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## EDITORIAL

As the New Year begins, we, who work on the Church Magazine, The Chronicle, would like to thank our team of helpers including Wilma Smith, who now helps with the typing, and Ernest Munday, our Treasurer, for all their support during the past year.

We at 56 Bolsover Road spend a good part of each month planning the next magazine and hoping that we can include the many contributions which you, our congregation and friends, give to us so regularly. Naturally, we sometimes have to say 'no', simply because of lack of space. We feel that 24 pages is quite enough for a monthly publication of this kind, and we hope you all agree.

While on the subject of contributions, we do realise that sometimes we print matter which is not to everybody's taste. This is something which is done deliberately, and not without a great deal of prayer. We sometimes have arguments taking place within the pages of the Chronicle, simply because we feel that you, the readers, should have this freedom - to express your feelings to your fellow readers - whether it be about the chanting of Psalms or the autonomy of the Elders!

As the year commences we are faced with many problems both locally and nationally. Let us approach them with Christian cheerfulness, and continue to use our magazine as a means of grace to those who are far away, house-bound or sick in heart or mind. This we can do with the help of The Lord Jesus Christ whom we seek to serve.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL,

BARBARA POPPLESTONE



## FROM THE VESTRY \_\_\_\_\_



It was Mr. SCROOGE'S comment about Christmas, and the ending of the old and coming in of the New Year, that came to mind.

"What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer; a time for balancing your books and having every item in 'em through a dozen round months presented dead against you?"

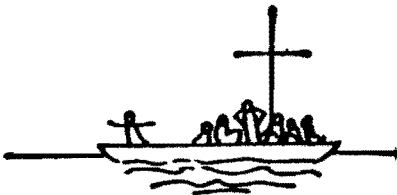
The unredeemed Scrooge is describing the state of unredeemed man within an unredeemed world and doing it very well. So well does he do it that a million lips will be saying much the same at the dawning of 1982.

It was the prophet Isaiah's word from God that spoke of a new way to the people "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye buy and eat ... without money and without price". The book of Revelation speaks: "And he that sitteth upon the throne said, Behold I make all things NEW!"

Those who enter the New Year possessed of the Redeemer's victory will be enriched by His Grace and their names will be written in the book of LIFE. They have already become younger, since they are children of the Cross ... and the New Year brings them nearer to the final victory of CHRIST.

In this spirit give each other a Happy New Year!

With every blessing,



*William Connelly.*

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

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We send love and blessings to all our friends in hospital and nursing homes.

STANLEY PIKE and MRS. A. GILMORE are in hospital. GORDON WRAIGHT and ROBERT PEPPERDINE have had 'significant' birthdays. God bless them and their wives. BILL SCUDDER is now in Holcombe House, Heene Road.

We are grateful to you for prayers for LILY SPARGO, whose progress is continuing. HARRY RUSHBY greets us from Yorkshire and copies of his gracious testimony are available in the Church Porch or from the Ministers.

## BAPTISM

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Suzanne Elaine WEBBER

13.12.81

## OBITUARY

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JOHN BEAMISH had served as a missionary within the Missions to Seamen. Coming to Goring with his wife, Vi, who died a little over a year ago, he had contributed in friendship, in his Chronicle articles and in his willingness to visit the sick and aged. The Church will be poorer without him, but how greatly we rejoice in his re-union with his loved ones in heaven.

W. CONNELLY

## IN MEMORIAM

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Bertha Mary HOPKINSON	16.11.81
Victor Charles KNIGHT	16.11.81
John BEAMISH	1.12.81

"In Heavenly Love abiding"



# AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK ---

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## AN ARUNDEL AUTHOR ---

Sad though it is to see the closure of the United Reformed Church in Arundel, it gives us the opportunity to recall something of the life and work of one of it's former ministers - Dr. George MacDonald - who was minister there from 1850-1853.

One of the distinguished writers of his time, his novel, "David Elginbrod" (1862) has been particularly influential, "Tapton" found his copy in a second-hand shop in Tarring Road for 20p, some indication of changing fashions!

Two hymns of this Christian poet and mystic are in Congregational Praise - 452 Our Father, hear our longing prayer - 599 O Lord of life, Thy quickening voice. You may like to give thanks to God for the life of his servant George MacDonald, when in the New Year we receive and dedicate for our use the Communion Plate, formerly in use at Arundel, and given to us in acknowledgment of our Lay Preachers' help to that Church. It was certainly used when Dr. MacDonald was minister there and on this occasion we shall sing the hymns he wrote, and give thanks for a gracious Servant of God.

TAPTON

DEAR TAPTON !

about chants and all that -----

In a recent issue Mr. Finlay was, I believe, speaking for the majority, in his dislike of trying to sing chants as a congregation, in this day and age. He quoted Lionel Dakers, who is Director of the Royal School of Church Music, and an Anglican, of course. Incidentally, I was recently shown an Anglican book of Psalms set to good singable tunes with regular metre and rhythm.

Although we did sing chants in my first church, which was Presbyterian, in all the Congregational churches I worshipped in, I don't remember ever having sung a chant. This applies to four other URC in this area and Methodist Churches which I have attended. By the way, all these churches including C of E have been using their new supplementary hymn books for many years. Goring URC is the only one which is so much out of date, although New Church Praise has occasionally been used in the evening.

Whenever I have suggested a change, I have usually been told that we have done it this way for 30 years and cannot change. To my surprise a recent correspondent in the Chronicle said, 50 years! Surely this is good enough reason, albeit not the only one, for something new.

Any young person coming into our church for the first time and hearing a lot of people trying to sing something like a calypso, all at once, must wonder what it is all about. If we must always have a Psalm, there are some very good metrical versions which everyone could sing cheerfully. But occasionally, when we have read aloud together, the words seem to have come more alive.

Tapton's observations and comments over the months, on hymns and their authors etc., have been most interesting. Could not the minister be asked to give a short introduction sometimes before we sing

one of these hymns. It may be better than our present deathly silence after a reading or sermon, hoping that the organist is still awake.

In closing may I repeat some words from a hymn in our own book, which I quoted in the Chronicle 5 years ago, when, alas in vain, I tried to arouse some interest in our New Church Praise.

"Lord God, by whom all change is wrought,  
By whom new things to birth are brought,  
In whom no change is known."

G.C. SHAVE

## WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES \_\_\_\_\_

What unites us all as Christians is so much more important than what divides us. What unites us is Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

1981 has been a great year of United Witness, Celebration, and Proclamation, throughout Sussex. We have celebrated the 1300th anniversary of the coming of Christianity to Sussex with St Wilfrid in AD. 681. We have celebrated and proclaimed the Good News of the coming of Jesus Christ into our hearts and minds, and His Message of God's love into our local community.

May God bless all our efforts that they may bear a rich harvest to His Glory. These events cannot be appraised on the day they happen, but only in the faith that God can use them to serve His ultimate plans for our lives and community.

Our President during the past year has been the Rev. T. Cawthera (Goring Methodist Church), an office which he has filled with ability and grace. Our new President for 1982 will be Canon W. Filby (Broadwater Parish Church). We look forward to his leadership, which has been self-evident during the past year of celebration.

The Council has also played it's full part in trying to counter the opening of a sex shop in Worthing. This has been done by vigorous protest to the local Council, and to the Press. We have also sent a strong deputation to Terence Higgins MP. seeking the promotion of legislation through Parliament, to control the Law regarding 'change of use' of premises. The present Law is the chief 'stumbling block' to all our efforts. Our protest and request has been passed on to the Environment Secretary. We await results.

The Council is very deeply concerned about the unemployed, and is seeking ways in which we may be able to help with the many problems involved.

N.B. Please note that our Annual United Service will take place on Wednesday January 20th at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church. The new President, Canon Filby, will be inducted. The Preacher will be Canon R. Greenacre, Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral. Every Church within the Council should be well represented. We hope that a good contingent from our Church will unite in Praise and Thanksgiving for our Work and Witness in this town and district. Please give us all the support you can both in Prayer and presence.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON.

## A LETTER FROM HARRY

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Dear Bill, Dear Ron, Dear friends,

I have just this morning received my copy of our Chronicle, for which I must give thanks. It is full of the Love of Christmas and my eyes have been filled and my heart overflowing with love to you all: children, young people, ministers, middle-aged and old in years. I miss you all so, and my heart aches that I cannot be among you. Yes, I can still feel your welcoming smiles, your embraces, your handclaps and your prayers. As I read of all your activities, the love of all your departments, the fulfilling of the commands of our Lord Jesus, our Saviour, how I miss you all. There is hardly a day when I do not have a blessing from

one of you to give thanks for. I keep you all in my prayers. Each Sunday too, I am given love among the children of Langcliffe Methodist Sunday School. I am lonely at times, but I find these villages quiet, peaceful, kind and full of love in many ways - from the children who just say "Hello, Harry", from the villagers of Stainforth, Langcliffe and of Horton, with a firm handclasp, I have a feeling of peace and blessing as I kneel in the beautiful little church opposite my window to give thanks and to receive Communion each Sunday. I am surely given peace which passes all understanding. Yes, when we only ask in love, we receive more than we can ever give, for our Lord is merciful and gracious.

From my window, as I awake each morning in my bed, I look up to the hills and see their beauty, the clouds with their breaks for light and sunshine, and sometimes covered in the mists that do break to give way to sunshine, and I can remember Psalm 121 and feel the help which cometh from them and I can remember my Psalms 71, 103 and 118 and then praise the Lord with all my strength and with all my being. I read this morning in my "Daily Light" what is so surely true "In my weakness I am strong", for my Lord Jesus gives me of His strength and as Bill's card tells me, I pray just for this day.

This is a time of LOVE. MY love surrounds you all and brings its peace, for Love came down at Christmas. Bless you all each one young and old, for I remember you all with Blessings, Peace and Love and Grace,

and the greatest is love,  
just

HARRY

P.S. Robin told me on her birthday of the passing of John Beamish into our Father's Kingdom. Here is Love Glorified, and we shall meet again in our love. Praise be for John.



Peace on Earth



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"TOWARDS VISIBLE UNITY: PROPOSALS FOR A COVENANT"

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A number of questions have been raised by the proposals for a Covenant between the Anglican Church, The Methodist Church, and our own United Reformed Church. The U.R.C. was the initiator of the discussions. The West Sussex District Council and the Southern Province Synod have endorsed the going forward with the proposals. At both the Council and the Synod, strong points were made both for and against. At the Synod by special invitation the Archdeacon of Rochester (Ven. D.G. Palmer) prefaced the Debate and made three important points:

1. The approach to Covenanting must be made in love and trust.
2. The other churches need the U.R.C. to share in the work of ecumenical projects and to proclaim Christ.
3. There is a need to dispel our particular fears; among them Women Priests (the Anglicans) and Bishops (the Free Churchmen).

By special invitation the Rev. Caryl Micklem put forward the views of the "Alternative Response Group". While I respect the views expressed there does seem to me to be a real danger of fighting the battles of yesterday, and not facing sufficiently the situation and opportunities of today.

One minister reminded us that the objective is "that the world might believe". Is the price too high? Christ was crucified. While the Rev. John Weller reminded us that Mission is essential, division is painful.

Synod took a vote with the result in favour 158  
(67.23%)

Against 77 (32.8%) with 7 members not voting.

This important matter has also been on our Church Meeting Agenda for several months, and has received prayerful consideration. Some of our members see in the proposed Covenant a way forward towards Visible Unity and more effective ecumenical endeavour. Others of our members do not see any necessity for such a Covenant which they feel will be divisive in its effect. Some are of the opinion that the co-operation which

already exists among the Goring churches (including the local Roman Catholic Church) is sufficient. Some of our members are doubtful about the wisdom of the acceptance of episcopacy in any form.

Although views have been well expressed by our members, it has not been possible to arrive at any decisive conclusion for or against the proposed Covenant. Any vote taken would not have reflected the views of the whole membership, and therefore no vote has been taken. We shall all, whatever our view-point, await the decision of the Assembly in May with interest, and I hope, our prayers.

RON CHRISTOPHER

## A CHURCH MUSICAL \_\_\_\_\_

Some of the groups in our Church are taking part in a musical, called "Music Through the Ages". The Boys' Brigade part is the '50's', '60's' and the present. At the moment about half-a-dozen boys are coming. We urgently need more boys and girls. This production is a lot of fun to do. We need people to work back-stage as well as performing. Please don't be afraid to come along. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Bliss have both got parts, so I am sure some more boys would be willing to come.

The parts we have vacant are:

1. Member of a group in the '50's'
2. Several boys and girls as young people in the café in both scenes.

There are no words to learn, all you will do is be a part of a crowd (which we don't have!). Also to dance about (not in a professional way) to the music of the '50's', and at times clap and cheer.

We meet on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Kirkland (Junior Section) is the producer of the Boys' Brigade Section, and she would be very pleased to have a lot more people at our meeting. Please come along - and bring your friends. The Cast looks forward to seeing you soon. The Show will be in January or February, 1982. Boys will get First and Second Stage of the Arts Badge.

# WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS \_\_\_\_\_

## "BOTH SIDES ARE EQUALLY TO BLAME"

It is, I suppose, a consequence of the Fall that rules introduced with the best possible intentions are frequently perverted to serve pernicious purposes. The sensible thought that the broadcasting media ought to be neutral in party political matters and give both sides a hearing has been extended into other and much less suitable areas. One result is that no act or policy, however evil (excepting Apartheid), can ever be unequivocally condemned. This trend is not new, but my attention was taken by three deplorable examples in one week. The first was a headline on the Scarman Report, 'Police and rioters are equally to blame'. Equally? The hundreds of police hit by bricks or petrol bombs equally to blame with those who threw them? The other two instances were if anything worse, for in the matter of the I.R.A. and the Ulster Protestants the media seemed to find the latter the more guilty, while of course as between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. the former were portrayed as warmongers and the latter as seekers of peace.

That these attitudes are assiduously fostered by the enemies of this country is not surprising. That they are held so firmly by many of those who purport to represent the Churches is an affront to Truth.

## THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT - FROST-BITTEN

One hardly expected an objective assessment from David Frost in his T.V. programme on the fundamentalist wing of the American churches, its influence on the last election there and its continuing campaign to improve public standards. To his credit, the first half of the programme would have almost passed as neutral save for the vocal sneers and innuendos which are now an inseparable part of his technique. But he could not maintain this to the end and his summing-up was a long and bitter denunciation of those American Christians who have the temerity to believe in political involvement but not

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Having now attended quite a few meetings, I am surprised to find that, the average attendance is of the order of 10% of the congregational membership. (No doubt the secretary Dr. Clark can confirm from records). So I pose the thought, is 10% deemed to be a satisfactory proportion to make decisions on behalf of the Congregation? Frequently these days, one reads in the newspapers about elections being held by unions and other organisations, as well as Municipal Elections and such, and the comment is frequently made that the result is not representative of the people involved, as the percentage voting was very low, for various reasons. Should, therefore, a larger numerical representation be required to pass any major item? Perhaps some members would like to express their views on this matter!

However, if it is not considered necessary to change, may I point out that, according to the Congregational Handbook, there are 18 Serving Elders and 20 Non Serving Elders. Now, if these were combined with the leaders of all the organisations, the representation on behalf of the Congregation could be much greater, and being more specific, would probably result in a much larger attendance at Church Meetings. Also, the people there would, in all probability, be better informed on the many and varied items coming before the meeting, and so make a more reasoned assessment on the subject matter. Perhaps too, the problems could be more quickly resolved. And, so that the Congregation could be kept informed of the developments on ideas under consideration, a Congregational open meeting could be held twice or three times a year and reports presented up to the date of the meeting. Maybe, if I state that previously I was used to attending just one Congregational Meeting per year and that during the year, the elected office bearers dealt with any relevant business at their Monthly Meetings, you may more readily understand why I raise these points of view.

FRAZER FINLAY.

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## REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHRISTIAN AID

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Amount collected for December - £15.50  
received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

### FLORAL NOTES

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FLOWER ROTA, JANUARY, 1982

3rd Mr. & Mrs. E. Young    17th The Flower Fund  
10th Mr. & Mrs. Boyce    24th Mr. M. Jones  
31st Mrs. E. Dearsley

The List for 1982 is now on the notice board in the vestibule. It is in a 'flip over' calendar form. FLOWER FUND. Grateful thanks for £30-90 received for November/December 1981. A Happy New Year to you all,

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

### HELP THE AGED

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Gifts of good used clothing, blankets and donations towards the cost of food and medical supplies, will be gratefully received in the Church Hall between 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1982.

Your generous response in previous years has been most welcome and we look forward to a good collection again this year. Regretfully, shoes, bags and fashion hats or jumble cannot be used.

JANE BOND

### GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

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We serve a luncheon to the 'elderly, lonely' at Bury Drive Methodist Hall each Wednesday. We are in need of drivers, waitresses and washers- up. Would you like to help us in this ecumenical work as all the Goring Churches are involved? Also, if you know of anyone who might enjoy the lunch, please let me know - PAM STOWER

## COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION

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I have just received one copy of the Biennial Report, which I have passed on to Mr. Connelly, and I am sure he will be pleased to lend this to anyone interested. I can send for copies at 20p each and will gladly do this upon request.

MOLLIE HAWKE

## FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

Will all Organisations of the Church please have their Accounts ready for me for the 3rd SUNDAY IN JANUARY, the 17th. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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It is with great regret that we record the death of John Beamish who has been a loyal member of our Fellowship since he came South from Leeds, and had often contributed to our meetings. His great faith and positive Christian outlook was an inspiration to us all.

We commence our Spring Session with a Members' Afternoon on 12th January, and once again invite our members, preferably those who have not spoken previously, to recall their most memorable recollections. We shall also be entertained by our Quartet who have given us lively performances on previous occasions. Would willing speakers please give me their names before the event? I also need names for those wishing to visit Datsun's on 26th January and will try to accommodate anyone without transport.

Inevitably our membership shrinks from time to time for a variety of reasons and we would very much like to fill the gaps from those who have recently retired or have become members of the Church. The new syllabus will shortly be available and if anyone would like a copy please let me know.

REG GOODCHILD



## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

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With the Christmas decorations safely packed away for another year, and the memories of happy Christmas festivities, we now look forward with hope to a New Year and would like to wish everyone a peaceful 1982.

During our Autumn Session we enjoyed a delightful evening at the Connaught Theatre when we saw "My Fair Lady". It was a first-class production with lovely costumes and excellent portrayals by the leading characters. We followed this with a Hallowe'en evening and the Fellowship entered into the spirit, enjoying apple-bobbing etc. and a good time was had by all. We were certainly in for a surprise when Mr. Stead from Storrington came to show us what can be made from Egg-Shells! Using mainly duck egg-shells, he transformed them into jewellery, caskets, musical boxes, portrait frames, Worthing sea-front illuminated and many more. Sadly though, some of us had to admit that perhaps it was a little beyond our artistic capabilities, but nevertheless, an evening not to have been missed.

Mr. Mercer kindly came and showed his slides of Holland, which he and his wife had visited in the Spring. For many of us it was our first glimpse of the country, its traditions and crafts, and, who knows? some of us may be going there on holiday in 1982! Our Christmas evening brought the year to a close and this year Mr. Eggleton gave us "Christmas in Colour" - a lovely evening to begin the Christmas Season. At this time we remember all our members who cannot be with us, and we wish them a happy and peaceful Christmas.

We begin our Spring Session on 11th January at 8.00 p.m. when Mr. Connelly will be with us and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

OLIVE BUSHBY

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

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Goodbye - 1981! What a great year it has been.

G.B. started on 13th January - that number has been lucky for us. In the first session of the year the Seniors had a lovely time of popularity with a



nast B.B. associations. Although there was no form of appeal to the churches contacted, we received donations from a Baptist Minister and a Catholic Priest. Who knows what effect the exercise will have in our Church relationships. We do intend to take up offers of conducted visits to some of the churches concerned. Please keep praying for the boys because on present standards some of them are far from being angels!

Every blessing, DONALD STEWART

## A MOST INSPIRING SCENE

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From the title you may think I shall refer to a beauty spot in Sussex (of which there are many) but, how very wrong you will be. I do, in fact, refer to the superb turn out of the Girls' Brigade on Saturday evening in the Church.

