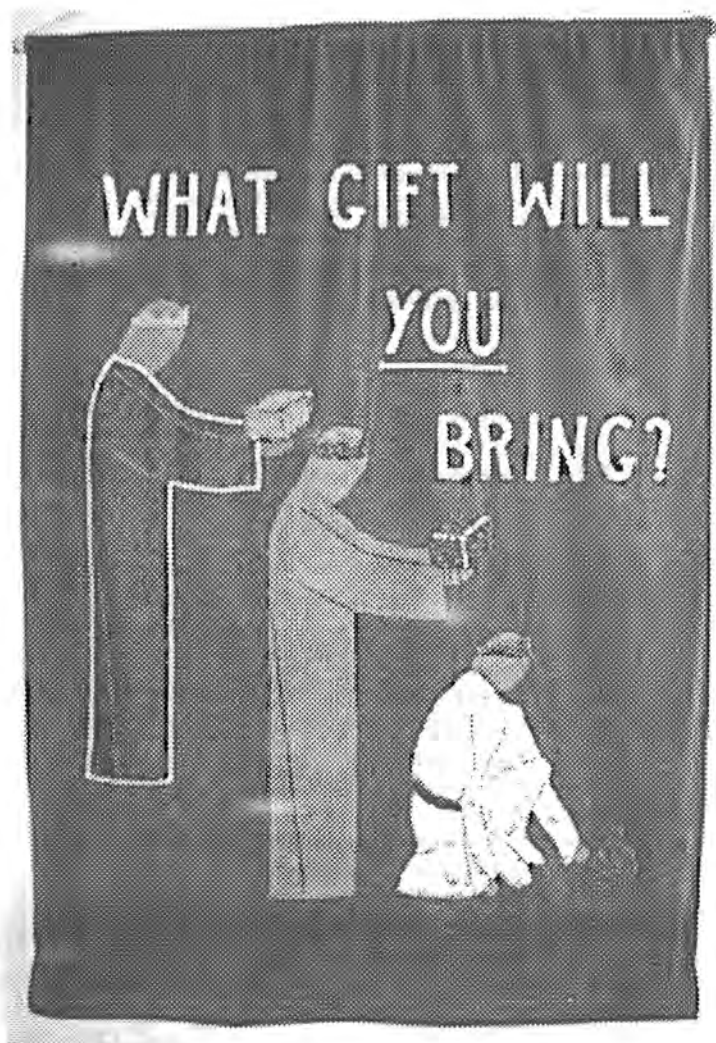
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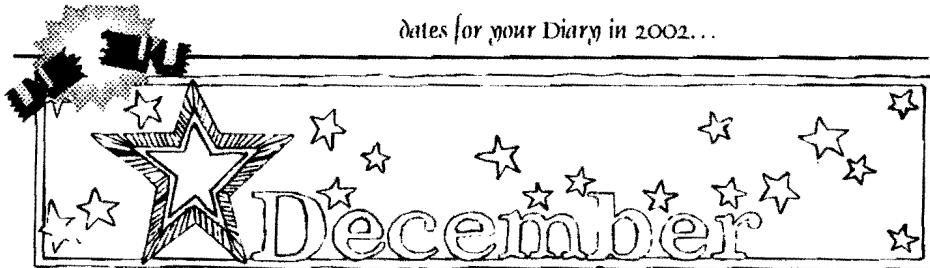


When it came to the Christmas banners, we were inspired to do Advent candles too. So we really worked hard to get them all done in time. In fact when the first Advent one went up we had not finished the next! As with most of them, the designing was the hardest part, but we hope we covered all parts of Christmas. The facts and the challenge.

May I wish you a very happy Christmas and may the Lord add His blessing to our fellowship. Amen.



dates for your Diary in 2002...

**Bible Society Sunday & World Aids Day**

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

Tue 3 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship. "West Sussex Towns Women's Choir
 Christmas Concert"

Thur 5 9-12 & 12-4 Day of Prayer
 9.00am The Ark



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Toy & Gift Family Service
 6.00pm Evening Worship

Tue 10 1.00pm Inland Revenue Carol Service

Sat 14 12.30pm for Christmas Lunch
 1.00pm



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

Tue 17 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship. "Christmas Service"
 7.30pm Durrington High School Carols



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Carol Service
 3.00pm Holy Communion
 6.00pm Evening Worship

Tue 24 5.30pm Nativity Service

Christmas Day 10.30am Family Worship



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
 10.30am Morning Worship
 6.00pm Evening Worship

Preliminary dates for your Diary in 2003 ..