It was the first time my wife and I had the privilege of seeing the Company at their awards evening, and we were both amazed and fascinated. Not only at the strength of the Company, (was it 70 or 80 on parade - we couldn't see them all) but the steadiness shown; from the smallest to the tallest girl. As an ex B.B. Officer, working especially with Life Boys (the Junior Section of the B.B.) as did my wife, we were always informed on our training courses and at various studies, that all young folk have an inbuilt mechanism, which starts to operate every 15/20 minutes and so they want to be up and doing something different. But, apparently, no-one had then seen Captain Jean Webb and her Girls' Brigade Company, because they stood - the tallest to the smallest - for about one hour whilst Mrs. Dearsley presented all the awards, and with barely a movement in the ranks. And didn't all the Girls do well! Don't worry, Allison, if it was you who had to drop out. I always think it shows (and even Guardsmen collapse now and again) that the person is very keen to be on parade, and not to disappoint their officers, and so make the effort when, in fact, they should be in bed!

It was a splendid show with all the girls looking so neat and smart in their uniform and your Choir for the Nativity Play was very good. I'll say it quietly - do you think you could come and give the Church Choir a bit of a hand - well a bit of mouth really, they need

some extra voices from time to time. My wife and I were sorry we could not stay for the mince pies and coffee, we had a prior engagement, but we do agree, you all contributed to an inspiring scene - something for all to remember. May God bless you all and the excellent Church Work which you perform.

FRAZER FINLAY

## BIENTOT - 'LE MOT' FRANCAIS

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"BIENTOT" is a Gospel broadsheet printed in French and produced in Worthing. It is sent out free to all the countries where French is spoken - these include not only France, Belgium and Switzerland, but also many of the African countries, and islands in the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean.

This ministry was begun by Fred and Lois Chapman, missionaries for 25 years in Ivory Coast and Zaire, who saw the need for free Gospel literature to combat the flow of communistic and other subversive literature in these countries.

The first issue, some 21 years ago, numbered 10,000 copies which has grown to a present day circulation of 400,000 copies every three months. The Chapmans had to retire 2 years ago owing to failing health and the paper is now edited by Derek and Jennie Cook, missionaries recently returned from Chad.

"Bientot" is printed by the Christian Publicity Organisation in Worthing and is dispatched partly by the Bientot Staff, the remainder by voluntary helpers throughout the British Isles, who wrap, address and post small packets to our readers worldwide.

The broadsheet consists mainly of conversion testimonies sent in by our readers relating how they have found deliverance from sin through Jesus Christ. Many of these testimonies are used, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to the conversion of those who read them. The title of the paper "Bientot" refers to Rev. 22 v. 7 "Behold I am coming soon" (French 'bientot'), and this has been used to challenge many.

Response last month totalled 1739 letters - some from those rejoicing in salvation, others from those seeking spiritual help or guidance, or wishing for more copies to distribute. Personal letters are sent to those requesting spiritual help, others are sent Scripture booklets or are enrolled for a Bible Correspondence Course.

Recently a European edition has been started especially to meet the enormous spiritual need on the Continent and the Lord is already blessing this.

Here are extracts from just three letters received recently:-

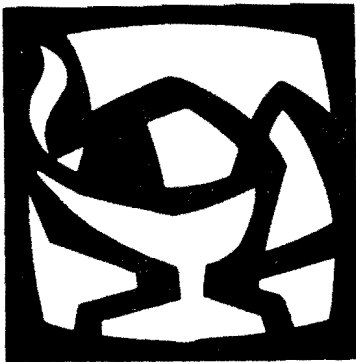
From Haiti 'Bientot' is a mighty weapon in evangelism'

From Togo 'I never understood how Jesus could be our Saviour - until I read Bientot and understood that Jesus saved us by dying for our sins.'

From Zaire 'I used to put all my hope in fetishes, until a friend showed me 'Bientot', then I too found salvation.'

If you would like to have copies of 'Bientot' or wish to know more about this ministry, please contact

WILL FREEMAN



## 'AROUND THE CHURCH'

This month we reach the tenth and last of our stained glass windows. It depicts an ancient oil lamp. This lamp is the symbol of guidance, knowledge, enlightenment and immortality. Psalm 119- Thy word is a LAMP unto my feet.

John 8.12- I am the LIGHT of the world.

## PLEASE & THANK-YOU

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At the end of 1981, as I look back, I realise what a long way I have come and I want to say 'thank-you' to all of you who have given me such loving support in your prayers and in your kind words of encouragement. A year ago the District Council had not decided whether to recommend me as a candidate for the ministry. Now I have not only been accepted by the United Reformed Church but also by the Congregational College in Manchester, and find myself almost half-way through my first year of training. As the weeks fly by - filled with many activities which vary widely in character - I am conscious that it is all part of an overall pattern of preparation in which every experience plays a part under the guidance of a Living Lord. My chief concern must be to remain open to that guidance.

1982 will be a time when further decisions have to be made regarding the nature of my course of study over the next few years, taking into account the continuing needs of my family which are not at present fully clear. There will also be examinations next June. Looking back I can only give thanks and looking forward I am confident that the Lord's guidance and your loving support will again 'see me through'. God bless you all in 1982 as you too seek to minister in His name.

Now a 'Please'. If you have used Bible reading notes of any kind in 1981, please do not throw them away. I have an address in Zambia at which these are gratefully received for reuse, and if you will let me have them by the end of January I will send them with those I already have. I am writing this - appropriately - on Bible Sunday. Let us make a good start to the New Year by helping our Zambian partners to understand and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

BERYL CHATFIELD.



## DECEMBER CHURCH MEETING

It was my misfortune not to be an intimate of John Beamish, and, with his passing, I feel the poorer. John's article in the December issue - "The Christmas Message - Love Manifested" - surely touched the hearts of all who read it and revealed, to us all, John's innermost self, his love for the Lord. This was an inspired and inspiring message. He had unlocked the mystery of Christ and sought to give us the key.

The news of John's death might, in other circles, have put a damper on proceedings but one only need refer to Hymn 72, with which we opened the December Church Meeting, to appreciate the sense of Joy at his "victory o'er the grave". Not for John "death's dark shadows"; rather the Light of life, in which Light he will walk evermore, with his beloved Vi, worshipping the Lord, no doubt in the words of the Magnificat St. Luke 1 v 46 - 55, the reading for the night - "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour".

The meeting proved a most joyous occasion with much mirth and laughter. But our joy was the more complete for the news of two more who wished to join our membership. Bobby Hitchin, gave a moving testimony of her love for the Lord while Helen Machin, was accepted in absentia. Helen is well known in the Church for her hearty "Amens" and her artistic talents and can only continue to be a lasting source of blessing and inspiration and an example to all of us through her love for Jesus. We welcome you Helen and you Bobby into our family, with thanks, and deem it an honour to call you sisters in Christ.

As a postscript to my December article I would like to share with you a quote brought back from Synod, from one of the exponents in favour of Covenanting.

"'That the world might believe'. Is the price too high? Christ was crucified! "

MATTHEW SMITH.



## LONDON LETTER



(Written, of course, early December)

At the time when parents, teachers and other interested and concerned people are campaigning against the proposed cuts in Education - which would come through the Government curbing local authorities' spending, and methods of raising the cash for that spending; this is the time of year when applications for cash from hundreds of organisations are being considered by councils' grant panels. Vehement discussion was going on in the corner shop and in the Staff Room on a newspaper report of some proposed spending by the G.L.C.

Being given high priority by the G.L.C. grant panel is the English Collective of prostitutes, which is based at a Women's Centre, "in the King's Cross red light district of London" and is only a few steps away from our School gates. It is very likely to receive £7,600 to conduct a nine-month survey into the problems faced by prostitutes!

Close runner-up to the prostitutes' Collective is Lesbian Line, which operates a telephone help-line service for lesbians. They hope to receive £8,276 to employ a full-time worker and to pay office expenses.

Another £50,000 described by the Conservatives as "a futile waste of rate-payers' money", will possibly be spent on publicity campaigns attacking the Government - underground advertisements, leaflets and meetings protesting at Government action curbing free-spending local authorities!

After slipping and sliding all over the pavements in the last few days on the snow and ice left lying until the thaw melts it, I have exhausted my stock of special words so I'll end by saying "A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you, too!"

MARY CONNELLY

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## EDITORIAL

A subject which has been uppermost in my mind in recent weeks has been that of PRAYER. During recent weeks there have been many opportunities and challenges for our prayers, including the needs of our brethren in Poland, those who are suffering nearer home, in Wales and the West Country as a result of the bad weather conditions, and also there have been disasters too numerous to mention, all of which should have drawn us into a deeper relationship with God as we have offered up our prayers to Him on behalf of those of our fellow mankind who are suffering from bereavement and hardship.

The thoughts which had been so insistent in my heart have been directed at my relationship with God. I have mentioned this at our Bible Study Group as it seemed to be so important to me. They are these: that our loving Heavenly Father is only too aware of our needs, as He went to endless lengths to explain to us when He lived on earth as a man in Christ Jesus. So aware of our needs is He that He taught us not to think of tomorrow, nor of our need for warmth and food, these things not being the most important for our souls. The thought which has struck me so forcibly is that we should not be badgering God incessantly, nor ordering Him to do things for us or for others. For surely, if He is aware of our needs, He is equally aware of our brother's. We should be able to pray in a quiet and thoughtful way; thinking of those in need directly and with love, and in the true spirit of Christ as He has taught us.

God bless you all, as we enter a New Year, in your striving to come nearer to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE



## FROM THE VESTRY

It is to be hoped that by the time you read this, the snow, ice and frost will have gone. People are going round speaking ill of a chill winter and we remember those for whom winter has meant cold, storms, frost, snow and flood.

I wonder if you will catch the message of these lines which I wrote for you a year or two ago?

"Is God in winter - or gone grey  
 Like a shadow until Spring?  
 The only sun today is yesterday's sunlight  
 In old forests: let it blaze  
 Through Coal and Oil in Praise!  
 Tomorrow shall I hear or see  
 Some sign of Spring when He  
 Lord of the Spring shall visit me?"

Song of Songs also has a poem with cheerful hope in winter:

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over  
 and gone;  
 The flowers appear on the earth: the time of  
 The singing of birds is come, and  
 The voice of the Turtle is heard in our land".

Winter has been greatly cheered by Christmas, with services set within the beauty of music and a Church so graciously decorated. Greetings, letters, cards, gifts and visits. Those who are in hospital and Nursing Home have been remembered in a most loving way. Help us to remember the whole fellowship in love, and a word to the Minister about anyone who may have felt forgotten will, by your generous love, give further opportunities for remembrance in Christ.

It is hoped to receive new members into the Church on or about Easter Day. Should you, whatever your age, like to discuss this commitment, please see the Minister or the Pastoral Secretary, Mr. Fred Marsh.

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP —

We remember with affection, and thank God, for the life of John Cook's mother, Margaret Smith.

In the heavenly country bright  
 Need they no created light;  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
 Thou its sun which goes not down;  
 There for ever may we sing  
 Alleluias to our King.

Two friends from Hayward House, Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Crump, are unwell as also is Mr. S. Pike. Mrs. Doris Wraight has now returned home, and we send our assurance of prayers to all these friends. Bob Pepperdine and Greta are much in our minds at the present time as also is Robbie Turton. At the New Year's Prayer Vigil every member of the Church was remembered during the day. Our thanks to Irene Tuley for her enthusiastic organisation and leadership.

Mrs. H. Weber's mother has died in Holland and we remember Hanny and Gerhart in their sorrowful journey of love.

A very happy occasion was held during which Mr. E.R. James was given an appreciable cheque and testimonial following retirement after 20 years of service as Caretaker. Thank you Jimmy, and may you enjoy better health.

### IN MEMORIAM

Edith May HEARNE	8.12.81
Ivy Lilian HOWARD	10.12.81
Spencer William JEFFERY	31.12.81
Alfred William HOUSE	5.1.82



A number of friends have commented on the Prologue read at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. It was written by Robbie Turton who, but for indisposition, would have read it himself. Copies are available from the Minister.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL

Praise God and thank you to all those who watched and prayed for an hour or part of an hour on New Year's Day, for the people of this Church, for our town, our nation and the needs of the world.

It was a time of great blessing and we hope it may encourage others to share in the regular prayer meetings held in the Little Chapel, every Friday evening at 20.30h and on alternate Thursday afternoons at 14.30h. Let us step out in faith and confidence in the Lord in 1982.

"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart".

Philippians 4.6

IRENE TULEY

## CONTACT

In January we had our Annual Ladies Night Out - treating ourselves to a meal in a local restaurant. We particularly enjoy this after all the cooking at Christmas time.

Our first meeting of the Spring Session is at 10.15h in the Cornwall Room on Thursday, 4th February. After coffee, while the children play, we look forward to a time of discussion, sharing, prayer and praise. On this occasion we shall be taking a light-hearted look at "Husbands" ! Do join us on the first Thursday of each month as we learn together about the Christian life.

JANET KNOWLES & CAROLE DAVIS



# GEAR.

(Group for Evangelism and Renewal within the U.R.C.)  
 Here are some interesting extracts from an address, given at a recent Conference, by the Rev. Robert Gordon, Assistant Minister at the City Temple.

The Conference centred on the Lord's Prayer.  
 The Theme:- 'Life in Touch with Christ'.

Mr. Gordon spoke on "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done" - a passionate felt demand for a more urgent approach to preaching God's Kingdom.

"What you and I need today is a Gospel with guts in it. People who really know God in their lives may not have all the loose ends tied up, but their experience is irradiated with God's power. It's a radical thing. I think we've been far too bothered about the Church - we spend years arguing about it, it's unity, it's fragmentation, where the flowers should be placed, whose turn it is to make the tea ... and there's God screaming in the aisle "Let me in!!".

"We are in a war zone, a war with the powers of darkness. The way of the Kingdom is a contradiction at gut level with the ways of the world.

"I went to Poland recently. If I was radical before I went, I'm three times as radical now. We've got to get in where the need is. We are challenged to understand that the Kingdom is about God's reign, and that is a bigger concept than the Church."

"How are we going to do this by attending church once on Sunday morning, all sitting in pews facing the same way like people on a double-deck bus with a man in front driving, and someone else coming round half-way through to collect the fares!

"I have to declare as a URC minister that I'm no longer committed to that way of doing things. I have to tackle the things that matter.

"Some churches are dying off by degrees because the power at the heart of the Kingdom is not evident. That is why there are so many para-church organisations - much of the time they are the real thing, and the churches are the dead things."



# RISING DAMP

Having been recently appointed to the U.R.C. Southern Province Buildings Advisory Group, I feel that I must share a few thoughts on what we are doing with our buildings and just what we could do with them. It is probably more appropriate in these times of economy.

The U.R.C. is well aware of the legacy it received from both Presbyterian and Congregational churches. Some are adequate, some are immaculate but some are disgraceful. We should be aware of the fact that the church buildings are the 'shop window' of our faith. A well kept church attracts the uncommitted to our faith. A scruffy church repels them. It is our job to see that all of our churches are as attractive as possible. This means that we should be looking at the structure to see if it is adequate for our needs; the decoration to look for signs of deterioration; at our carpets, lighting, heating and of course draughts. We should present a well cared for image. This extends to our halls, the kitchen and even toilets.

Of course, it costs a lot of money to keep any building in this state, as well we know, for our own homes. But surely the House of God rates at least as important as our own?

It is now perhaps the right time to take stock of our own Church. It is 20 years old and the halls are over double that age. The decorations are nearly adequate but will need attention soon; the carpetting is in similar state; the organ needs at least a good cleaning out; the kitchen is too small; storage space is at a high premium; the heating is hardly efficient even now. For some time now we have had problems with flooding in the Cornwall Room corridor and the rooms adjoining.

For about £25,000 these problems could be all solved and we could go back to sleep for another 20 years and leave the next generation to do the next lot of urgent work. But are we being fair to our

church, ourselves or our descendants. We must spend the money whether we like it or not, for the alternative is to reduce our Church to a decaying shell like many others that are now being demolished. What is the point of this, if we only use the Church on one day per week and the halls on two days per fortnight? Should we be thinking of cost effectiveness in spiritual matters? Of course we should! Remember the story of the Talents. Our Church is the talent we have been given, are we going to do nothing with it? What about a few ideas? Could we not develop this as a local community centre - this is what we are suggesting for West Durrington where we have no building. If we start soon we could do quite well in a short time. You have no ideas? What about a luncheon club for some of our retired folk. What about a Sunday Luncheon Club to save you the problem of remembering your gas stove? Why not think for yourselves of other ways we could use our assets for God's Glory. The question I am facing at the moment is very serious - can we spend £25,000 on keeping a building nice for Sundays only (I know about evening usage of the halls by the Brigades and dancing classes, but they do not justify this expenditure). Our Church should be more than Bill's office.

Coming back to the organ - it will cost £6000 or more just for the cleaning operation. If we scrap it and buy a new electronic organ for about £3000 we would solve two great problems. The Choir would escape the draughts from the organ loft and we could dispose of the old organ as scrap and probably raise £2,000 or £3,000. It is reputedly worth far more than this, but as you will be aware, it is only as valuable as we think it is.

After a winter such as we are experiencing, should we consider double glazing the windows? For about £10,000 this could be done, and the Church could be much warmer, provided that the front doors and vestibule doors are kept shut as much as possible. But would we be justified for 2 hours a week on Sundays?

ERIC POPPLESTONE  
Chairman  
House & Fabric Committee

## WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS \_

### FIND A CHARITY THAT "SEEKETH NOT HER OWN"

Giving to charities is surely an essential part of Christian life. Like every other part it needs to be carried out with care and concern and goes beyond the mere sending of a cheque to a worthy-sounding cause. It used to be possible to assume that a nationally recognised Christian charity would apply the funds given to it in a responsible way and that the money would go to meet the actual needs of the people who were the subject of the charity's appeals. Sadly, this assumption is now a far from safe one. Several Christian or Christian-supported charities have fallen into the hands of political activists and have had to be warned by the Charity Commissioners in the same vein, though perhaps not so severely, as their recent stern warning to War on Want. In brief, while ostensibly raising funds to give specific relief to deserving people in deprived parts of the world they spend a portion of the money on something very different - on political activities designed to bring about radical changes in society; and not only in the foreign country's society but in our society. 'Radical change' usually means action to bring about a totalitarian left-wing government. Des Wilson, who in his Shelter days achieved a great advance in the housing shortage, has recently argued in the Times that such charities ought to be free to spend their donors' money on such objects and indeed that they should be allowed tax relief on it. He really expects a democratic government to give subsidies to those aiming to usurp it.

I shall be returning another time to the question of charities but it would be wrong to end this piece without a positive recommendation. It is no longer safe, as I have said, to assume that the word 'Christian' in a title is a guarantee of responsible administration. It is safer to give your money to more specific causes like Help the Aged, the Save

the Children Fund and the British Red Cross Society's Relief Agency - unless of course you want to finance political activities.

### SCARMAN THE DISCRIMINATOR

Said Lord S "It is a scandal  
That the Police arrest a vandal  
If he's black.  
And if they should note his colour,  
Whether yellow, brown or duller -  
Then - the sack.  
All the Met should stick to rigger  
And not try to stop a mugger  
If he's black.  
Or if, because they're busy  
They describe his hair as 'frizzy'  
Then - the sack."  
Then he said "Within this nation  
We must have discrimination  
For the black.  
And if the Police refuse it  
They who have a job will lose it  
For the sack".

O, Lord S, t'would have been fitter  
To avoid these insults bitter  
To the black;  
For your patronising measures  
Can afford no lasting pleasures  
To the black,  
Who's a no less worthy seeker  
And should not be dubbed as weaker  
'Cos he's black.

### WEASEL WORDS ON POLAND

For the World Council of Churches to condemn a communist government would be a miracle. A very careful comment by Secretary, Dr Potter, runs as follows:- "We are deeply concerned about the escalation of events in Poland in which the Polish authorities have felt compelled to declare a state of martial law with the suppression of civil and

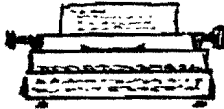
political rights....." (the underlining is mine).  
 Can you imagine the WCC exercising such restraint if  
 the offending authorities had been, say, South African  
 or Chilean?

## TAIZE - PEACE AND HARMONY

One message of hope that came to me from the recent  
 Taize Youth Pilgrimage in London was one of hope for  
 the future of church music, which had previously  
 seemed bleak. There was some excellent singing of  
 modern yet harmonic music with a wide variety of  
 instrumental accompaniments. This particular  
 continental influence was very welcome.

RFB

## LETTERS



to the Editor

Thank you for your New Year letter and congratu-  
 lations on having the courage to print various view-  
 points which may be controversial. As the Bible says,  
 we see "darkly" and shall not know the whole truth  
 until we come "face to face" with God. We must be  
 given the freedom to discuss our difficulties and  
 convictions but we must also realise that these are  
 not always the same for us all. Jesus came to show  
 us that, freedom to express a different way of  
 thinking, was God's will. He disagreed with the  
 organised religion of his time but remained a Jew.  
 He showed that laws and rules to which the Jews  
 faithfully adhered, were not always right in the  
 sight of God. He was broadminded and considered  
 the inmost thoughts of people to be more important  
 than religious ritual.

If we are not to discuss various religious  
 thoughts and develop our own faith in sincerity,  
 our Church is dead.

May we all have the maturity to disagree in  
 love and tolerance and to respect the views of others.

FAY BLAKEY

I should like to say a very big 'thank you' to Goring United Reformed Church for the lovely plant which was delivered to me this Christmas time. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated. So, once again, 'thank you'.

DORIS EVANS

I should like to express my gratitude to God for the demonstration of His love through church organisations and individual members throughout Christmas. Thanks be to God!

BERT GREWCOCK

## "BRIGHTEST AND BEST"

But which tune?

And had it been left to some Editors of hymn books a hundred years ago the problem would never have arisen! Why, a hymn addressed to a Star - or perhaps you hadn't noticed.

The Congregational Hymnary offered a choice of three tunes 'Epiphany Hymn' by J.F. Thrupp which soon became a favourite in Congregational Circles; 'Epiphany' by E.J. Hopkins and Bach's 'Liebster Immanuel' which being a tune of singular worth is seldom sung in places where they sing. The Methodist Church had fewer hesitations in finding a tune for this hymn, and 'Spean' by J.F. Bridge soon became their choice - it is also Taptons, who finds the mystery of the theme perfectly matched by this unusual tune.

May I reply to Mr. G.C. Shave on his interesting article 'about chants and all that', Whilst it is true that 'New Church Praise' was only used on fourteen occasions in 1981, 'Scripture in Song' was introduced in thirty services, comment on this would be useful. The Rev. R.C. Christopher has often introduced these in a most helpful way.

Tapton himself welcomes observations from those who, like Mr. Shave, play their own useful part in the music of the Church and has listened with pleasure also to Miss Gillian Long's settings of songs and carols for Christmas, within which learning, discipline and sheer joy have marked the worship of our young people.

THE BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY (Worthing Action Group) are grateful for the sum of £20 received from our Church.

RON CHRISTOPHER

## CHRISTIAN AID \_

Christmas Appeal £68 received with thanks,

RON JORDAN

For the month of January £27 " " "

HILDA HELE

## FLORAL NOTES \_

7th Mrs. R. Bradley	14th Girls' Brigade
21st Flower Fund	28th Flower Fund

### FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £9.50 contributed during November and December, 1981.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Church Decorations

Thank you for the many appreciations received. The decorations would not have been achieved without the assistance of my regular helpers, Jill & Tania together with Sylvia and the young people - 2 Alisons, Alec and Paul. The shelves were the work of the Monday Evening Fellowship, Women's Guild and Girls' and Boys' Brigade. Well done!

I am very grateful too for the help given by Alison, Nicola and Kirsty and Alec when it was time to take them down again. God be praised for help so freely given.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP \_

Although the weather conditions prompted many of our members to tender their apologies, and the Women's Guild had cancelled their meeting, 17 "braves" attended our opening meeting on 12th January and were rewarded with a most enjoyable afternoon. Our musical group (one piano and three violins) entertained us



with "A Little K-night Music" consisting of three lively selections from Gilbert and Sullivan, Haydn and Prosper Morand and in between we heard memorable recollections from Frank Bulstrode - obviously a candidate for a future talk - and Douglas Mooney. The hour passed all too quickly and we even managed to provide our own refreshments!

In February we look forward to our joint meeting with the Women's Guild on 9th, to listen to Geoffrey Dearsley speaking on the "Sudan" and on 23rd we welcome Dick Daive to tell us about "Treasure Trove".

REG GOODCHILD

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Before Christmas, all our friends who can no longer come to our meetings were remembered by card, visit or gift.

As news had to be in before our December Meeting you had no mention of a very happy Christmas afternoon shared as usual with the Men's Fellowship. Presented by the two Misses Fetherstone, "The Midnight Clear" in verse, song, news and story produced a thrilling, absorbing and thought provoking afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone; a programme which sought to point out in Christmas 1981, when amid such plenty, so many in the world go hungry and in need of medical care. Thank you all for agreeing that we sent a Christmas gift to U.N.C.F. The sum of £15 was handed to Miss Fetherstone for the cause she has so much at heart.

Our New Year party, your committee unanimously agreed, should be postponed owing to the intense cold/weather. As we contacted you all we knew you felt it was the right decision. We'll have the party later! On 9th February the men will be joining us when Mr. G. Dearsley will talk on the "ACROSS" programme in the Sudan and show slides taken on his last visit to the Sudan. On 23rd February the Drama Group of High Salvington T.W.G. present the play "The Key". We look forward to their visit.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

Brigade Week for girls this year is from 7th-14th February, and during that time we hope to have an exhibition in the east transept, and on Tuesday, 9th February, we extend a warm welcome to all friends to join us from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. when Mrs. Bridger, from the handicapped unit of West Park School, will be our guest. During part of the evening she will be showing slides of the children of The Willows, and we shall be serving refreshments as well as setting up a few sales tables.

We would also like to tell you about two new friends. The first is Miss Muriel Carpenter who is coming along on Tuesdays to play the piano for us, and how happy we are to have her. The second friend is a little girl called SANTHI KUMARI. She is 9 years old and lives in Bihar, India, and we have just adopted her through the 'Child in Need' scheme. We are committed to sending £6.50 a month - this will come from our ½p fund - and this money will mean that Santhi can continue her schooling and also be provided with one hot meal a day. She is the eldest of 4 children and comes from a very poor family. Having one less to feed will help the family a great deal. We hop soon to start sending post cards to Santhi and in due course to hear from her. Any writing she does will have to be done in school because the family are too poor to even have pencil and paper. And sometimes we grumble! We hope that through Santhi we can spread a little more love around and that we may come to understand more of the needs of the poor of the third world.

JEAN WEBB

## STEWARDS

Due to various reasons, our number of Stewards over the last few months has been depleted, and we require members of our congregation to volunteer for this special service in our Church. The duty only comes around every five weeks, so please may I add your name to our Steward List, who are doing such a grand job in our Church.

NORMAN DOBSON

Steward Secretary

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to those who gave us such a wonderful choral uplift at both services on 20th December. The augmented choir excelled themselves for the morning service and in the evening the young people continued the festive singing. The spontaneous singing during the offertory of "Turn your eyes upon Jesus" surely reflected the theme of Christmas praise.

EILEEN JORDAN

"I much appreciate the Church's gift of a lovely little flowering plant, the Girls' Brigade's gift of a pretty hand-made calendar and the Minister's welcome visit, especially as I cannot attend the services. Thank you all, and a happy New Year".

DOROTHY HEDGCOMBE

Dear Rev. Connelly,

On behalf of the many families and children that we have been able to help this Christmas, may I thank you for the toys which your Church so kindly gave us to use this year. As times get harder - the more families we come to know of who need this kind of material aid.

It might interest you to know that last year, we in the Surrey and W. Sussex Group dealt with 1750 children from 802 families, many of whom are on the poverty line. Once again, many thanks,

Insp. M. LONGHURST (N.S.P.C.C.)

Dear Mr. Connelly,

JOHN BEAMISH

May we taking this opportunity of expressing our sincere gratitude to all those splendid people who attended the Church for John's funeral. I am sure John would have been very moved by the number of his friends in the Church who turned out in such poor weather conditions. Please pass on our personal thanks and for all their messages of sympathy which were very welcome and appreciated. With many thanks once again, and very best wishes for the New Year,

MICHAEL MCRAE

Dear friends, I thank all who took part in sending me such a sweet little gift and for remembering me.

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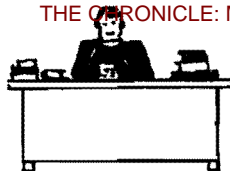
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## FROM THE VESTRY



Even as the cold  
Keen winter grows not old,  
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen  
And spring in the familiar green.

Sudden as sweet  
Come the expected feet,  
All joy is young, and new all art  
And He, too, whom we have by heart.

Thus Alice Meynell in her poem begins 'Given, not lent.'

Given to the winter, and in the winter of man's cold and hunger is the Christ. Do remember that He is Given... "unto us a son is Given." Experience Him, reaching out to us now, as again we enter the time of Lent and follow the Lord, who leads us up the Purple headed mountain that we may repent and see God more clearly.

And how much we need to climb this hill of repentance to feel the pain of the climb that we may see the vision of His Glory .... and He who is Given calls us! Keep a good Lent that you may celebrate a joyful Easter and have Him by Heart.

Among the encouraging events during the past winter has been the beginning of our Young Fathers Club. It all began when at a Cradle Roll service we realised that 'Contact' gave opportunity for young Mothers to meet with their babies - now, (without babies) the Fathers meet every month - you will be welcome, details from Paul Archer or the Minister.

Our thanks are due to our associate minister Ronald Christopher who so ably represented us in discussions that led to the cancelling of the suggested Sunday Market, and thank you for signing the petition.

With blessing and love,



*William Connelly.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert PEPPERDINE	19.1.82
Eric STEVENS	19.1.82
Walter HAWKE	16.1.82
Amy Eileen BESSANT	22.1.82



"In heavenly love abiding"

ROBERT PEPPERDINE

To whom I made my first pastoral call on coming to Worthing, exhibited Christian grace and virtue in fortitude and fellowship. His life was touched by the Spirit of God. A Lancastrian, who loved to talk over the old days of Lancashire Congregationalism; yet alive, alert and generous in his Christian life who had the joy of sharing in the building of two Southern churches - Petts Wood and Goring. A Minister's Man, who was a source of great encouragement to me, and to whom frequent visits made a happy heart. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord".

May Greta continue to be sustained by her faith and by our love.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

Praise God for the life of Robert Pepperdine, who entered into the presence of his Lord on 19th January. It has been a great privilege and joy to have known Robert and Greta for over 22 years and I thank God for their care and prayer for me. Our friendship began when I met Robert on the top deck of a bus. He was at that time a Deacon and I a teenager who had recently become a Church Member. Robert loved to be involved with people and he greatly enjoyed the afternoons he set aside for prayer and pastoral visitation. Robert was delighted when Cyril Franks asked him to take an active role in the Men's Fellowship and he was later to become its Vice-President.

In recent years, when Robert was no longer able to attend the Church, he was always eager to hear any news and felt part of the fellowship as he listened to cassette recordings of the services. He was always pleased to



welcome the Ministers and other friends from the Church who visited him in his home - a place of peace and joy. Invariably it was the visitor who left encouraged and blessed by the company of Robert and Greta. Robert loved to share his faith and to talk with thanksgiving of those who cared for him, his faithful and beloved wife, Greta, the caring nurses, the good neighbours and many friends.

Although physically confined to a bed and a chair, he was not restricted mentally and spiritually, and spent many hours in prayer for this Church and for those in need. There are many in our Church today who perhaps unknowingly owe much to the prayers of this "prayer warrior".

IRENE TULEY

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Reg Hobbs is making good progress as also are Stanley Pike, though still in hospital, and Florrie Moody now happily at home. Alma Prattent is progressing at home and Robbie Turton, when last seen, was recovering his appetite - later news informs us that both Robbie and Vi are in the capable hands of Joyce and Ted Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Taylor have celebrated their Ruby Wedding and Mr. & Mrs. D.I. Jones are soon to celebrate their Silver Wedding. May these celebrations bring you great happiness.

### MARRIAGE

Janice Exell to  
Barry John LOUND                      6.2.82

"May the Lord Bless thee and keep thee"



### BAPTISM

Rebecca Janet OAKES                      14.2.82

"And they brought young children, and He laid His hands upon them and blessed them"





# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear friends,

It is very difficult to find the right words to say in appreciation of all the loving thoughts and prayers that have surrounded me, not only since my Robert's death but for the months and years that have gone.

I can only say a big "THANK YOU" to you all for your letters, flowers, phone-calls and visits, gifts to Christian Aid and not least, your prayers! These have been my support and given me the strength to carry on, and with the never failing encouragement of our Minister I have won through,

God bless you all,

GRETA PEPPERDINE

We should like to thank all our friends at Goring for their kind thoughts, prayers, gifts of flowers, cards and letters. We have been much blessed in our now regular worship at St. Columba's, but miss you all very much.

DORIS & GORDON WRAIGHT

## THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL [WORTHING]

I regret to say that the end result of the above Appeal was not such as I envisaged when almost a year ago I voiced the opinion that we, as a Church, should contribute to such a Fund for the purpose (1) of providing caravans or (2) a prefabricated house for the Earthquake victims.

It was not that the response was not generous, rather the reverse in so far that these contributions, together with the Purses Appeal, which received the backing of Councillor Arthur Bowles, being the Mayor in 1981, and the Jumble Sale organised on our premises, and other amounts among our friends raised over £900.00. I had endeavoured to represent the views of our Church and being concerned over the time-factor I believe I was instrumental in the arrangement of a discussion, I believe this was in July, 1981.

It was known at that time that the Fund stood in the region of £3,400, at which time I considered that although it was hoped to send 4 caravans, the sum quoted was probably sufficient to send 3 with another to follow if funds permitted, I was unable to convey that opinion to a successful conclusion. After further time lapsed I believe I persuaded a further discussion, this being for September 1981.

At this stage there seemed to be no possible plan for the use of the Fund, it being realised that the opportunity for dispatching the caravans had passed, and various alternatives were mooted, some of which I discovered were not acceptable to the Italian Authorities.

At the discussion, it was suggested by the administration that the cost of air fares be extracted from the Fund to discover the needs of the Earthquake Victims, it was suggested that this might be £300.

On behalf of the Church and others, I suggested that this was not a proper course, which was confirmed by letter on behalf of our Church and Goring Methodist Church (who had made a substantial appeal donation, but without success).

As will be known, the details of the above-mentioned visit were published in the Local Paper but it seemed that the original permanent intentions of the Appeal were not fulfilled. We have enquired for details of the Italian Earthquake Fund in time for publication in the Chronicle for March, but to the moment these details have not been made available, but we trust that these will be forthcoming later.

It should be noted that in addition to the above, I had on your behalf submitted details of caravans, and a Building Group of unpaid English volunteers from Skelmersdale to rebuild or repair earthquake affected buildings, again with no success. Further, our Minister had listed voluntary societies who could help without expenditure of Appeal Funds, which was not accepted.

ARTHUR MERCER

**CHRISTIAN AID** Grateful thanks for £131.50 received during February this includes £96 in memory of Robert Pepperdine.

HILDA HELE

# LETTER FROM STAINFORTH

THE CHRONICLE: March 1982

Greetings to all my friends of the faith, from Harry at Stainforth House.

In the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

I awoke this morning to the first brilliant sunshine for some little time. The hills were alight and the fields were green. The sky was streaked with brilliance and streaked with clouds and wonder. Yet I was late in my awaking to the day of God's Glory so that I had to be quick to be what my Daily Light told me - Thou hast eaten and art full ... thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee and it finished - "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies". What a glorious reading to start a Sabbath Day of such Light.

So, as the day begins to darken, must I confine that which I commenced yesterday to all my loving friends. This day has been good in what it has brought me from the Lord.

I start in a way like Bill in the Chronicle, from the Vestry. Not from what I have written before but with some poetry which has blessed me from The Girls' Brigade.

Real friends that's what we are  
That's what we've been  
That's what we'll always be,  
Keep in touch, caring so much  
He for you and you for me.

The Girls' Brigade send these words to me. They mean so much to me for they show that though so far away, we are near together in the Lord and the love of Jesus. Grace, Love and Joy be with you, each one of the Girls' Brigade and love is the greatest. So love I send through our Chronicle.

This month's Chronicle has many thoughts on its pages even asking for God's love on us all, yet God knows our needs and even fulfills them without our asking. Even today I was late in rising from my bed so that I felt rushed even as my name, to arrive at Communion at my little Church which I see from my window, yet at the end I was the first to enter and one friend found for me the pages of the Prayer Book and helped me through the service. There was no organ

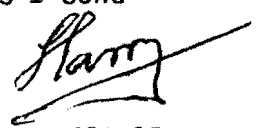
for the power had failed. There was no heat. You were warmed with the love around me even though only about 14 of us attended and the Holy Spirit. To kneel at the altar, to receive the Bread and Blood of Christ, sufficient for us, and our hearts were warmed and the service was blessed.

Spring was around us for the snow drops were round about the Church in the lovely beauty as I walked out to be then taken to Langcliffe for the service at the Methodist Church and with the children of the Sunday School. We were 5 of the smallest group and 5 of the oldest, and our thought was of Jesus with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes that fed the 5 thousand, so our little groups were fed even as the thousands of the world were filled in the churches of the world, by our Lord's presence. So are we together, you and we.

What then does God need of us? Surely not just asking for our own needs. But that we love God our Father for His goodness to us, that we love our Saviour Jesus Christ for He died for each one of us. That we love the Comforter, for he gives us grace - and that we love our neighbour as ourselves. So Jesus gives us the Commandments as the greatest of all, so therefore then all things will fall into place to the Glory of God's Holy Name. May we then give Him, Jesus our Lord, the glory and praise God will then take care of all else. Even yes, our brothers in need all over the world. He will seek and save us and our Brothers, for this is Love manifested, for Jesus loves and died for us all.

Thus, as the darkness is falling, has my Sabbath been blessed in so many ways beyond my deserving or understanding.

Greetings and love I send you, May the love of God guide and bless you, each one, This is sufficient for us - LOVE - the greatest of all blessings I send to you,



## LEPROSY MISSION

The November collection for the Mission was £28.25 thank you for your support. Thank you, Mr. Rushby, for your card and donation. I am arranging a coffee morning to be held in the Church Hall on 17th April, more details in the next Chronicle.

MARY LUCKIN

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## WHAT ABOUT THE OLD 'UNS ?

I don't know if you're like me. Do you think of old people as just that, "old people" who have outlived their usefulness? Or do you think of the living that has gone into their lives? Do you regard them as a burden or a blessing?

There are two classes of "old people" in my experience. Those whom I have been priveleged to know as friends, who are vital, interesting and alive. And those I do not know whose age and apparent uselessness frightens me, so much so that I cannot approach them.

And yet I know there is nothing to fear for I have been greatly blessed by those I have come to know. And if I have been so blessed by the friendships and fellowship of a few how much more if it were many.

At our last Church Meeting the anonimity of three of those unknown to me was in part dissipated through the minister's relating just one facet of their lives. In the case of Mr. Grice it was the fact th~~at~~ he is one of the last surviving skippers of a Clipper. With Mr. & Mrs. Emery it was that they were two of very few survivors of the Yokohama earthquake in 1921 (?).

Of course I still don't know the people but this small insight into their private lives has shown to me how interesting must be their life stories, and they themselves, not to mention of course the ways in which the Lord has worked so wondrously through them.

Maybe Bill could give us some further insights when he relates the news of the family that they might not be just names but that we might identify in some way with them. Or perhaps some of our older members, particularly those who are unable to attend church, might introduce themselves through the pages of this magazine.

"Let us for each other care,  
Each the other's burden bear".