Thurs 2 9-12 & 2-4 New Year's Day of Prayer



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

Tue 7 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship. New Year Party

Thur 9 7.30pm Elders' Meeting

Sat 11 7.00pm—
9.30pm New Year Party



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

12th - Last day
for February
Chronicle material

Thu 16 7.30pm District Council Meeting at Goring URC



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

Tue 21 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship: Acorn talks with slides, Mr Steve Harris

Sat 25 10.00am-
4.30pm Day Conference: Lomas House or Brighthelm



8.00am Early Morning Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

February



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

Tue 4 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship: South Downs Video Club

Thur 6 9-12 & 2-4 Day of Prayer



The Southern Synod Youth & Children's Work Forum

Presents,
"Playing with Worship"

This was an event held at Orpington URC on Saturday 2nd November.

There were about 60 churches from the Synod represented by about 180 people. The day started at 10 am and was opened with a time of worship, led by our Moderator.

There was a choice of two workshops, "Godly Play" and "Refreshing Worship".

"Godly Play" was hosted by Sue Doggett, the Barnabas Commissioning Editor and Head of Children's Ministry at the Bible Reading Fellowship, (BRF).

"Refreshing Worship" was hosted by Brian Draper who works for the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, (LICC) he lectures Contemporary Culture.

Unfortunately we could only attend one of these. I chose the "Refreshing Worship", this was because at our District Training Day we had a similar presentation of "Godly Play" led by BRF's Lucy Moore only 2 weeks before.

The "workshop" session with Brian was more of a lecture but that is what

Brian is good at. He spoke about how he thinks that the formal Christian religion has been forsaken by people and churches have entered a seemingly terminal decline. WHY, he asked? He said that he sees that the role of the Church is to tell and tell rightly the stories of Jesus. He says that there are many people who are spiritual searchers and many who are seeking a way to connect their soul with the divine source of all life. To these people the Christian Church can seem like just another product on the spiritual market that people are able to pick and choose from.

"We need to be insecure!" allow people to try new things and that includes youth and children - young people don't block new ideas in the same way that adults can.

Brian got us to think about how it can seem strange to men out side of the church to see other men inside singing love songs to a man, who's name is Jesus, even more so now-a-days.

He said that it's not about "jazzing" things up, it's easy to start new institutions this way, but we need to find new ways of going deeper with God.

Brian shared with us the different things that they have tried at LICC, their service "Labyrinth" using visual



aids, candles and music to create a pleasant atmosphere in which all five senses are used during worship. He said that it is important that people shouldn't have to participate in everything if it is not their desire to do so. Also meeting at other places outside the church to do secular things so that people don't become one person with the people in church and another outside, for example, more human in church, more Christian in the community.

Jesus used parables to teach, we should do the same, leave endings

open for people to make their own decisions.

After the workshops the two groups convened and a rep. from each session shared some of what they had learnt with the whole group. The children were also able to share their mornings activities with the adults, taking turns at the "open mic" to say what their ideal church would be like, (very interesting!).

The morning closed with a two course hot meal.

Paul Redman

Report from Southern Synod at Hove Central URC

October 12th 2002

The main theme of the day was 'Stewardship'. Rev Peter McIntosh led the Bible study on Genesis 1 v1 to Revelation 22 v21 emphasizing the relevance of God's Word to His people today.

The day covered many subjects including presentations of —

- the New Growth Fund for Gospel linked projects
- the financial situation
- strategic ministry especially the work of Rev. Peter Southcombe - Regeneration Officer
- Cell Church, Rev. Alan Walton
- Racial Justice - each of the seven

Districts of the Southern Province should have its own Racial Advocate, a work which is "a matter for the heart not of the head"

- Youth & children's work - only 116 of 170 churches have a Youth Elder. There is a meeting for Youth Elders on 8th February 2003. St Andrews is developing a Pilots Scheme
- World-wide Aids day 1st December
- The Conference of the Churches of Christ is to be held in Brighton 2004. It was therefore decided to plan the next Provincial Day for 2005
- Methodist/Anglican Covenant
- Team Ministry in Worthing and in Brighton



Christmas Letter from The Moderator

Dear Friends,

"A Paradox, a paradox, a most generous paradox" - WS Gilbert

Isn't life a paradox? Two things illustrate that even as I sit writing to you. Yesterday I was in a glorious garden. It was full of country flowers. Most abundant were the Cosmos in every tint of pink imaginable. As I admired them a wasp sneaked up and stung me. This morning I have a seriously swollen left hand waiting for antihistamine tablets to take effect. The paradox of beauty hiding danger!