MATTHEW SMITH

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WAS HEARD BY SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS  
who attended the Brighton Centre on Sunday 4th October, 1981.



## 1300 years on — Dr. RUNCIE AT BRIGHTON

"Hear Thou, in Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive".

Wilfrid, who brought Christianity to Sussex, is a commanding figure in English history. When I began my Ministry in distant Northumberland, I seemed to be surrounded by stories of his career and I loved to pray in the crypt chapel at Hexham which he built and which remains today, one of the most impressive Christian remains in Europe, so this is a special day for me, to come to sometimes sunny Sussex in the far south, to celebrate thirteen hundred years of Christian witness started by Wilfrid. He had an astonishing career and there is something in his story to please everyone.

Archbishop Bowen can celebrate and give thanks for a devoted and enthusiastic admirer of the Roman Church and its Bishops. My old friend Morris West, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, can with good conscience applaud a man who was not afraid to put Kings and even Archbishops of Canterbury in their place when he thought that principles were at stake, a rugged dissenter. Wilfrid, also, deserves to be popular with those who see Christian social action as an indispensable part of communicating the message of Jesus Christ. When he came to Sussex, thirteen hundred years ago, the land was in the grip of famine, yet surprisingly, you ingenious South Saxons of Sussex never learned to fish, except for eels and the great store of fish in the sea and rivers remained untouched. The Saint taught the people the skill of fishing and the Venerable Bede says "By this good turn, the missionary Bishop won the hearts of all" and they had the greater hope of heavenly blessings from the preaching of one through whose aid they had gained temporal blessing. The South Saxons were converted in droves and only the Isle of Wight stayed obstinately pagan at the time of Wilfrid's departure in 686.

Wilfrid was no plaster saint however, and there were all too human blemishes in his colourful and energetic personality. He was a fierce partisan and spent most of



his life locked in combat with other men of power. Indeed, Wilfred was forced to come to pagan Sussex because he was being harrassed and pursued by his many Christian enemies. We might ponder in penitence that he only found peace among the pagans.

Bigotry, conflic and violence, have marred some of the greatest ages of the Christian church and sometimes even saints have become embroiled in unholy antagonisms and rivalries.

The Church leaders, who stand before you today, represent traditions every one of which has made a major contribution to the rich diversity of English life and culture. I rejoice in our distinctiveness. It would be a sad day if we were to be amalgamated into some grey uniformity, but we are, thank God, coming together in our sense of what consistutes the core and heart of the faith of Jesus Christ, and in our determination to work together for Him and for the people of this country. There is every reason to celebrate what has already been achieved.

To be continued in April

## BOOK FAIR AT ST. PAUL'S HALL, WORTHING

On Saturday 17th April, from 10.00a.m. to 5.00 p.m. there is to be a Book Fair at St. Paul's Church Hall. This is being sponsored by Feed the Minds and is an ecumenical project of the Worthing Council of Churches. It is hoped that over £1000 will be raised for Feed the Minds.

The proceeds from the sale of second-hand books will be used to provide essential literature for Village Christian Leaders in India - Pastors and Lay Preachers. Some of the money will be used to set up a library, as well as to buy audio-visual aids such as tape cassettes.

Please bring second-hand books which you would like to donate, to our Church, and place them in a box which will be placed in the vestibule during the weeks leading up to the sale.

Please contribute by making this worthwhile, by bringing books and also coming along to the Book Fair on 17th April. Thank you!

MICHAEL DONNELLY





## LONDON LETTER

Dear Friends,

I Thank you for the wheel barrow. It has helped me carry earth to the garden, thank you very very much,

DANIEL DAVIES

Dear Friends,

I thank you for the wheel barrow because it has helped me carry soil and paving stone and last night I staded in the garden and help Mrs. Connelly for two hours and we planted a rosebush too.

DARREN

Dear Friends,

Thank you for wheel barrow. It has helped us very much because we have roughly 15 tons of earth in the big play ground and we need the wheel barrow to carry the earth to the garden. We don't know how to thank you. From Stephen Butterrell.

Dear All,

Some of the boys have written letters of thanks for the wheelbarrow brought back from Worthing in the Christmas holidays. It has been in constant use, carrying bricks and paving stones thrown out by the builders across the road. They have now finished their work, and people are moving into the flats. So no more bricks or stones for paths! However, we had about 15 tons of earth delivered last week - which took a lot of moving from the big playground where it was tipped, to the site of the garden. The School keeper and another man made a Herculean effort and shifted the stuff and together with several children we have made some more flower beds, on Saturdays and after school. So, at long last, plants are actually being planted! More news about how the garden grows next month - longer days will give us the opportunity to reduce the mountain of earth to a fertile (we hope!) plain!

MARY CONNELLY

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**FOR SALE** Attractive, well-situated four-bedroomed house with integral garage. Generally good condition but kitchen needs modernizing. For full details, contact Mrs. Beryl Chatfield (W. 48313).

## TEMPERATE BAPTIST

The President of the Baptist Union has been greatly disturbed to find that large numbers of deacons (ie elders) are not teetotallers. 'There was a time', he says, 'when you could go into most non-conformist homes and you would find there was no drink and they were teetotallers, but it's not the same today. And here we are with a drink problem in our country which affects many'.

## INTEMPERATE BAPTIST

Under banner headlines the Baptist Times for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ran a fierce denunciation of the decision to resume diplomatic relations with the Vatican. After the manner of the 1700s it shouted, among other things, 'For all its pretensions to spiritual power it is political power that the Roman Church wants and this Government has aided and abetted its design !! On the next page the Editorial was entitled 'Moving Towards Unity!

Said the BT leader with a grimfaced glower,  
'The Bishop of Rome is out for power.  
Give an inch to the Romans and soon we all  
Shall be at the mercy of a second John Paul.  
His Envoy moling at the Court of James  
Will undermine faith with Popish games :-  
Indulgences sold to willing sinners  
And meat dishes banned from Friday dinners;  
And the Prayer Book dropped as writ by forgers  
And Runcie soon ousted by the Borgias.  
All our simple forms will become processional  
And Saturdays find us at confessional;  
All the Anglican lads and Free Church lasses  
Will have to attend their weekly Masses.  
But the Pope shan't slight us with impunity !

- or..What was I saying on Christian Unity ?'

## EVANGELICAL BISHOPS - BAUGHEN AGAIN

The elevation of Dr Michael Baughen to be Bishop of Chester will be welcomed by those interested in bringing more contemporary popular music into the Church. He was not only the instigator and compiler of Youth

Praise but was also responsible for the words and/or the music of many of its hymns and choruses, including 'New, every morning it's new', 'If any man will follow' and 'Go forth and tell'.

#### EVANGELICAL BISHOPS - Norwich 1 - Liverpool 0

Dr Maurice Wood, Bishop of Norwich, seems to have remained refreshingly free of the influence of the British Council of Churches and the leftist establishment. He recently outlined the dangers of unilateral disarmament and the consequent subservience to Soviet imperialism. Dr Wood remains faithful to his evangelical beginnings: would that the same could be said of his former curate, David Sheppard, now Bishop of Liverpool and well-known supporter of anti-Police demonstrators.

#### DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM

It must be very disturbing to find a workmate reading the Bible over his lunch instead of the Sun. Even so, weren't the Wolverhampton dustmen going a bit far in having their Bible-reading colleague dismissed from his job?

Brothers ! we must be right to raise our ire  
 To find our fascist friend stuck in Isaiah.  
 No good advice or even friendly jibe'll  
 Get this odd man away from his old Bible.  
 'Das Kapital' or 'Playboy' we don't mind,  
 But Bible-punching's too much of a bind;  
 And being a Christian means he does his whack,  
 Which shows us up - so he must get the sack !



RFB

WANTED - for Contact (A group for young mothers and children): a reliable lady, gentleman, or couple, willing to make coffee and wash up for us once a month. By giving about one hour of your time each month (except in the summer), you would be helping to free busy mums for fellowship together. This job was very kindly done in the past by the late Mr. & Mrs. Beamish.

Our group has grown in the last year and we would welcome someone who could take over a small but vital part of our morning meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of the month. For further details, please contact: Carole Davis Tel: 502338 or Janet Knowles Tel: 691853.

# WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES \_\_\_\_\_

United Services during Lent 1982 Theme: 'The Holy Spirit'

- 3rd March 'THE FACT OF THE SPIRIT'  
Preacher: The Rev. D.H. Weller,  
Worthing United Reformed Church,  
Shelley Road.
- 10th March 'THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT'  
Preacher: The Rev. Canon F. Kiddle,  
The Citadel, Crescent Road.
- 17th March 'THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT'  
Preacher: The Rev. Ronald Batt,  
St. Botolph's Church,  
Lansdowne Road.
- 24th March 'THE FULNESS OF THE SPIRIT'  
Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. Filby,  
Steyne Gardens Methodist Church.
- 31st March 'GOING OUT IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT'  
Preacher: Major James Bagworth,  
St. Paul's Church, Chapel Road.

Come and share in these united services. ALL SERVICES  
BEGIN AT 7.30 p.m.

E.G. ROBERTSON

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 5th March 1982

The Theme for this year's day of prayer is "The People of God".

The Afternoon Service will be held in the Catholic Church, Goring Way at 15.00h when it is hoped many ladies of our own Congregation will attend if possible. There will be six other local churches joining in and members of the various churches will be taking part. The Speaker will be Mrs. E. Whitehead. There will also be an evening service at the above Church at 20.00 when the Speaker will be Mrs. M. Bennett.

The Evening Service at St. Michael's, Hayling Rise, will also be at 20.00h when the speaker will be Mrs. K. Kiddle.



(Group for Evangelism and Renewal within the U.R.C.)

## DAY CONFERENCE AT HOVE

At - Central U.R.C., Blatchington Road, Hove  
On - Saturday, 24th April, 1982 from 10.30 a.m. until  
7.30 p.m.

THEME A Step Further - Growing in the Gospel  
SPEAKER Rev. Robert Gordon, with worship and a choice  
of seminars.

Cost - £1 - bring own lunch and tea.

Anyone interested in joining the contingent from this  
Church, please contact Mr. & Mrs. R. Tuley.

## ELECTION OF ELDERS



It will be necessary to arrange  
for the next Election of Elders to take place at the  
monthly Church Meeting on 1st July, 1982. The Elders  
who will retire by rotation are:

Mrs. S. Batchelor	Vacancy (resignation of Mr. J. Cook)
Mrs. E. Dearsley	Mr. G. Dean
Mr. R. Tuley	Mrs. D. Turner

but who are eligible for re-election.

There are, therefore, six vacancies. Nominations  
which should be in writing, signed by the proposer and  
seconded, but not needing the consent of the nominee,  
should be in the hands of the Minister or Secretary  
(for Admin.) not later than 31st March, 1982. Each  
person to be nominated will be interviewed by members  
of the Nominations Committee and the names of those  
who have accepted will be announced at the Church  
Meeting on 3rd June, 1982.

It is earnestly hoped that all Church Members will  
take a prayerful and active part in both the nominations  
and voting processes. Ballot papers will be distributed  
to all Church Members at the beginning of June and must  
be returned to the Church Secretary (admin.) or the  
Minister prior to the commencement of the Church Meeting  
on 1st July, 1982.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It is a sign of the times that the five Church Leaders of Sussex meet together from time to time and therefore have got to know and have confidence in each other. They are the Bishop of Chichester, the Baptist General Superintendent, the Bishop of Arundel & Brighton (Roman Catholic), the Chairman London Methodist South West District and our own Moderator, Cyril Franks. These Leaders have sent a letter to the churches in which they remind us of the celebrations held in 1981 to celebrate the 1300th anniversary of the coming of the Gospel to Sussex with St. Wilfrid. In January of 1981 the Leaders sent out an urgent call for the churches to celebrate and proclaim Christ to the people of Sussex today.

Recently the Leaders sent a letter to the churches in which they ask the question "Where do we go from here"? The letter reads as follows:

Where to we go from here? There are four steps, we believe, which are vital if this unity is to deepen and to grow:

- (1) To make, in each local community, some public act of commitment and co-operation, such as we ourselves so recently made together at Brighton.
- (2) To develop in Sussex more effective common patterns of communication and co-operation between our respective church communities, for the strengthening of the local 'front line'.
- (3) To plan together a more effective sharing of our resources, both human and material, for the fulfilment of our common Christian calling in each local community and in the community as a whole.
- (4) To enable our respective church communities to learn and train together more effectively for the common Christian mission.

The Leaders go on to say: "We are very encouraged by the signs of Christian hope that we see around us. The whole human family is called by God to receive and share his gift of unity, and so our prayer is "that all may find their home in you, O Lord."

Over the next few months our Ministers and serving Elders are to meet in special sessions for prayer and consideration of their duties and ministries in the work and witness of Goring U.R.C. It all depends on the local church of whatever denomination to be willing to be used of God in the service of the Gospel, and to be prepared for the cost of such service in prayer, time and thought. What is needed is that not only the Leaders, the Ministers and the Elders, but that it might be true that all God's people in the Household of Faith may be seen to be God's prophets.

RON CHRISTOPHER

## SCIENCE & THE CHURCH

Scientists are searching the universe for life, they are looking in the wrong direction. They will never find it.

The Church knows Life and where it is to be found, but fails to emphasise it, relying on mysticism and is content if its supporters believe God is Life and Life is Spirit and there is one God only. The Church teaches man is made from the dust of the earth i.e. physical, whereas man is made in the image and likeness of God, and then fell from Grace. It doesn't seem possible for the perfect likeness and image of God to fall, so the fall must have been imagined. Imagination is the parent of mythology (Spratt \* author of History of Royal Society) imagined by mortal mind, a myth itself. Jesus said of mortal mind "It is a liar, the father of lies", St. Paul "Carnal mind is enmity against God". So the fall is a myth, and the imaginations of mortal mind is continually urging us to believe in lies, i.e. that Life is material, whereas Life is Spiritual.

Science knows nothing of Spiritual life which is real, but only in organic and inorganic structures. It is the Spirit which quickens those structures, i.e. gives Life.

We should understand more of the works of the Lord were we to combine Christianity and Science instead of the one distancing itself from the other. Nothing about Love? God is Love, God is Spirit, Spirit is love.

H. GREWCOCK

\* Bishop of Rochester, 1635



# GIRLS' BRIGADE

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We have been greatly encouraged by your interest in Santhi, our adopted Indian girl. A number of the girls are now working on projects about India and our  $\frac{1}{2}$ p fund is flourishing.

On TUESDAY MARCH 30th we are holding a JUMBLE SALE at 6 p.m. If you have anything for collection please phone 40546 (Captain) or any Girls' Brigade Officer and arrangements will be made accordingly. Thank you.

During recent months we have experienced some trouble and considerable expense with a few of our hearing aids. The batteries, having been left on, have rotted in the aids and they have had to be returned to the supplier for repair. Now however we have purchased some rechargeable batteries and a charging machine so should have no further trouble even if the aids are left on. If you are a user and you happen to use an aid with a flat battery, please inform Captain and she will see that it's recharged and meanwhile there are plenty of others to choose from!

We have another officer in training and would ask you to support Jackie Brame in prayer. We hope to see her commissioned in June. Bless you all.

JEAN WEBB

If the year is going to carry on like this, the 5th Worthing Company will never be bored! This session is now well under way and Captain and Lieutenants are all very busy keeping everything under control!

On behalf of us all I would like to say 'thank you' for the anonymous donations given to help us support Santhi in India and also for money given for use in the Company. The money we send to Santhi will also buy her two new outfits each year as well as making sure she gets one good meal a day.

During Brigade week we started saving 1p. pieces and our target is a mile of 1p. by the end of the year, some of which we will send to our sister companies in Uganda.

I know that Captain would like me to say a personal 'thank you' to a lovely lady named Mrs. Carpenter, who now plays the piano for us. We are all so glad to have her with us. God be with you all.

ALLISON SAMPSON.(SENIOR)

## The Boys' Brigade

### KITCHEN HINTS

Where has our china teapot got to, it used to reside in the kitchen? Having supplied a china teapot or two the B.B. would be pleased to see its return. We do like a cup of tea from a china teapot but someone has sabotaged that pleasure. Recently I descaled a kettle in the Church kitchen and removed nearly 8 ounces of lime fur. With so much fur inside a kettle takes much longer and uses more gas to boil water. The main cause of the build up of lime fur is the general practice of leaving previously boiled water in the kettle overnight or even longer. If everyone ensures they empty the kettles after their cuppa we may be able to 'defur' future descaling requirements.

D.W. STEWART.

Despite even further depletion in our staff we are maintaining our Boy membership. We do thank Mrs. Catherine Hunt for the help she has been giving us in the Junior section. I have been told that it is futile in asking for help through the medium of the Church Chronicle so would you please prove that statement to be untrue by contacting me regarding any possible help that you can give. Mrs. Robin Bradley recently kept a group of Boys keenly interested in First Aid and Home Nursing. If one lady can interest Boys in something that normally only Girls might be interested in, then, why cannot a few gentlemen come up with some other ideas? It is rather a curious situation when we have two Officers in the Company who are members of other Churches. If you are or know of a pianist who could train a group of Juniors in singing do please let me know. The next few weeks will prove to be busy ones for the Boys in all the sections. They will be taking part in various West Sussex Battalion

events and we hope to report some of our successes in the near future. The Juniors raised over £21 in their Christmas appeal and this money will go towards helping to rebuild a Church in Guyanna. Please keep praying for us. Yours gratefully.

DONALD STEWART.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Our fortnightly meetings continue to be very well supported with an average attendance of 65 members, and this is a source of great encouragement to our committee.

On the 26th January we were privileged to have Mr. A. Fillmore, one of our Church members, visit us, and we were inspired with recordings of a selection of well loved music. So many memories were awakened when we heard our special favourites being played.

Our following meeting was a united one with the Men's Fellowship when Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, with his wealth of experience, spoke to us of the Lord's work being carried out in the mission field in Sudan by the organisation "Across". With illustrated slides he brought home to us the need for the continuation of missionary work. Pray for these people who toil in foreign lands.

Our March meetings will be held on the 9th when Miss Fetherston will be speaking to us on the United Nations in Europe and on 23rd we look forward to a visit from Mrs. Richards with a film on the Barnardo's Homes.

We are always very pleased to welcome new members at our meetings, and we send our love to those of our Fellowship who have been prevented, for various reasons, from being with us.

JOAN BURRAGE

### FLOWERS FOR MARCH

7th Flower Fund  
14th Mr. Turton

21st Mr. C.S. Nodes  
28th Mr. & Mrs. Beale

Flower Fund Grateful thanks for £24 received during January and February.

DOROTHY TURNER

# PROVINCIAL DAY - EASTBOURNE

THE CHRONICLE: March 1982

Saturday, 18th September, '82

Provincial Day this year will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, 18th September. If there is sufficient demand a coach will be hired for the journey to Eastbourne and back. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you would be interested in joining such a party. Don't delay, you will not be committed at this stage but it will give us an idea whether to proceed with ordering a coach.

At Provincial Day each Church represented is being asked to participate in an all-age-group exhibition representative of Church Life. The Rev. R.C. Christopher has offered to act as the co-ordinator of our exhibits and would like to know the names of those who would be interested in forming a working party to develop ideas and set up an exhibition. All age groups will be involved and all those interested are asked to place their names on the list in the vestibule as soon as possible.

RAY NEWELL



Dear Editor,

Whilst I agree with most of Eric Popplestone's observations in his article 'Rising Damp' on the maintenance of the church fabric, I fear his information about electronic organs may be unintentionally misleading. One can indeed buy an electronic church organ for £3000, but its sound will be closer to that of a mouth-organ rather than a pipe organ.

As it happens, over the past year I have investigated, tried and/or heard every make of electronic church organ available. To obtain an organ to meet the minimum requirements of our church would cost about £8000 and really good quality sound would require something over £10000 - and even that would be markedly inferior to the sound we (including you Madam!) are still able to obtain from our wheezy 'old faithful'.

This observation is not of course intended to close the debate but to provide a factual background for the comparisons.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Bruford.

# HYMNS FROM SHEFFIELD

by TAPTON

To edit a Radical Newspaper at the time of social and industrial unrest in Sheffield at the turn of the 18th and early 19th centuries, and to justify his political opinions 'for the Gospels sake' would be a thumbnail sketch of James Montgomery (1771 - 1854). But not all South Yorkshire revolutionaries have political motivation!

James Montgomery's work as a hymn-writer is sufficient indication of his enthusiasm for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and Congregational Praise has in it over twenty of his hymns, he wrote more than four hundred altogether. When next you sing 'Angels from the realms of glory', 'Stand up and bless the Lord', 'According to Thy gracious word', 'Be known to us in breaking bread', 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed' and many more give thanks to God that James Montgomery's pen was given to praise God.

It might have been otherwise - he was imprisoned for printing a song in celebration of the fall of the Bastille - but as history tells us, there were many more souls in darkness on the streets of Sheffield than in the French Prison, but that's another story and depends on how you interpret Isaiah 61 v. 1

## A THOUGHT FOR A VISITOR

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

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Dear Friends,

HE IS NOT HERE - HE IS RISEN!

Easter is not an annual celebration. It is an hourly experience. Christians do not make pilgrimages to a Holy Place in order to find the residual remains of something that happened long ago, leave that to the tour operators. The true Christian response to the Easter word of Resurrection consists not merely in remembrance of past events, but in realisation of present realities. This, surely is what the message of the Angels at the tomb means.

This is why Puritan thinking rejected the idea of fixed feasts and fastings. Far from repudiating Christian truths by their attitude, they were seeking to confirm their contemporary power.

Easter, with its prelude in 'Holy Week', has its greatest value not in looking back, however thankfully, and gratefully, for what God has done in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Saviour; its greatest value is to be found in living experience of Him who is Lord and Saviour Today.

For the preaching of the Cross  
Is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is  
The Power of God. 1 Cor.1 v.18

Therefore if any man be in Christ  
He is a New Creation. 2 Cor. 5 v.17

If ye then be risen with Christ  
Seek those things that are above. Colossians 3,1

You will know that we have had anxious days at the Manse, especially over the health of Lily Spargo, Mary's mother. She, with all her family, desire to thank you for your prayers. And what a joy to learn that our son, James and his wife, Jane, rejoiced in the birth of a daughter, Ruth.

with love and blessings for Easter,

*William Conally*  
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# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

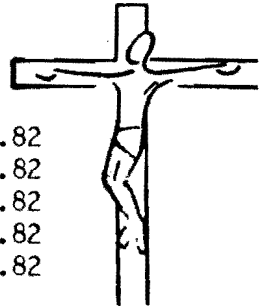
## BAPTISMS



MARY LOUISA CARTER	21st February
GAVIN LEE BRIAN EASEY	20th February
CALLUM DOUGLAS HORNE	"
KEVIN HORNE	"
DARREN TREVOR HORNE	"
PAUL RICHARD ATHOL BYERLEY	28th February

## IN MEMORIAM

CECILIA PHYLLIS BENTLEY	17.2.82
LAURA GRACE GETHERIDGE	24.2.82
PERCY PUTTICK PESCOTT	26.2.82
SELINA REBECCA WHITMILL	3.3.82
DAVID LIVINGSTON	6.3.82



Jesus said - I am the Resurrection and the Life.  
 Give thanks to God for the lives of His servants.  
 Remember them with Christian affection, and remember  
 also the bereaved in your prayers and visits.



It is good to have Dorothy Turner among us again, may her health continue to improve. Both Alma and Norman Pratten are still unwell and we send them our blessings. Stanley Pike is still in hospital as also is Bill Scudder. We pray for their healing. Ann Silveston is making good progress after her recent spell in Southlands Hospital and Ron Briggs will soon be home again. Robbie Turton progresses and to him and Vi, to 'Pip' Biggs who is unwell and to all known and unknown in the fellowship upon whom sickness, sorrow, anxiety or unexpected problems have fallen, we send assurance of our prayers. Do not hesitate to ask the Ministers or the Pastoral Secretary, Mr. F. Marsh, for any help we can give. And again, warm thanks to all who visit, distribute flowers and send out cards.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Dear Friends,

I really must say a very big Thank You to all who sent me get well cards and flowers during my stay at St. Francis. There were so many that I cannot name them all, but to Ron Christopher for a very hallowed hour, to Mr. & Mrs. E. Young for care of Vi, while I was in hospital, and also of myself when I was released very many thanks. To those who used their cars to bring Vi to see me, not forgetting the love and care of Dennis and Connie, we express our gratitude.

I feel held up by your prayers. Thank you.

ROBBIE TURTON

What a way to spend New Year's Eve - well and truly plastered! Owing to a very unfortunate accident, I broke my foot, and now I am mended again I want to say very sincere thanks for the lovely flowers from the Church which Mrs. Turner delivered, visits and cards from Church Members, and Choir, and of course several visits from our Minister. All this reminded me that I am not alone, but am surrounded by love.

KAY NOWELL

## AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

### New Members

KIRKLAND, Mrs. M., 71 Beckett Road	206613
WATSON, Mrs. B., 23 Acacia Avenue	61476
NORTH, Mrs. P., 63 Canterbury Road	

### Changes of Address

NICHOLLS, Mr. M., 22 West Park Lane	41588
NUNNELEY, Miss C., 34 George V. Avenue	48881
BIRCH, Mr. & Mrs. A., 22 Guardian Ct., Rogate Road	
RICHARDS, Mr. P., 31 Mill Park Road, Pagham	
WEST, Mrs. M., 7 Balquhain Close, Ashtead, Surrey.	
MARLAND, Mrs. S., 3 Nepcote Ct., 118 South Farm Road	38423

1300 years on — Dr. RUNCIE AT BRIGHTON

Further Excerpt from Dr. Runcie's Address (Brighton)

Forgiveness is central to the Christian faith but it is often sentimentalised and misunderstood. It is first of all resisting the natural urge to hit back when someone has done you an injury. But it is more than reining yourself in, it is also keeping up an active goodwill towards the person who has injured you. I do not mean that you can, or that you ought to, try to manufacture warm emotions about those who have done you harm. Emotions come as a bonus and ought not to be forced but you should with all your mind and strength work for and welcome any sign of any change of heart. It is very important, however, to recognise that we cannot express Christian forgiveness until we have really understood our own need for forgiveness and that, as Christians, we have been forgiven by God acting through Jesus Christ. I will never forget a wise and holy man being asked what distinguishes the Christian from the good pagan. After all, most of us are, from time to time, put to shame by the goodness, integrity and sheer loveliness of our non-Christian friends and to this he answered in a sentence, "A Christian always carries about with him a sense of indebtedness".

There is a common delusion that forgiveness is rather a soft option taken by those who cannot face up to difficult situations. "I'll forgive you only don't let's have a scene," costs nothing and doesn't last, like the lady who was said to have buried the hatchet only once a week, and sometimes twice a week, she laid flowers on its grave. The truth is that it takes great strength to follow Christ as far as forgiving his enemies and slanderers.

Forgiveness requires us to be more fervently constructive than most of us find easy, restraining our anger and working to build one another up. Sometimes the desire to be constructive and to encourage

other people to grow will result in us taking a hard line as a parent, teacher or magistrate, supporting punishment, for example, not in a destructive way but to bring home to an offender what he has done. Forgiveness should never be confused with an 'anything goes' attitude and as Christians, we have discovered that we can only live as strenuously as that, with Christ's help.

In relations between Christian churches, which like Wilfrid are earnestly determined to serve God and the people of this country, the practice of Christian forgiveness means, at the very least, an end to all contemptuous speech and name-calling. It means, also, that we must ask for and accept the forgiveness of our Christian brothers and sisters for our own arrogance and spite, as well as, seeking to understand and build up our detractors. In this way we can be free from energy absorbing antagonisms to seek a more generous vision of the one truth together.

How far as Churches do we delight, really delight, in each others achievements and successes and how far is there a little niggling envy when that happens. Now Churches full of the kind of forgiveness of which I speak, have received a profound experience of the mind and life of Christ. When He is present in a forgiving Church then He is available to the world as a whole. A church firm in orthodox doctrine, but weak in the practice of Christlike forgiveness, can drive people away from the true faith which is lived in union with Christ and not just contained in theological slogans. A Church really steeped in forgiveness can help a distracted and quarrelsome world to discover Christ and the unity which comes from faith in Him. But a Church trampling over the ground trumpeting certainties, with no consciousness of its own need for forgiveness, will just add to din and division. We are suffering, at the moment, in our world from people who are shouting and protesting so loudly that they have mad themselves deaf. Sisters and brothers

let us be forgiving, because this is one of the ways we help Christ to do His work of healing the wounds of the past and bringing into being a more harmonious world and the Kingdom of God.

As we give thanks for thirteen hundred years, we should be able to celebrate indeed and to accept the word of the German mystic Echhart. "There is no stopping place in this life, no nor was there ever one for any man no matter how far along the way he has come." This, then, above all things be ready for the gifts of God and always for new ones but Lord:

"Hear Thou in Heaven and when Thou hearest, forgive"  
AMEN



## CHRISTIAN AID

Those who plead for all aid to be strictly non-political must realise that though Christian Aid's motives in making grants are indeed non-political and are wholly charitable and Christian, the freeing of people from abject poverty must and does have political implications. When people are enabled to become literate they acquire knowledge and vision; when a farmer is helped to produce a surplus to sell he not only reduces the hunger of others but frees himself from the money-lender; when local resources are pooled in co-operative ventures land-owners, middlemen in transport and processing and marketing, must look elsewhere for their profit. These are all socio-political by-products of development, but if development is necessary and desirable as the only escape from degrading poverty, hunger and sickness, then there is no choice.

Continue, then, giving generously. Christian Aid Week this year is 10th - 15th May, and volunteers (between the ages of 16 and 60+) are now being enlisted to help cover our quota of roads for the house to house collection. Can you help?

RON JORDAN

Amount received during March - £32.50,

with many thanks,

HILDA HELE

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# AN EASTER CAROL

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It had never occurred to me that Edward SCHILLITO had once been a boy at Silcoates School in Yorkshire and a student at Manchester University. And I thought I knew every stick and stone of those places and was familiar with all the flowers that blew there. But I had forgotten Edward Schillito and his writings though had it in the back of my mind that his poems "Jesus of the Scars" had greatly moved me in earlier days.

Away with gloom, away with doubt!  
With all the morning stars we sing;  
With all the sons of God we shout  
The praises of a King,  
Alleluia!  
Of our returning King.

This Carol at number 727 in Congregational Praise is well worth knowing better and singing more often.

## SCIENCE & THE CHURCH

TAPTON

Science is continually updating its knowledge. The Church says the Truth doesn't need updating. As we gain a clearer knowledge of the Scriptures the teaching of the Church should be updated too. Science cannot conceive God as a person as taught in Church but does admit a first cause. St. John's Gospel Chapter VI The Word was God, clear enough no person there. Acts 17 vv. 22-30 enough there to satisfy science there is no person. We often learn in Church - Our Father who art in heaven, which signifies Spirit. Also resurrection of the dead instead of from the dead, a very different thing. The body must die in the first place, but not in the second. If science and religion are to work together for the advancement of man the Church must teach God is Spirit and man in His image and likeness. Albert Einstein said "Science without Religion is lame. Religion without Science is Blind".

In 1973 the internationally known scientist Jacob Bronowski said "Life is no more material than fire". He must have realised Life is Spiritual. i.e. Just what Jesus taught and demonstrated by His Resurrection.

H. GREWCOCK

# CARING!

Bill reminded us at our last Church Meeting of the need for continued awareness in our caring for others. He reminded us of our reputation as a caring church but urged that we be not complacent. It is all very well caring for our friends and acquaintances - what is it the Bible says ..... even the unbelievers do as much?

Bill drew our attention to a group within the church, who are without friends and acquaintances, who by reason of advanced years and institutionalisation have outlived or become detached from the friends they once knew. There are many such, within our area, who apart from the occasional visit from a friend or relation - if they are lucky - live a lonely, boring and meaningless existence.

For life to be worth living, it must have meaning. Can you help give such meaning to life? Can you spare a little time for visiting such people? If so please contact Bill or Ron.

MATTHEW SMITH.

## BARN DANCE

Monday 19 April

at 8.0 p.m.

Here's a chance for all our Church members to have a happy evening together. You don't have to know how to dance - we will have a professional caller to teach you. And if you are unable to dance it will be fun just watching!

All ages can come - it will make a great family outing

It'll be an excellent opportunity for new members to meet other members.

Entrance will be by ticket only: 60p (40p under 12) refreshments will be free.

Don't leave it too late to get your tickets (there are already indications that it's going to be a popular evening - and tickets are limited).

Ask your Section Secretary or contact Rosemary Evans (501870).

THIS IS A FAMILY CIRCLE EVENT



# AN EASTER MEDITATION

on Naughts & Crosses

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GOD is love, represented by a CROSS which is also a kiss. MAN, totally inadequate to stand in the presence of God, is a NAUGHT. In the beginning God created the world and "God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1.21) He loved what He had made. God put a kiss in the first empty space.

Man looked at the world God had made and the wonders of the night sky, and said with the Psalmist: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" (Psa. 8.4) Then alongside God's creative love he placed his own naught.

Time passed, and in the centre of all things God placed another cross, set on Calvary's hill. "God so loved the world that He gave His ... Son" (Jn. 3.16)

Then man, lost in wonder and adoration offered his naught at the foot of the cross. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". (Rms. 3.23)

After a little time, a voice cried: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 21.6)

Christ rose from the grave and placed the sign of victorious love in the final space.

But the end is not yet. God invites man to place his naught upon Calvary's cross and then God's victory becomes man's victory also, and the shining glory of God's love is revealed afresh through man.

"I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me"  
(Gal.2 v.20)

## COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning in aid of the Leprosy Mission will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 17th April from 10.0 a.m. till Noon. I hope to have a cake stall, and grocery bring & buy: contributions will be most gratefully received.

Unfortunately this date coincides with the Book Fair at St. Paul's, so come early for your coffee and give your energy to fight for your books!

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# REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Men's Fellowship

Since our January report we have enjoyed listening to Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley's account of his work with the "Across" organisation in the Sudan and heard about "Treasure Trove" from Dick Daive whose uncle's remarkable findings in Suffolk finished up in the British Museum. We also welcomed The Rev. Douglas Godfrey from Pagham on 9th March and learnt how he too can keep himself fully occupied in retirement.

The early months of the year have seen a number of our members having to take an enforced "rest" in hospital, but we are pleased to report that Reg Hobbs, Robbie Turton and Ron Briggs are all making good progress following operations. How good it was to see Ted Collison at our meeting on 9th March after an absence of several months.

April brings to a conclusion our programme for the Spring and on 6th we shall join the ladies for an Easter programme led by our old friend William Keevil from St. Mary's. At our A.G.M. on 20th we shall once again welcome our President, Bill Connelly to chair the Meeting and subsequently regale us with more pearls of wisdom.

REG GOODCHILD

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

Many of you have kindly given us  $\frac{1}{2}$ p pieces for Santhi, our little Indian girl, and 1p pieces for our mile of pennies and we have been greatly encouraged by your generosity. Please accept our thanks through this magazine as it really isn't possible to write separately to everyone concerned.

On Tuesday 20th April we are the host Company when Officers and girls of 1st Goring and 2nd Worthing will be joining us for our Area Parade and sponsored hymn sing. A short service will be held in our Church at 7.00 p.m. and we hope very much that some of you will come along and listen to the girls singing and join us for refreshments. The money is for District

funds to help new officers in the purchase of their uniforms.

On Saturday 1st May, King of the Road Coaches will be taking three dozen of us to the Albert Hall to see the afternoon performance of The Girls' Brigade Annual Display, and we are hoping that our Chaplain will join us this year. We have entered the National Handwork Competitions and should know the result on Rally Day.

Meanwhile, in the District Competitions we gained a second in the Explorer Section, a second and third in the Junior Section and two "highly commended" in the Senior/Brigader Section.

Easter will be a busy time for us as we distribute 130 handmade gifts to our many elderly and housebound friends. This gives us all great joy and is a wonderful opportunity to spread abroad the love of Jesus. May you all know the love of our Risen Lord this Easter.

JEAN WEBB

## The Boys' Brigade

For the first time in many years the Junior Section Boys have returned triumphant from the West Sussex Battalion's Cross Country Run at Petworth by winning the trophy for their age group. Congratulations to Noel Shipley, Matthew Collier, Stephen and Zaryth Young who were amongst the first six back home. The Company Section members had tough opposition but nevertheless were runners-up in their group.

We are happy that the mothers of Shane Watson and Adam Kirkland were recently received into Church Membership. We ask for your prayers for them and also Shawn Scott, Lee Christensen and Robert Carpenter who have made their decision to accept the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. Theirs will be a real time of testing in witnessing at home and school. Would you please save any of your Youth Organisation stamps recently issued and place them in the specially marked box to be found in the vestibule. Thank you so much,

Yours sincerely,

DONALD STEWART

Hello, and greetings to everyone. It's that man again; to whom someone recently said "When are you going to write another note for the Chronicle?" I didn't realise I was so popular, but it is nice to know that the items in the Chronicle attract attention and comment. And this is exactly what happened to me. Over the past few months I kept noting reference to various clubs or organisations attached to the congregation and I thought - what does it do, and who runs it and when? Perhaps other members of the Congregation - especially new members, are unaware what fellowship is available and the times at which they function. So I sat down and compiled a long list (I was staggered to find it was so comprehensive) - and the place and time of their meeting and whom to contact for further information. Since it was so large, I asked our good friend and Minister to check it for me and make corrections; so, a separate list - to be kept in your pocket or bag for easy reference - is being produced. It is my hope and prayer that, as a result of seeing all the organisations listed, some more members of the congregation will be tempted to join some of the groups and perhaps even give a hand to run them - help is always needed, and greatly appreciated.

In addition, we have some very worthy people in the congregation who perform a valiant service "in their spare time", representing the congregation in various bodies and organisations. This too, I think, is worthy of special mention and I will try and enumerate on a separate list. Perhaps more members will consider participating in one or more of the associations on seeing them listed.

Of course, in addition to these, there are those listed in the Handbook, who carry out many internal jobs, associated with running a Church and Junior Church and to all of them we would say, most sincerely, 'Thank you' your work is deeply appreciated.

FRAZER FINLAY

# MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

## FLOWERS FOR APRIL

4th Ivy Wingrove  
11th F.A. Hambleton

18th Miss F. Wharhirst  
25th Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone

What a privilege it is to belong to such a caring Church. My deepest thanks for your prayers and to all who visited, telephoned, brought flowers and gifts to me. Also for the cards which cheered me during my bout of sickness.

Blessings on both Ministers too for their part in my recovery. I hope to be back with you all very soon.

## Flower Fund

Grateful thanks for £3.50 subscribed during Feb/March

I owe a great debt of gratitude to Jill Pownall and Tania Hunt for taking over so loyally during my recent illness. Thank you also to Jill, Tania, Margaret and Jean for helping with the delivery of flowers to sick members for this same period.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We began our "Spring Programme" on one of the most hazardous nights for travelling on the roads which were like an ice rink and we were greatly surprised by the number of our Fellowship who turned out on such a wintry evening. So was Mr. Connelly, who spoke about his hobby entitled "A Grave Matter" and it was most interesting to hear what he had found on exploring several grave yards around London. Once again Dorothy Turner delighted us with her slides of Canada which she visited last summer. She certainly wasted no time on her holiday and the evening was packed with information about the places she had visited through the Rocky Mountains to Vancouver. I'm sure Dorothy tempted many of us to go and see for our-

selves especially when she recalled her boat excursion over the rapids! Our next speaker, Mr. Robert Pringle, himself blind, came down from London with his wife to tell us of the work of St. Dunstons, Rottingdean. The home was founded in 1919 by the late Sir Arthur Pearson who realized the need to train people who had lost their sight so that they could once again play a useful part in the community. He himself had been trained at St. Dunstons and his enthusiasm for the work done at this unique home was a delight to hear.