And here's another. Today is 11th September — the world is recalling the loss of thousands of lives when New York's Twin Towers were destroyed by suicide bombers. Yet we are also giving thanks for the remarkable rescuers and carers who laboured long and hard to bring succour. The paradox of what Rowan Williams calls "religious hatred redeemed by secular love".

Christmas-time is a paradox as well. I have so often been aware of how our festivities, brash and compulsorily jolly, unwittingly stir up the renewal of sorrow in so many an aching heart — a paradox. Then there is the over-lavish gifts bought to bring happiness, but at such cost that there follow months of debt and anxiety — a paradox. And what about those toy weapons given to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace? — a paradox.



Not that any of these paradoxes are surprising.

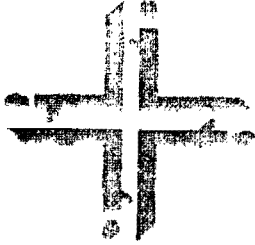
The whole idea behind Christmas is a paradox. We celebrate God coming to us in Jesus Christ — the Word made flesh. We marvel at the realization that “love came down at Christmas”. And we join with the angels in singing “Glory to the new born King”. Yet in a sense the incarnation was anything but glorious. It was about God emptying himself of everything that set him apart from us so that in his humility and humanity he could be utterly at one with us. It is not that this self-emptying somehow waters down who God is, limits his majesty. No. For me, Jesus’ revelation of an utterly self-giving God was the truest, fullest revelation of God that could be given. Sacrifice and loving to the uttermost are at the heart of what I believe God is, so Jesus, in the crude cradle and on the cruel cross, paints the most complete picture possible of a God whose supreme greatness is in his self-giving — a paradox.

I think that we find here a key to how the Church should be the Church. It, too, has got to be something of a paradox. Even as we pray and work for Church growth, for the building-up of the body of Christ, we need to take seriously the idea, suggested by a self-emptying Christ, that we will be built-up and effective when we are self-emptying: on the edge as servants of the poor rather than at the centre as cohorts of the powerful; more concerned for the healing of society than for the security of the Church; more ready to take Christ to the world than to bring the world into the Church. It’s a paradox, but I think it’s the way of being Church which is modelled for us in the way that Jesus was God.

“Mild he lays his glory by, born that Man for man might die”. That’s the real paradox of Christmas. May yours be merry and rich in many things, but let’s allow it also to model for us the best way to be the Church which, like Jesus, will find its real majesty in meekness.

Bethan and Jessica, from the Manse, and Christine, Glenys, Janette and Norman from the office, join me in sending Christian greetings to you all and thanking you for your friendship throughout 2002.

Nigel Uden



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 7 March 2003

In October I had the pleasure of attending the Preparation Conference for the 2003 service. About 100 ladies from West Sussex gathered in the comfortable Salvation Centre in Horsham to learn more about the service, which has been prepared by the women of Lebanon, with the theme "HOLY SPIRIT, FILL US".

Lebanon is one of the smallest countries in the Middle East, less than half the size of Wales, with a population of 3.4 million, and with Christians forming about 32%. Because of its strategic position, Lebanon has always been at the centre of world events. Much of the country still bears the scars of recent civil war, and its shattered economy is not yet rebuilt.

As the day progressed we saw slides of Lebanon, listened to Bible Study given by Mrs Kay McIntosh, and joined in the hymns for the service led by Mrs Elsie Flack. The conference ended with worship and drama taken from the service. Despite all that has happened in Lebanon the Christians held on to their faith, and we are urged to take up the cry of "HOLY SPIRIT, FILL US". We are encouraged to reach out to God for His enabling power in all circumstances.

Women, men, children and young people from many different backgrounds and in more than 180 countries (there are 3,300 branches of the Women's World Day of Prayer in the UK) will be celebrating this Day of Prayer on Friday, 7th March 2003.

Please make a note of the date - this service will be held at our Church at 3 pm, and the speaker will be Mrs Sylvia Parkington, our Area Link with WWDP.

Eileen Rhodes



Action for Dysphasic Adults

It is such a long time since I wrote in The CHRONICLE about Action for Dysphasic Adults, ADA, so here is an update of our activities.

We are still meeting regularly on our usual 4th Wednesday when a good time is had by members, carers and volunteers alike.

We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary at our December meeting (on the 11th). A great occasion as we will be welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr & Mrs Eric Mardell to join us, also our Patron Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo KCB with his daughter Brooke Quinteros, our original Speech and Language Therapist who was also the instigator of the ADA Worthing Group, as well as the many other friends who have been connected

with us throughout the years. Since I last wrote, we've had a few changes - Dysphasia-the condition of loss of speech and language is now known as Aphasia, which takes a lot of getting used to, and the organization as a whole is known as SPEAKABILITY, but we keep to ADA the title we are happy with.