I would like to thank the Fellowship for their marvellous effort at our Bring & Buy Stall when we raised £37, £12 of which will go towards the expense of heating and lighting. We began the evening on a humorous note as we recalled "Our most Embarrassing Moment" which was great fun! Last week Mr. & Mrs. Roussel came along to tell us what it was like to be living in Guernsey under German Occupation. Despite their sufferings of food shortages and losing their home, their faith made them strong. Mr. Roussel had a motto - Be Cool, Be Calm, Be Natural - which helped him in times of danger; perhaps we could follow it too?

We remember all our members who have been unwell in Hospital or at home and ask God's blessing on them. We trust that this coming Easter time will be a happy and joyful time for everyone. We have been delighted to welcome more new friends to our Fellowship and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

OLIVE BUSHBY

#### NOTICE

The Monday Evening Fellowship invites everyone to come and join us on Monday 5th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Bob Jackson from Brighton is coming along with a group of friends to join us in an evening of drama and music with sketches from the "Fisherfolk" and choruses.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped to clear the stage for our meeting on 23rd February when High Salvington W.I. visited us and presented their

play "The Golden Key". Their delight with our stage and our hall was very apparent. What a great pity that we, as a Church, cannot somehow conceive a way to keep our stage and hall as it was meant to be!

The Play produced provided a very entertaining afternoon and kept the attention of the audience throughout. On 9th March - "The Work of the United Nations". Unfortunately, too much was attempted and interest was lost in the rush to get information across. On 6th April we look forward to our Easter Meeting with the Men's Fellowship, which they are arranging under Mr. Knight's leadership. On 20th April Miss Mann and Mrs. Flory will be speaking of their own special interest.

Members - we approach our A.G.M. in May when there are changes in our Committee. Do give this careful thought.

We send our love to all our members who cannot be with us now. You are constantly in our thoughts.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

NOAH'S PRAYER (from PRAYERS FROM THE ARK)

Lord,  
 What a menagerie  
 Between Your downpour and these animal cries  
 Once cannot hear oneself think!  
 The days are long.  
 Lord.  
 All this water makes my heart sink.  
 When will the ground cease to rock under my feet?  
 The days are long.  
 Master Raven has not come back.  
 Here is Your Dove.  
 Will she find us a twig of hope?  
 The days are long,  
 Lord.  
 Guide your Ark to safety,  
 Some zenith of rest,  
 Where we can escape at last  
 From this brute slavery.  
 The days are long,  
 Lord.  
 Lead me until I reach the shore of Your covenant. Amen



# WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS \_

## PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION - A WIGGING FROM THE BENCH

The European Judges rule that beating's out of  
 court,  
 The tawse or rod or slipper will have none of  
 their support,  
 'Parental choice in punishment must be allowed',  
 they say  
 And on this topic they decline to hear another  
 way.  
 So little darlings must be free to break out  
 with a laugh,  
 Destroy the classrooms, fire the school and  
 terrorise the staff;  
 And now they needn't run away - they safely stay  
 and linger  
 Since now they know the EC Court says none can  
 lift a finger  
 To stop their evil ways.

Yet when an anxious Christian Dane  
 Appeared before that very Court in order to  
 complain  
 That sex instruction lessons taught his child to  
 sleep around  
 And asked to keep her from those classes on this  
 valid ground  
 The Judges waxed indignant and rejected his  
 complaint.  
 'You do not have parental choice to keep your  
 child a saint;  
 Your only right in this case is to choose the  
 "liberal" tack -  
 Permissiveness must be applied. Now go and don't  
 come back!'

## SHORT-SIGHTED GREETINGS

The Moderator-Elect of the Free Church Federal Council,  
 Dr Kenneth Greet, has criticised those supporters of

the nuclear deterrent who argue that, at least among the major powers, the peace has been kept for 36 years. 'Do you call that peace?', he asked, referring of course to the shadow of the Bomb. Quite right, not a very sound sort of peace. But is not the alternative 'peace' of totalitarian rule as practised in Soviet Russia and its colonies even less like real peace?

#### CLERICAL GREY

The new local commercial TV station, TVS, has recruited a team of 5 people to present a new Christian series. The 'cross-section' of people they have chosen consists of 1 Bishop, 2 ordained Ministers and 2 ladies. Are there no Christian laymen in the South?

#### A LOT OF FLANNEL

Whatever mainly makes things tick it  
 Certainly isn't games of cricket.  
 Yet days on end on all the media,  
 Some voices suave, though many seedier,  
 Neglecting famine, wars and crime,  
 Declaim on cricket all the time.  
 So what's it all about, you say?  
 One needn't be a Robin Day  
 To know that cricket's not the game.  
 What is it then? In fact the same  
 As goes on every day and night -  
 To end our power to choose the right.

#### DISCRIMINATORY QUOTES

'Male-dominated theology produces a false image of God. That "God must be obeyed" is a distortion' - Rev. Ruth Matthews, Baptist minister.

'I've never met a white person who wasn't prejudiced at some level' - A contributor to the BBC filmstrip on race prejudice.

#### P.S. - REQUEST SPOT

The Minister has asked me to mention some of the good works of the Bishop of Liverpool. Having followed

David Sheppard's career with keen interest since meeting him in Horsham Cricket Pavilion in 1949 I am happy to do this. As a curate of Islington and subsequently as Warden of the Mayflower Centre in East London he spent himself in presenting the gospel of full salvation to many people. I could also tell you about his feats for Sussex and England.

R.F.B.

## LONDON LETTER



The increase in street crime in London has been well reported on television and in the papers. Before going out into the street, walking, it is as well to take unnecessary papers, credit cards, cheque-book etc. out of your bag in case it gets snatched from your hand, or cut from your shoulder. It is as well not to look too well off, well-dressed - you are likely to be worth more than a shabby person, though old people have been attacked, bags snatched, punchings and knifings for very little. The age of the attackers is decreasing from adults to teenagers to quite young children.

The little shop on the corner of Argyle Walk and Whidborne street has suffered twice in the last three weeks. The first time the elderly lady who has served in the shop for years and the young man who owns the shop, were threatened by two young men in their twenties, wielding a 7lb hammer and smashing the top of the counter. "Hand over the money in the till or be smashed in too!"

The second time, a gang of teenagers went in, each one went to a different shelf in the shop, taking down goods from the shelves. One then leaned over the counter, pulled open the till and took the money. They all then quickly disappeared up the road.

Prostitutes are concerned that the proposed move to end jail sentences for soliciting will increase the numbers of young girls on the streets, many flocking to London from other parts of the country, and "that there will be an increase in rivalry, causing trouble". It will certainly increase the 'working force' of "London's other seething vice spot, Argyle Square, near King's Cross Station", which currently stands at about 100 women. Already very young girls are seen hanging around the streets looking for business, and in the furtherance of that same business the pimps are using Walkie-Talkie radios for collecting customers and avoiding the law.

At least our new wall will stop our garden being used as a love-nest as it used to be!

The garden is gradually taking shape and with warmer weather, plants are beginning to grow. Some of the flower beds are getting sunshine for a short time at least, shadows of houses soon move across, but the sun is getting higher in the sky and the sunshine periods will lengthen.

Jobs remaining to be done will take more energy than I have left making a grassed area at one end, raking and smoothing, rolling and seeding, making paths, levelling and laying crazy paving - making of steps down into the garden, and another set of steps to the end garden - making of vegetable beds, laying bricks to make little walls to hold the earth, 30 ins. wide and about 2 ft. deep. We propose to work these as deep narrow beds surrounded by paths, avoiding the necessity to step on the earth. We have only some broken bricks left, but they will provide a start.


We hope the garden will provide pleasure and interest and an indication from the beginning that life doesn't need to be full of T.V., radios and noise and violence. Already we have some herbs planted, daffodils in bloom and a few grape hyacinths. showing blue; primroses, crocuses, violets and aubretia, making a brave start, and roses, campanulas, montbretia and forget-me-nots holding the promise of colour and beauty to come.

MARY CONNELLY

## FAMILY PRAYER GROUP

We are a growing group of people of different ages and from various local Churches uniting in prayer. We have a special concern for children and family life in our own community and world wide. Our group meets on the third Thursday of each month in St. Mary's Church, Goring from 9.20 a.m. until 9.50 a.m. and you are warmly invited to join us. For further details please contact - Margaret Craghill and Irene Tuley.

## THE LORD IS MY TEACHER



The Lord is my Teacher,  
I shall not lose The Way.  
He leads me in the lowly paths of learning,  
He prepares a lesson for me every day.  
He brings me to the clear fountains of instruction,  
Little by little He shows me the beauty of truth.

The world is a great book which He has written,  
He turns the leaves for me slowly;  
He pours light on the pictures and the words,  
He takes me by the hand to the hilltop of vision,  
And my soul is glad when I perceive His meanings;  
In the valley also He walks beside me,  
In the dark places He whispers to my heart.

Even though my lesson is hard, it is not hopeless,  
For the Lord is patient with His slow scholar;  
He will wait awhile for my weakness  
And help me to read the truth.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE

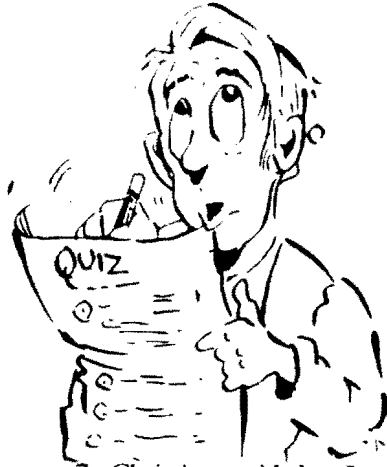
## Tail Piece

The story goes that the young ordinand on the prairies sold his horse to his successor, instructing him that he had trained it to go at the words "Praise the Lord" and to stop at the word "Amen".

The new owner mounted and shouted "Praise the Lord" and away they raced. He kept saying "Whoa" with no effect until he remembered his instructions and shouted "Amen".

The horse stopped abruptly at the edge of a cliff, The rider mopped his brow and said "Praise the Lord".

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CROSS?



Try our quiz and see how you score!

1. Jesus went to Jerusalem (a) expecting to be made a king; (b) expecting to die; (c) not knowing what would happen.
2. He said beforehand that he would die (a) as an act of defiance; (b) as a martyr for his cause; (c) to set many people free.
3. When a woman put spices on him in someone's house he said (a) it was a compliment; (b) it was a disgrace; (c) it was a sign in advance of his burial.
4. When he was put on trial the prosecution witnesses (a) said that he'd broken the law; (b) said that he was plotting subversion; (c) could agree only that he'd said something about rebuilding a "temple" after three days.
5. Jesus was convicted on his own admission of (a) being the one God was to send to save the world; (b) being a revolutionary; (c) being a prophet.
6. The suffering and death of God's "Servant" were foreseen in the Old Testament as (a) showing God's helplessness; (b) showing how God would take on himself the problem of human wrong; (c) showing the evil nature of humanity.
7. Christians said that Jesus died (a) because God was unjust; (b) because he deserved it (c) because though he deserved nothing he was taking our place.
8. The New Testament says his death was (a) so that God would start loving us; (b) God's way of showing us how much he loves us; (c) a good example for us to follow.
9. The Cross was designed by God as (a) a way for us to know his forgiveness; (b) a great event to make us think; (c) a symbol which we could use for luck.
10. The way to respond to the Cross is (a) to tell God you expect to be treated as you deserve; (b) to take for granted that God will forgive you for what you've done wrong; (c) to come to God sorry for what you are, and ready to be changed.

## ANSWERS

- 1 (b). 2 (c). 3 (c). 4 (c). 5 (a). 6 (b). 7 (c). 8 (b). 9 (a). 10 (c).



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## FROM THE VESTRY

CALLED TO BE ELDERS

The practical meaning and work of the Eldership of the U.R.C. is that they share together with the Minister in the oversight and care of the Church. Goring has been well blessed in the ministry of the Elders and Church officers and I gladly pay tribute to their fine service, Pastoral Care, the looking after of the Church's financial resources and property, in all these things the ministry of the Elder is exercised. Pray, think, and as you are guided, vote for those whom you believe the Lord of the Church is calling to His Service at this present time, and give thanks for the work of all the Elders.

Work among children in Junior Church has been a most inspiring and rewarding part of the Church's life in recent months. The Leaders, teachers, and helpers in Junior Church ought to be in our prayers that God will continue to bless and guide this work and continue its increase both on Sundays and on Friday evenings where such good work is done. Something like forty of our children have entered the Scripture examination and we look forward to good results. Very few Sundays have gone by this year without the sacrament of Baptism. Remember these children and their parents in your prayers - here are great and growing opportunities, and not least in 'Contact' for young Mothers and Young Fathers' Club.

And now look forward to whitsuntide and to the renewal by the Holy Spirit of all our lives. May His Gifts and Fruit be the theme of our prayers.

With blessing and love,



*William Connelly*

## IN MEMORIAM



Beatrice Haud JAMES

Violet Rosina CUMBY

two sisters who died on 9th and 10th March respectively.

"and in death they were not divided"

Gladys Vivian COOPER 21st March

a faithful and constant member of the Church who overcame adversity through patience and hope.

Albert FILLMORE, O.B.E. 23rd March

a true servant of God whose public life of service exhibited his private faith. A music-maker and carer for others.

"enter into the joy of your Lord"

Mary SPENCE 8th April

was for many years active in the life of our London churches becoming a leader of work among women. Mary, and her husband Harry, of blessed memory gave their gifts without stint to the Goring Church. We thank God that her life has ended so peacefully after increasing weakness.

Vernon and Margaret Craghill mourn the death of their Father, Vernon Arnold William Craghill. May God comfort and bless the family.

Dorothy Bruford and her family give thanks to God for the life of a dear Mother. May they be comforted in bereavement.

"Jesus said - my Peace I give to you"

"Let not your hearts be troubled".

BAPTISMS

Timothy Robert	SHARPE	14th March
Melissa Denise	RICH	21st March
Cyra Anita	BUCKLER	11th April



"and He laid His hands upon them and blessed them"

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MARRIAGES

Linda Rose	STANFORD to	
Alan Dudley	SYPHAS	20th March

"The Lord bless you and keep you"



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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Mr. John McFarlane is in hospital following an operation. We assure him and his wife of our prayers.

Miss C.I. Stott is unwell in nursing home and our prayers are for her restoration to health. Mr. 'Pip' Biggs is in nursing home, and we pray for God's blessing upon him.

We rejoice with many friends who have been restored to health.

Easter Communion were taken to a large number of our sick people this year and the Ministers are always glad to visit and to bring Holy Communion to sick friends.

We think of Mr. Gordon Wraight at this time as he has sustained another fall, and is limited in his movements.

# OBITUARY.

Albert Fillmore, O.B.E. died 23.3.82

It is well over thirty years since I first met "Bert" in what are often termed the Whitehall "Corridors of Power". At that time we were meeting in verbal combat on opposing sides. Neither of us were aware then that we both attended Congregational Churches over fifty miles apart. Even before we knew that we both accepted Christ as our Saviour, we had a deep respect for each other. Bert's integrity, kindness and caring for others came through at all times in his official life. The close friendship between our two families developed over the last twelve years when we found ourselves in Worthing on retirement.

In his earlier days he was a lay preacher in the Methodist Church, and prior to coming to Worthing was an Elder in Guildford U.R.C. He gave many hours helping others, and with his love of music he was able to spread joy to many, and he will long be remembered for arranging his favourite pieces of music, and playing them to various gatherings in many of our surrounding churches, and other organisations.

Bert was a devoted husband and family man, and as a member of our Church he will be greatly missed. Unfortunately in latter years his attendance at Church services had been dependant on the weather because of his failing health.

My wife and I were fortunate to make one of our regular visits to see him only a few days before he died. He was so appreciative that he wrote "We should all have more than just a simple observance of St. Paul's call, - Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ - it is not sufficient to just think these thoughts, but to convey them to others". Bert did just that.

To all who knew him closely he will be greatly missed, and we extend to Ida, our love and thoughts in her time of sorrow.

We should all give grateful thanks for the life of Bert Fillmore.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to all the dear friends in the Church from whom we received such caring and prayerful support during the time of our sad loss. The flowers, cards and messages of sympathy were deeply appreciated. Our especial thanks go to the Minister for his kindness and help throughout.

THE CRAGHILLS

Through the pages of the Chronicle, may I say a sincere thank you to church members and friends who showed concern and love to my Mother during her later years. Mother always said she had as many friends in Worthing as in her home town. Now she is at peace, reunited with her husband and other loved ones. At Mother's service of praise we sang one of her favourite hymns, 'To God be the glory, great things He has done'. It was a time of blessing for us all. Praise the Lord!

DOROTHY BRUFORD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends in the Church for their thoughtfulness and kindness during my recent bereavement and my indisposition a few weeks later. Cards, letters, flowers and goodies, and the many visits by the ministers and friends, were daily reminders that "a friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity".

I was very conscious of continually being in your thoughts and prayers and they have been a wonderful comfort and blessing to me. It is a joy and privilege to be a member of such a wonderfully "caring" church. God bless you all.

HANNY WEBER

Thanks to the Girls' Brigade for the token of the message of the love of God.

BERT GREWCOCK

Mrs. Dennis wishes to express her appreciation of the many little gifts she has received from the Girls' Brigade during the last two years. It is a very thoughtful gesture and beautifully carried out.

THE GAZETTE ON CASSETTE : Progress for the Blind

The pleasure of reading a local newspaper is one that could have been denied to the blind and partially-sighted people in our community, had it not been for the formation of the "Voice of Progress", the Littlehampton and Worthing Talking Newspaper for the Blind.

Each fortnight the V.O.P. distributes several hundred cassette tapes in re-usable plastic wallets which are carried free of charge by the Post Office. The first side of each cassette features a digest of the news columns of the Arun Gazette or the Worthing Gazette & Herald (depending on which of the two editions of the Talking Newspaper the listener elects to receive) plus further material extracted from the West Sussex Gazette and the Evening Argus. The reverse side of each 90 minute cassette is occupied by a regular magazine known as "Arun Magazine" which contains specially recorded articles of interest to the visually-handicapped. Often listeners will hear an interview with a well known personality. Interviewees in the past have included such people as Sir Peter Scott, The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Dame Flora Robson and Malcolm Muggeridge.

Any visually-handicapped person may receive this Talking Newspaper entirely free of charge. The V.O.P. also offers a tape player/recorder on free loan to anyone not possessing such a machine and being unable to afford one. So, if you have a blind friend or relation living locally who you think might be interested in receiving our service please ask them to contact us at the following postal address: The Voice of Progress, Rustington Hall, Station Road, Rustington, BN16 3AY, (or contact the undersigned).

KEITH MILBORROW.

## AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

Change of Address:

The Misses M. and L. Redman to 5 Wimbourne Court,  
Brooklyn Avenue.



# OPINIONS ————— on Hymns as old as the Ark

When next you sing "Gracious Spirit, dwell with me," or "Saviour, now this infant bless," or "Dismiss me not Thy service Lord" - note the name of the author, Thomas T. LYNCH 1818-71. In 1855 he published 'The Rivulet' Hymns for heart and voice. A storm broke out over the publication, some leaders arguing that the hymns were "crude, disjointed, unmeaning, un-Christian, ill-rhymed rubbish". There were other leaders who argued that the hymns of T.T. Lynch had a freshness and gaiety about them which helped the music of worship. The author of the hymns, gentle, gracious in his response said "The air will be clearer for this storm" and so it was ... even C.H. SPURGEON who was originally unhappy about the newer style hymns wrote one himself which might have been written by the author he criticised (see 595 in Congregational Hymnary) it was left out of Congregational Praise - too sentimental?

Congratulations to the Choir and their new Choirmaster Mr. E. BOWN "Procession of Palms" by Malcolm Williamson really is modern, and congratulate our former Choirmaster Mr. Bob EDWARDS who first introduced it to many of us.



TAPTON

## CHOIR GOWNING

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"To be or not to be, that is the question" - gowned or not gowned, that is the question before the Choir. Surely the wearing of the hat is part of gowning. "Half a loaf is better than no bread" but please let us have the other half! So many folk in the congregation miss the hats and wonder what has happened to them. Please, ladies, wear the gown hats and let us again have a gowned Choir.

On really hot summer days - if we have any - one can understand our Choir feeling much happier without their full gowns, but wait until then.

B. REYNOLDS

As I sat to write this Church Meeting report I felt my mind had gone stale, my pen run dry. What was there that the Spirit wished to convey to me through the medium of this meeting where so often I had been blessed in the past?

There were the normal ingredients of love and care, laughter and praise but nothing stood out in my mind, no one thing stayed with me this time.

So as I poured over my notes it was with great joy that I read again the Hymns we sung that evening and received the blessing I was seeking.

It does one good, from time to time, to sit and read a hymn or two as part of one's worship, or simply as poetry; to emphasise certain words, to read and reread, to absorb the full meaning and blessing.

I do not believe that we attach sufficient importance to our hymns as a part of our daily devotion. The hymns are our modern day Psalms and we all know how much blessing we get from the Psalms. So let us give Hymns a real chance to aid us in our praise and worship on a daily basis. Read them and reread them until you have absorbed their every significance then when we come to sing them in Church perhaps we will sing with true praise, making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

So I'll start you off by referring you to those Hymns we sang that night - nos 120, 129 and 134. I wonder if, like me, you will pick out verses 2 and 4 of 129 for their sheer beauty or the promise of verse 2 in 134, or whether other verses will have a special value for you at this time.

MATTHEW SMITH.

SMALL AD.

Beach Hut to let near Sea Place and the Yacht Club. Various dates available during the summer. For further details please telephone W. 690334.

# WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

## WORD OF A PRINCE -PRINTS OF A WORD

In these sombre times one consistently joyful Christian publication is 'Word in Action', the journal of the Bible Society. It always contains news of the advance of the Word in so many parts of the world; and these stories again and again emphasise the truth that the Word itself, through the Spirit, remains as always a powerful converter of souls with only the minimum help from any human agency. This is a comforting thought, especially in these times when a large part of the Church has ousted God's word in favour of political slogans.

Young Christians also have a lively and non-political magazine which serves them much better than we are served by the various denominational organs - I refer to 'Buzz' which is well worth a read by Christians of all ages. It was one of the first to come out in support of the Siberian Seven and to publicise their 'exile' in the American Embassy in Moscow. The formal church press followed slowly and at a reluctant distance as it usually does when criticism of Marxism is in point.

## ROMAN IN BRITAIN

The shrill screeches of the so-called Council of Protestant Churches condemning the visit of the Pope naturally attracted a lot of media attention. Those who preach inter-denominational hatred and disrupt services are able to do immense harm, out of all proportion to their own importance, to the cause of Christ. It is always difficult to demonstrate to a public all too ready to criticise Christians the true reality, which is that this 'Council' represents little more than itself. We have become used to this misuse of this word 'Council', which conveys some flavour of election and thereby brings a bogus respectability to what is often no more than a pressure group of vocal publicity seekers.



## ERRATA

A gremlin got into the copy for this page last month:-

The unfortunate B.B.C. got landed with responsibility for the filmstrip on race prejudice, which was in fact the work of the B.C.C. (British Council of Churches - see above).

R.F.B.

Sorry R.F.B., (Editor).

## CHURCH FINANCES

General Account 1.1.82 - 31.3.82

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Payments</u>	£
Envelopes	2742	Ministerial	2812
Loose Cash	918	Manse	530
Donations	138	Heating &	
Rents	701	Lighting	429
Cong. Ins. Trust	275	Insurance	808
Excess Payments		Repairs	1641
over Receipts	2724	Outreach	
		Durrington	513
		Sundries	765
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The large deficit at the end of the first quarter is a usual feature of the Church Accounts, and arises because of the heavy New Year bills which all seem to come in about the same time. Provided we can maintain our income at the level as budgeted we should have no trouble at the end of the year. However, the Budget called for an average weekly income from the F.W.O. Envelopes of £216 and from Loose Cash of £80. The respective average weekly incomes for the first quarter are £211 and £71. We are therefore short by some £14 a week. Let us all try to make up this difference by the end of June by increased givings.

Our immediate aim of course is on Gift Day when we have a target of £2500. We have been greatly blessed so let us make it a truly Thanksgiving Day.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY  
Treasurer

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## REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Report of the Synod of the Southern Province held at  
Hastings, 20th March 1982

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As to be expected, matters concerning 'Covenanting' occupied much of our time. This time it was under the heading of 'Matters Arising from the Minutes'. October '81 Synod saw the Bromley District bring a resolution that the Covenant should only go forward provided it had a 75% majority of those present and voting, which resolution was passed. Now the Executive Committee asked us to reconsider this view for these reasons -

- (a) it would delay by two years the definite response to the Covenant.
- (b) for the good of the Church, the Assembly needs to concentrate on the substance of the Covenant and not on procedural uncertainties.

As a result and maybe resulting from the persuasive power of the Rev. Geoffrey Roper, the Synod representatives agreed to drop the Bromley resolution. However, this point will still be debated at the Assembly for the reason that one Province is holding firm to the ruling that the 75% majority should be instigated for such an important decision.

Interesting and vitally important was one of two special resolutions brought to the meeting. I think it best that I give the full wording (as amended) of the resolution. 'The Assembly recognises the growing importance of ethical questions raised by medical scientific developments, as for example, genetic engineering and transplant surgery, and therefore requests the Free Church Federal Council in consultation with the British Council of Churches to establish a permanent group to monitor information and discussion and stimulate the examination of issues'.

We had an inspiring as well as interesting preview of the General Assembly and given by the Moderator Elect of the General Assembly, Mrs. Rosalind Goodfellow, J.P. I thought her Welsh eloquence was very much to the fore. One point well worthy of mention was Post Ordination Training and to quote her words 'Can we expect a 3 year



training to be sufficient to equip our Ordinands for 40 years' Ministry?' The suggestion the Assembly will discuss will be that our Ministers have a 7 day training period every year and a special Training Sabatical every 10 years of some 1-3 months' duration. Mrs. Goodfellow gave us a string of figures particularly concerning the Maintenance of the Ministry past, present and future. The future sounds frightening but through the prayers of each one of us we shall not fail through lack of money.

Many other subjects were brought to our notice by various Committee Chairmen, importantly, amongst them was Unemployment and our own Provincial Day in September. But most important of all was the request for our prayers when the United Nations sits on 7th June to deal with Disarmament - what will it achieve? - what is the contribution of the churches to be? It must surely be seen to care.

KEN IRVING

UNITED PROCESSION OF WITNESS  
on Good Friday

Does it seem a far cry to you to talk about Golgotha in twentieth-century England?

Does it seem a matter of another land, another age, remote, unreal?

Does it seem a story that belongs to Sunday?

Does it seem like a story to tell in a beautiful Church on Good Friday?

If so, the United Procession of Witness' through the streets of Goring on Good Friday (in which all the Churches were well represented) expressed dramatically the scene on the road to Calvary, when Jesus carried His Cross to die a cruel death that we might live - still so relevant in 1982. In the sign of the Cross lies the hope of all the world. But, dare we glibly talk about the world, unless we have set up that sign in our own world, in our daily work, our homes, and hearts, and set ourselves to follow the Royal Way. "The King of Love our Shepherd is".

The Procession ended in a beautiful Service in our Church, conducted by our own Minister. Mr. Connelly led us in a 'Meditation of the Crucifixion' and invited us to remember that 'In the place where He was crucified there was a garden - the Garden of the Resurrection', and expressed the hope that the resurrection of His Spirit in our hearts would be our experience this Eastertide.

The Service was attended by all the Ministers and Clergy of Goring. The Blessing was given by the Rev. Peter Bennet, Vicar of St. Mary's Parish Church.

### An Easter thought

Love turns the place of crucifixion into a garden. There God made that dreadful Tree of Crucifixion to blossom.

Here is one of the blossoms:- "Father forgive them for they know not what they do".

Here is another - a flower handed to a dying thief - "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise".

Here is another, handed to a broken-hearted woman - "Woman behold thy son".

The fragrance of these flowers will never die.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee,  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

CHRIST IS RISEN ? HALLELUJAH!

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR MAY

2nd	Mr. & Mrs. Blakey	16th	Miss Hedgcombe
9th	Mrs. Kay Nowell	23rd	Flower Fund
	30th		Flower Fund

Flower Fund Sincere thanks for £19 during April 1982.

Appeal Anyone willing to come and help arrange the Flowers each week on Friday mornings and/or help with the delivery each Monday or Tuesday to sick members, please contact me after service on Sundays or by telephone 43843.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Summer Session is now in full swing with something like 10 different subjects on the go each Tuesday evening. With a pianist and a good number of staff, all these things are made possible, and the variety keeps the girls on their toes.

Thank you for cards and messages as a result of our Easter visits with gifts. We are all so pleased that we were able to add to your Easter joy. Nice things have been said about the garden too. Thank you! More new rose bushes have been put in and by next year they should really be well established.

The new microphone for use in the pulpit will officially be handed over at the May Parade. This has been purchased with some of the money from our recent Jumble Sale and we are very grateful to Dr. Webb for wiring it all up ready for use. Visitors to the pulpit should be more easily heard and the tape recordings of the service should also be clearer. We trust that, as with the Minister's microphone, and the hearing aids, this new piece of equipment will add to your joy in the services in our Church.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

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Thank you, Girls' Brigade, for the lovely swan, you so kindly sent me at Easter. It was much appreciated.

MARY STEPHENS

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### A GARDEN PARTY

St. Michael's Catholic Parish, Hayling Rise, High Salvington (The Rev. Ted Bell) invite 20 people from our church to a Garden Party on their Church Lawn on Pentecost Sunday 30th May, 1982 from 3 - 5 p.m. with refreshments provided.

This should be of interest to those who live in Durrington and High Salvington. Please give names to the Rev. R.C. Christopher.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD

On 23rd March the present day work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes was vividly portrayed in film, and by an exhilarating and enthusiastic talk on the work by Mrs. Richardson. There was no doubt how it was received when our collection amounted to £37 for the work within the homes.

We shared our Easter Meeting with the men and we thank Mr. Goodchild and Mr. Knight for arranging the programme.

We have had much sickness and we have lost an old member, Mrs. Spence. We have been able to welcome back Miss Burroughs. To those who are still unwell we send our love and prayers that the summer months will help them. On 19th May we visit "Uppark" and look forward to having tea prepared by the ladies of Harting Congregational Church, the former home of Mrs. Flory and Miss Glue.

During the summer - by special request - we are again having our "Strawberry Tea" look out for details!

ETHEL DEARSLEY



## LONDON LETTER

What sort of mental picture of London do you have when you see the Houses of Parliament at the top of this page? Does your mind's eye see people strolling over Lambeth Bridge or along the bank by St. Thomas's Hospital, looking at the river flowing by and across that river to the elegant lines of the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben showing the time on his four elegant faces?

Perhaps you imagine members of Parliament, the life-blood of the Government of our country, walking purposefully into the buildings; sitting and listening quietly and respectfully to well-reasoned speeches and stating their own views or that of their constituents in succinct and well-modulated language?

The London I write about does not have that aura of tranquility, though the architecture of St. Pancras Station has a certain charm; King's Cross Station, a style of its own and Camden Town Hall, which backs on to our School playground, is not entirely unpleasant in its appearance.

Inside the stations there's constant noise and clatter and thunder of the trains, and underneath the whole area, the thunderous rumble of the underground trains of the Victoria, Piccadilly, Northern, Circle and Metropolitan lines going in all directions.

Outside, on Euston Road, is the noise of buses, lorries, juggernauts, cars, taxis etc. going to and from Caledonian Road, Pentonville Road, Gray's Inn Road and Kings Cross Road with their roar and exhaust fumes filling the air. No breeze can ever waft them away, there's always a haze of smoke from ground level, around and above. No chance of breathing unpolluted air!

King's Cross has been called a No. 1 run down area with near-slum conditions, chronic delays in repairs and general physical decline of the whole area. Poor social facilities and hotels operating as brothels make it worse.

It's due to get a clean-up following pressure from residents. Dreary council estates are to be brightened up, neglected open spaces will be landscaped, while traffic in the red-light areas is to be re-routed to stop kerb-crawlers.

How long, O Lord, how long? The School has derelict buildings on one side, backs of hotels (considerably less attractive than their fronts) on another and Euston Road just a breath away on the other side of the Town Hall. School itself is being brightened up. Outside we have scaffolding erected in preparation for repairs to masonry - dangerous cracks have appeared in several places - and there's a lot of pointing to be done and damp-proofing.

Inside, walls need damp-proofing and plastering. The re-wiring is finished and re-decoration should start sometime after Easter and, we hope, completed by Christmas, givin us a clean and beautiful building. We eagerly look forward to this, as bad conditions outside and inside can have a bad effect on physical and mental health, and by the time it's noticed, it's often too late for a full remedy

The garden progresses, but slowly. Spring flowers are blooming and we hope that as roses bloom, we shall be able to have a special opening of the garden as a memorial to our late headmistress.

MARY CONNELLY

### DON'T WE CHRISTIANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER?

The coming visit of the Pope to Great Britain is arousing passions amongst those who profess and call themselves Christians so as to suggest that many of us have forgotten that we all share the same vital beliefs. We can all say we believe in one God the Father Almighty and in Jesus Christ, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, and so in God's Love for all mankind.

Beside these great beliefs all doctrinal and liturgical differences are utterly unimportant; surely they should never prevent us from recognising each other's adherence to the basic truths of our faith.

We may not all agree with all the present Pope's views on birth control, abortion and the ordination of women and points upon which his own flock are by no means unanimous - but he is a great Christian leader of the world's largest branch of the Faith; he is a man who has throughout his career shown consistent courage in the face of hardship and danger, and in his high office remains in close touch with ordinary people. We all owe him the same dignified, friendly and Christian welcome as he will receive from Her Majesty the Queen.

FRANK BULSTRODE

## CHRISTIAN AID

Amount received for April - £46.60, with thanks,  
HILDA HELE



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# The CHRONICLE



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# FROM THE VESTRY

## WHITSUNTIDE or PENTECOST?

Say what you like, the word Whitsuntide has an English sound about it and its origins are wholly so. Originally the word meant White Sunday, a time for Baptism and Confirmation of faith in Christ. It may also have meant Witsuntide with an emphasis on the word WIT which meant and still means something to do with the mind, and since one of the season's emphases lies within the Holy Spirit's gift of Wisdom and Guidance to the church and Christian people, you will have the meaning.

In any case, since we have to make our faith intelligible to our non-Christian friends, let's use simple words that tell the truth about the events of the first Whitsunday. The promises of Jesus are fulfilled. The Holy Spirit the Comforter is given in a renewed and exciting way, and the first Christians have their trust in the promises confirmed in His Power to break down barriers of language, race, colour and tradition, and to receive with joy that harvest of souls - three thousand of them on the one day!

We shall pray that we shall experience all the renewing and fulfilling blessings of this Holy Time, for call it Pentecost or Whitsuntide, the Holy Spirit leads us to Christ.

It has been a great happiness to welcome a number of friends into membership of the Church on Profession of Faith. May we all be stirred by the work of the Holy Spirit in them to expect His renewing work in us.

Church Meeting has set up a Group to examine what Church Meetings ought to be doing in the Church today and tomorrow. You will be hearing more of this, but meanwhile any comments that you may wish to make will be part of our consideration. I look forward to hearing from you about this.

With every blessing,

*William Connelly*

# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

## IN MEMORIAM

Hilda Adeline FOREMAN	11.4.82
Eva CAMPBELL	14.4.82
George Ernest BALL	15.4.82
Gladys STENT	20.4.82

"Blessed be them that mourne for they shall be comforted"

"I am the Resurrection and the Life saith the Lord"

## BAPTISMS

Benjamin Lewis EXCELL	28.3.82
Hannah Alaine BARTRAM	9.5.82
David KIRKHOVE	23.5.82
Rebecca Louise KIRKHOVE	23.5.82

## MARRIAGES

Gillian Margaret LONG to Dennis Colin FIELDER	17.4.82
Susan Margaret HALE to John Kenneth SMITH	1.5.82
Jacquelyn Sheila CHOWN to David Edmund PARKINSON	8.5.82



We have been sorry to learn of Harry Rushby's sudden illness and operation, and we pray for God's blessing upon our old and well loved friend. Doris Wraight is in our prayers, and Gordon too, in their present needs. Bert Sheene is ill and presently in Worthing Hospital. Stanley Pike, will be home we trust, as this magazine is published. Ethel Gilby makes steady progress at home.

Both Mr. & Mrs. A. RAZZELL and  
Mr. & Mrs. D. BLAKEY have celebrated  
their Ruby Weddings, and with thanksgiving we  
rejoice with them.

We send greetings to all who receive the Chronicle  
in Hospital or Nursing Homes, and remember all for whom  
the care of others at home is their present service.

# AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

## New Members:

HANSON Miss E.G., no. 1 Walpole Avenue 44919  
 MEDLYCOTT Mr. & Mrs. C., 27a Goring Road

## Change of Address:

Miss E.M. Mortimer "Greene Court",  
 27 Shelley Road 211364

Miss Mabel A. Johnson Camelot Nursing Home,  
 8 Tennyson Road,  
 BN11 4BY 203660

## A MISCELLANY OF NEWS FROM BERYL

Many thanks to everyone who kindly responded to my appeal for Bible-Reading Notes. I received far more than I had expected, but unfortunately they no longer seem to be wanted! I sent a sample parcel to Zambia in January, with a separate explanatory air-letter saying that I would send further notes if they were of use, but I have not received any reply. Friends who know Zambia say that Bible-Reading Notes are, in all probability, now being produced in the local language, so I hope this is the case.

Evening Worship. Some time ago the Worship Committee asked the choir, in co-operation with our Young People, to plan a prayer-and-praise time as part of an evening service. The idea was to make use of all three of our music books and with a few words of suggestion or explanation provide a framework for corporate prayer, meditation and praise. The choir chose the theme: 'Jesus is Lord', and as we considered this together we felt that a whole service was needed to do this justice. So we consulted our minister, and the result is that our evening worship on Sunday, 13th June, will take the form of a meditation and celebration entitled 'Jesus is Lord!'

We look forward to having the support of all worshippers, to make this a truly corporate and worthy act of worship and commitment, and we are grateful to the choir for their willing co-operation and helpful suggestions.

Ministerial Training. I can now report to the many friends who continue to take a prayerful interest in my progress as a student for the ministry, that various problems have been sorted out and I shall be going to the Congregational College in Manchester next September as a full-time student. I expect to study there for six terms and then to be ordained in the summer of 1984. I shall, however, be coming back to Worthing frequently as I am not now moving house, and family, friends and Goring U.R.C. will ensure that Worthing is still my 'home-town'. In preparation for my forthcoming departure I have handed over my duties as Cradle Roll Secretary to Mrs. Carol Weber. I wish her well and hope that she will get as much joy from the job as I have done.

Blessings to you all,

BERYL CHATFIELD

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

This is a brief note to thank both Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Jean Webb and Boys & Girls' Brigade, for the Easter Gift kindly given to me. My azalia plant is making good headway, I received it at Christmas!

with affection,

EVA PULLINGER

Ralph and Hilda Beale would like to thank many friends at Goring for their kind enquiries during their recent sickness. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Turner who made the long journey to Storrington with the Church flowers and to Mr. Connelly for his telephone calls and happy visit. Thank you Captain Webb and the Girls' Brigade for their kind 'get well' card; they never forget!

Through the pages of the Chronicle I would like to say 'thank you' to Mrs. Turner for the lovely flowers she brought to my wife which she greatly admired. Thank you too to the Girls' Brigade for their kind messages, and a very big 'thank you' to the Minister the Rev. Connelly for his visits and words of comfort. My wife is at rest now, but I am sure she died happy knowing that there are people who care.

E. STENT

Thanks: I wish to say a sincere 'thank you' to all my friends in the Church, to the Women's Guild and Girls' Brigade, who have sent me kind messages, letters and flowers while I have been immobilised as a result of the accident I had while on holiday in March. Not least, my thanks go to Mr. Connelly, for his kind visits and helpful ministry. I hope soon to be back among you.