In January we will be having our New Year luncheon, an event we all enjoy. This time it is to be at the Windsor Carvery, a super venue. On a personal note I feel very privileged to have been connected with ADA Worthing since its inception and I pray that the work done on behalf of Aphasic patients will carry on for many years to come.

Doreen Norris

CHRISTMAS

C is for carols we all love to sing
 H "Hallelujah" our praises we bring
 R is red berries on holly so gay
 I is the infant born today
 S for the star which shone brightly that night
 T for the tree with its candles so bright
 M is for Mary the mother of God
 A is the angels who sang "Praise the Lord"
 S is this story - all true, every word

Eileen Rhodes



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Rev. Peter McIntosh (Director)

Worthing Area



Worthing Bible Society Action Group

**Autumn Meeting and AGM - Holy Trinity Church Hall
29th October 2002**

A number of supporters and friends from various churches met to enjoy this event. Canon Muriel Pargeter welcomed us then opened the meeting with devotions and introduced our speaker, Miss Olive McCarten - who is the B.S. Representative for Sussex. With the help of slides, Miss McCarten spoke of the worldwide ministry of the B.S., which is changing hearts and lives overseas, and here in Britain too. There is a great indifference to the Gospel in our country - and we need a healing in our society. It is felt that the challenge for future is on video work and literature, to present the Gospel by modern means to make it more acceptable.

We then went off on a World Tour, touching upon some wider aspects of the work of the B.S.

- There is a great hunger for the word of God in China and the Amity press continues to print copies of Scripture.
- In India there are 2.4 million Christians. Though there is persecution, Bible House is very active. There is a work aimed at "the untouchables" - a literacy programme which helps the desperately poor to find work. The general Hindu population is not happy with this change in the

system however.

- In Ghana the ambition of so many is to own a Bible in their mother tongue. With so many dialects there are tremendous problems with the translation process.
- In KazaKhstan there is a work among orphans and Bibles are received with joy.
- There is a school for blind boys in Nigeria where Braille is taught and Braille Bibles are available. Jesus is bringing light into a dark world.

The work in various forms is proceeding in all areas of the world, even in the so-called hot-spots. Your prayerful and practical support is vital.

A short AGM followed Miss McCarten's talk. We learned that giving from the Worthing area in 2000 amounted to £23,565.00 and from 1st January 2001 to 31st March 2002, £21,410.00. Fellowship was then enjoyed at the stalls and over a light lunch.

Please note that envelopes for your gifts will be available in the Church for the work of the Bible Society on 1st December. Please give generously and be assured that your gift will be very much appreciated.

The latest magazine is available on the table at the back of the Church

Margaret Butcher



Solutions to last month's Brain Teaser

1	4&20BBiaP	4 & 20 Blackbirds Baked in a Pie
2	24HiaD	24 Hours in a Day
3	1953TQC	1953 The Queen's Coronation
4	366DIALY	366 Days In A Leap Year
5	3PS	3 Piece Suite
6	20FOiaP	20 Fluid Ounces in a Pint
7	MML&J	Matthew Mark Luke and John
8	3FiaY	3 Feet in a Yard
9	SWat7D	Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs
10	57HV	57 Heinz Varieties
11	01903NDCiW	01903 National Dialing Code for Worthing
12	26LitA	26 Letters in the Alphabet
13	1760YiaM	1760 Yards in a Mile
14	39BitOT	39 Books in the Old Testament
15	T10C	The 10 Commandments
16	1,2,3,4,5. OICafa	1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive
17	12liaF	12 Inches in a Foot
18	90DiaRA	90 Degrees in a Right Angle
19	T39S	The 39 Steps
20	asits9	a stitch in time saves nine
21	13iaBD	13 in a Baker's Dozen
22	1000giak	1000gms in a kilogram
23	5280FiaM	5280 Feet in a Mile
24	10PB	10 Pin Bowling
25	27BitNT	27 Books in the New Testament

Weekday Activities

Tuesday Fellowship	Alternate Tuesday Afternoons
The Ark for Carers & Toddlers	Thursday Mornings. School Term times
Prayer & Praise	Alternate Thursday Afternoons
Kestro (Stroke Club)	Friday Afternoons
Choir Practice	Friday Evenings
Little Fishes Play Group	Monday-Friday school term times
Bible Study Groups	Various times & days

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