ETHEL GILBY

## *Letters to the Editor*

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Dear Editor,

As our Church comprises many denominations and not just 'one' original one, the absence of the ladies caps in the Choir has thrilled me greatly - in fact I would like to see all this 'BLACK' removed and colours seen.

As the needs of the Church are great, financially, I am not just one voice but quite a number agree with me, that this man-made idea of gowns and caps does not add to the singing any better - just appearance to some. But in God's eyes he sees through all outer garments to the person behind. Let us all rejoice in melody and voice.

Yours in Christ,

'CONNIE'  
(C.J.Gill)

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HORSHAM U.R.C. Midsummer Fair

Horsham U.R.C. is again holding its Midsummer Fair at Pondtail Farm, West Grinstead. The date is Saturday, 26th June from 2.15 to 5.30 p.m. and the theme this year is "Timber - its products & uses". There will be in addition to the usual range of stalls, tea on the lawn and, of course, the ever popular tractor ride round the farm.

We have always been grateful for the support we have received from Goring for this family occasion over the past years and we again extend a warm invitation to all friends who would like to join us at Pondtail Farm on the day. Programmes will be available shortly from Eric Bond and Colin Nodes.



The proceeds of the Fair this year will be divided between our Building Fund (we now have the roof on the new church and hope to see it completed in November!) and the Campaign for Muscular Dystrophy.

TED WINSTANLEY

## WORLD CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

### FREEDOM

If there is one subject that I have returned to more frequently than any other over the years it is Freedom, in its various aspects. I make no apology therefore, in this final contribution, for returning to that topic, which has, un-surprisingly, been a favourite theme of Free Churchmen down the ages. Everywhere, internationally, nationally and locally, the threat to freedom grows and resistance to the threat occasionally seems to be the hopeless interest of a minority only.

### FREEDOM OF RELIGION

At the time of writing discussion of the Pope's visit is reviving some very odd, and some very old, prejudices. In all the argument I have not seen the proposition put that if our Roman Catholic brethren are to enjoy full freedom of religion they must be allowed to invite the head of their faith to visit them in their own country - otherwise their 'freedom' is deficient. If this is accepted surely common courtesy, let alone Christian charity, requires that leaders of other Christian bodies should meet the R.C.'s leader - much as has in fact been arranged.

### FREEDOM FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION

I have yet to hear from those who have raised their voices against British military action in the Falklands, whether from the political left or from their clerical lackeys, the British Council of Churches, any convincing proposals showing how the freedom of the Falkland Islanders to live in their country free from foreign domination is to be restored and maintained. The

choice offered by these appeasers to the Islanders is to submit to the occupation or leave their country. Pacifism may be an admirable and Christian virtue when it says 'I will not defend myself when attacked'; it becomes something very different when it says 'I will not defend my family or friends when they are attacked'.

### FREEDOM FROM FEAR

A large and increasing number of people in our own country now live in constant fear of violence on the streets or even in their own homes. Yet one of our main political parties and their counterparts among the church leaders still use every weapon at hand to attack, not the criminals, but the Police who are the only possible defence for those people who are too weak to defend themselves.

### FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

To deal with opposite views not by countering them with argument but by suppressing them is a temptation to which many of us are at times subject. During the seven years I have been writing these notes disagreement with my views has found expression in these pages many times, as is quite right and proper (and sometimes, indeed, my intention). Fortunately, thanks to the sturdy independence of the Editor, those few readers who succumbed to the temptation referred to were able to make little headway. However, it has now become impossible to continue on this basis; so this page can no longer appear - and a little more freedom is eroded.

OVER .....

So may I end by thanking the many people who have said kind things about various matters I have raised (not that they necessarily agreed with me) and who have encouraged me or suggested topics; but my greatest thanks must go to the Editor who has defended the freedom of her contributor beyond the call of duty and at some sacrifice.

..... AND OUT

I tried to find a closing rhyme -  
The numbers wouldn't come this time.

R.F.B.



Most of you will have obtained a copy of the Church Handbook toward the end of last year. If, like me, you read it from cover to cover, you will have noticed the figures of Church Membership at 361 for Full Members and 6 Associate Members. This did perplex me for a time, since I thought there must be almost a full turn out of members at some Sunday morning services. (wouldn't that be lovely every Sunday). So I sat down and counted all the names mentioned, only to discover that, in addition to the above (361 & 6) there were 136 other names listed. These persons being adherents and not Full Members.

Now, since I always understood the Church Meeting was most important in the life of the Congregation, why, oh why! do so few attend? The attendance is generally of the order of 8% of the total Membership of 500, not a satisfactory state of affairs, especially as the meeting has the overall say, and determines the expenditure and general running of the Church and its commitment to other organisations. Could it be that the low attendance is dictated by being held in the evening, and some folk don't like being out at night, especially in the dark evenings.? Would it be better if only held on alternate months or would a Saturday afternoon be more convenient!? Or, could it be that all the members (especially adherents, who account for one quarter of the Membership) do not realise they are entitled to come to the Church Meeting?

We should be most pleased to have you all come to the meetings: and indeed you will be most welcome. I know that many adherents do valuable work or assist in various ways in the life of the Congregation and so your comments and observations would be much appreciated.

Furthermore, as the matter of attendance at the Monthly meeting has been giving concern to numbers of people, a small committee has been set up to look at the whole aspect in relation to the Church's commitment

and requirement. I have been asked to act as Convenor of this committee and it is my hope that if anyone has an idea or suggestion to make which could be helpful to us in our deliberations, please feel free to either write it down and hand the note to one of the Group, or speak about it to any of us. All comments and ideas will be carefully considered; and may I-in advance - thank you all most sincerely for your help and assistance in this matter, and that goes also for the committee members, namely -

Miss E. Robertson  
Mrs. F. Calsteren  
Mr. Matthew Smith

FRAZER FINLAY  
(Convenor)

## TAPTON'S "HYMNS FOR WHITSUNTIDE"

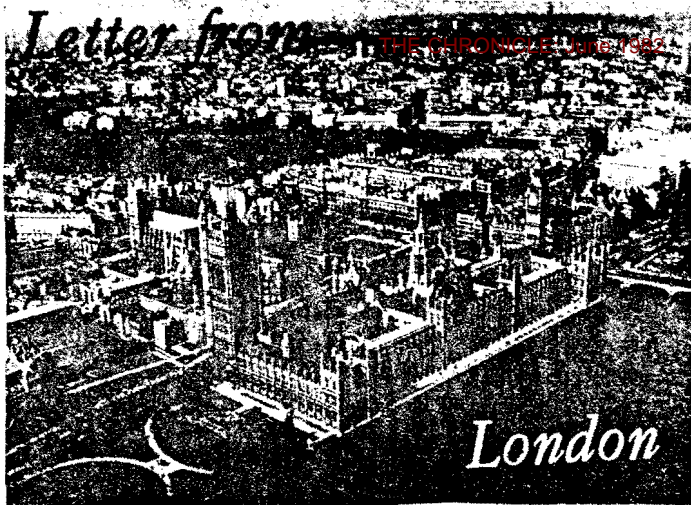
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who was not amused by comments that Congregational Praise was deficient in these. The hymn book we more generally use has twenty one hymns on this theme in the section called The Holy Spirit.

The remarkable feature of these hymns is that they were written in so many and varied eras of the Christian faith. Four of them have their origins within the eighth and ninth centuries, with translations that bring them right up to date. The Victorian age is well represented, with one or two from the twentieth century. 'New Church Praise' has a good hymn for Whitsuntide at No. 73 on 'The Healing God' and at No. 76, though this book does tend to de-personalise the work of the Holy Spirit at a time when His Personality is elsewhere being stressed, for example, No. 98 on 'Praise the Holy Spirit' is vague and sentimental as other "pop songs" often are. It might also be added that No. 105 'Praise with every sense' makes "All things bright and beautiful" sing like a song for the 21st century - still, it all depends upon what you mean by "Sense"!

The whole point of this, I hope humorous comment is to invite you to write and submit a hymn or song you may have written for Whitsuntide, and there's a prize for the best entry which the readers of the Chronicle will have opportunity to judge, and we could also give it

HOW TIME FLIES ! particularly when you are working in a garden, or rather, making a garden. I have been making the garden while the sun shines and by spending three quarters ? eight tenths ? nine tenths ? of any spare time I have had, there's been a great deal of progress.



As there is a special meeting at our School this week of many of the heads of London schools and 'top brass' of I.L.E.A., I have been mounting pictures of the garden from the few potted plants of May, 1980, through to the present day. Right in the centre, our silver medal from the London Children's Flower Society for a group of daffodils, 1982! (I'll bring an exhibition to Goring one weekend later in the year).

The scent of the wallflowers is very pleasant as was the blossom of our little apple tree. Whether any fruit has set remains to be seen. Most of the roses are looking quite healthy, but the weeping standard has not moved at all. I fear the worst!

We have planted a Rowan - Mountain Ash. The Buddleia trees are shooting strongly from the short stumps I left after sawing them down. The Forsythia from the nursery playground has been moved into the garden to a better position. The sweet peas are ready to be put out in the gro-bags by the fence - also some runner beans, which have delighted the children by the speed at which they have grown. They are measuring one plant daily and recording the growth on centimetre squared paper. Two big boys have also measured the end area for turf and came up with an answer after a few false starts!

We have planted two of the vegetable beds and can see the green tops of the shallots (a few left over from making pickles), some lettuce, carrot, radish and onion seedlings. We have had to have a

good watering session as it has been so dry, though a bit tedious with our old leaking hose pipe! But how marvellously the plants perk up overnight after a good drink! I have been digging in and mulching with a bit of peat; the soil is such heavy clay and dries out so hard.

Working in the garden at the weekend I saw 6 bees, 1 wasp, 1 bumble bee, 1 butterfly (cabbage white!) and our Argyle blackbird and other birds who are on the lookout for insects and worms. This morning when I looked in the garden I saw that we had had another visitor overnight - a good climber - must have come over the wall, ripped open the plastic sacks I had round the gro-bags, used one for a ground sheet and the other two as a sleeping bag and spent the night in the corner of the garden. Not too much damage done, the daffodils had finished anyway, but a shoot or two had been knocked off the newly-planted rose bushes and the wall used as a urinal! It was an odd feeling, as though one's house had been broken into!

I met the other intrepid gardener, my mother, off the train at Paddington on her way to the hospital for what may be her last course of treatment. I handed over to her the photographs I took in Cornwall at Easter - Mother in the garden, digging it over with her long-handled triangular Cornish shovel. The staff at the hospital exclaim each time at the improvement in her health. The doctors are proposing using the photos as a morale-booster for their other patients! Thanks be to God!

MARY CONNELLY

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Better late .....

Printed in the May, 1982 Bulletin of the British Committee of Dr. Schweitzer's Hospital fund is the report of the death of Mr. A.E. Pearn. For those who remember Mr. Pearn, a former member of our Church, a lay preacher and a total abstinence advocate, who died some years ago, the Fund record their gratitude for all his work during his lifetime.

E.W.P.

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## REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CONTACT ~ YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

We are delighted to have Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Lambourne as our new coffee helpers. Thank you very much - a real answer to prayer!

During the last three months we have covered topics such as Prayer, Trusting God, and Praising God. Our aim is not just to discuss these things but to find ways of putting them into practice in our lives.

Our June meeting is postponed because of half-term holiday. We shall have an informal meeting on Thursday 10th June at Carole Davis's house, 8 Lansdowne Court, W. Worthing at 10.30 a.m. (Please ring me if you need a lift - W. 691853). We shall meet as usual in the Cornwall Room at 10.15 a.m. on 1st July. Please come, bringing some extra cash if possible, as we are having a speaker from the Christian Bookshop. A selection of books will be available to look at or buy. This is our last meeting for this session and would be a good opportunity to bring a friend. Come and choose a book for the summer holidays!

JANET KNOWLES

### CHRISTIAN AID

Writing this during Christian Aid Week to catch the Editor's deadline, I am unable to give any indication of the result of the house to house collection nor of your response as a Church. I am confident that the total will be more than last year as the number of "volunteers" has been most gratifying and we have covered more territory than before.

So, thank you, to those who responded to my pleas. Having just done my stint with a variety of receptions, I know the sort of experience the collectors have undergone this week. Thank you,



too, to the lads of the B.B. who delivered to those homes nearer the Church.

If this should act as a reminder to those who have not so far returned their envelopes please don't think you are too late. Mrs. Hele is collecting for C.A. all the year round!

RON JORDAN

Christian Aid contribution for May - £8.00 received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

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## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

### Flowers for June

6th Mrs. Edmonds & Mr. Briggs  
 13th Girls' Brigade  
 20th Flower Fund  
 27th Flower Fund

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### FLOWER FUND

Grateful thanks for £5 received during April/May. The continuous support is much appreciated.

DOROTHY TURNER  
 Flower Secretary

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## WOMEN'S GUILD

Annual General Meetings are considered to be unpopular, not so in the Women's Guild, for 54 members attended to hear the work done during the year by Committee and Members. Our activities are reported month by month in the Chronicle and the work in detail is reported in the Annual Report to the Church.

It has been a busy year of many activities, and that is how we get to know one another and widen our horizons. Through the generosity of our members we have given to various missions, charities, Junior Church Holiday Week and Church for heating a sum of over £300 and £99+ to Hayward House.

We have had a wonderful year led by Mrs. Burrage whose opening devotions and readings have been an inspiration to us all and we look forward to another with Mrs. Flory.

Here we pay tribute to those who have passed to a fuller life. Mrs. Spence, a very loyal worker, both for Church and Guild, and Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Porch, two of our newer members.

To all members who cannot now be with us we send our thoughts, our love and our prayers. You are not forgotten. The warmth of our Christian Fellowship is felt on the platform and is remarked upon by visiting speakers, long may it continue. Coming - the Strawberry Tea and Bring & Buy Stall on 1st July from 3 - 5 p.m. Tickets 60p obtainable from Guild committee members. Book the date and make this a meeting of all church members. Proceeds for mission work.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

## **The Boys' Brigade**

Life's like that: The boys had been reasonably good so I promised them some chips. Whilst in the queue at the shop the first boy who was holding the money allowed a gentleman to come to the front and be served first. Not taking particular notice and chatting with the manager (an ex B.B. member) I had a £1 note thrust into my hand by the obviously grateful gentleman. He then said "Here is a donation and congratulations on having such a polite lot of boys, they do you credit". Naturally, the boys unused to having such nice things said about them retorted "There you are Mr. Stewart, do not give up hope, we can be as good as the girls". Two Junior and one Company Section team took part in the West Sussex Battalion's Six a Side Football at Petworth on May Day Bank Holiday. Several parents and friends came along this year to give us their support. The boys gave of their best and finished up as runners up in both section events. The highlight of the day was when the referee stopped a game and went over to a

spectator and rebuked him for shouting his objections over a decision made by him. The spectator suitably humbled made his apologies and then kept quiet - so he should have done as it turned out that he was a church minister. You may have noted my various requests over the last few months and you may be interested in the response. Request for help - nil. Request to empty kettles after use - little. Request for youth organisation postage stamps - one. We hope and pray that most of you get away on holiday this year and that you have good weather. We will be camping near Wiston during the Spring Bank Holiday, and at Freshwater for our Annual Summer Camp in August.

DONALD STEWART

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## GIRLS' BRIGADE

June will be a busy month for us and we hope you will all share a few occasions with us.

On Sunday, 13th June we are to have the pleasure of conducting morning worship and we hope you'll join us for coffee in the Hall after the service. During that service Jackie Brame will be commissioned as a Lieutenant. She's been with us for fifteen years and we praise and thank God that she has decided to serve Him through Girls' Brigade.

On Tuesday, 15th June we shall have our Annual Enrolment Service in the Church at 7.0 p.m. and this will be followed by refreshments and a Produce Fayre in the Hall. A warm welcome awaits you.

For two weeks during the month there will be an exhibition of work in the East Transept and we hope you will find this interesting.

Please continue to uphold us in prayer. 14-18 year olds especially, need all the love and care we can give them. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

## Girls' Brigade contd.

Arriving a little soggy at the Albert Hall after a heavy shower, everyone settled down comfortably for the show; a bit difficult since all were bursting with lunch, especially the Juniors! The lights dimmed slightly at half-past two precisely and a loud shout gave the order for the guard of honour and colour parties to enter the arena. A fanfare of trumpets announced the arrival of the platform party led by Lady Fitzpatrick. The colour was received and a short service held before the guard of honour left the arena. This service was taken by The Rev. Leslie Truelove, the National Chaplain.

The display included two instrument activities using drums, pipes, xylophones and brass, with marching. The 'oohs' could be clearly heard during the spectacular display of mace throwing. The various items showed the audience how subjects in a Girls' Brigade syllabus can be turned into an interesting, exciting and perfectly polished performance. A necessity to a human being - money, was portrayed well by the 1st Yorkshire division who showed the audience the large amount of jobs and items that we pay for; nurses, policemen, newspaper boy etc., The list seemed unending! 'A trip to the North Pole' by the Hereford and Worcester Division sent hushed whispers through the audience and you could imagine the white snow and the icy chill blowing all around. More 'oohs' and 'aahs' could be heard as the penguins waddled into the arena, stealing the whole show. The arena warmed up to four teams of girls preparing to compete in the team games, which ended in a draw, and many a hoarse throat in the audience. On a congratulatory note, girls from various companies received different prizes and awards for competitions - photography, handwork, netball etc. The competitions were held all over the country and standards were high. A spotlight was also given to girls who had gained their Brigader brooches since the last display. As the afternoon drew to a close, we enjoyed the most

entertaining and brightest item. The Rose of England - very colourful in red and white with typical features of England like the Beefeaters. Parents and visitors were able to see how the badges of the various sections are gained, with the final item. The whole display was interesting, exciting, vivid, informative and of a high standard.

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KAREN CHARLES

On Saturday, the 1st of May,  
 The G.B. and visitors had a good day.  
 The weather was kind, the sun shone down,  
 And we were bound for London town.  
 At Boxhill we took a break,  
 To stretch our legs for they did ache.  
 In Hyde Park we ate our lunch,  
 The pigeons ate crumbs from under our bench.  
 There was a squirrel on the grass,  
 Who watched us pose for photographs.  
 To the Albert Hall we all went,  
 And a jolly afternoon was spent.  
 Watching penguins, bands, team games too,  
 Just to mention but a few.  
 Then after a really lovely display,  
 Back to Worthing we made our way.  
 Singing songs along the road,  
 We hope we lightened the driver's load.  
 Thank you Captain and officers too,  
 I hope you all enjoyed it too.

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ALISON BRUNTON

The Late Harry Rushby

It was with a degree of sadness that we learned of Harry's death last week, and I was moved to write a short piece for you, as probably I am one of his oldest friends at Goring. Dear Harry was our Sunday School Superintendent at Mill Hill for a long time, and endeared himself to all, especially the little ones, during his time of service there. We all know him to have been a very loving and gentle person, and he will have found a place near to Christ's heart in heaven above. We give thanks for his life and commend his family, especially Patricia his daughter, to the love and care of Jesus Christ.

## GEAR

The Group for Evangelism and Renewal within the United Reformed Church, consists of a central committee which plans day and weekend conferences at the invitation of United Reformed churches. It publishes a quarterly broadsheet.

This Church was represented by 13 people at the recent GEAR day Conference held at Hove Central U.R.C. on 24th April. The theme of the day was "A Step Further - Growing in the Gospel", and after the opening hymns, choruses and prayers, we were introduced to the theme through the reading of Ephesians I vv. 17-19. The Rev. Robert Gordon was the speaker and he challenged us with "Are we prepared to go a step futher with God?"

For that to happen ...

We need to know God better,

So that we might know the hope to which He calls us and the blessings He has for us, and that we might know how tremendous is the power available to us who believe. We learn to know God better through:

1. His Word - The Bible, which unfolds the character of God to us, the Holy Spirit being our teacher and interpreter.
2. His Works, in the lives of us, His disciples. God is not limited by our lack of faith and we need to be less fearful. His power is available to us.
3. His Will - God needs to be unloosed in the hearts and minds and lives of all people. Are we being faithful to God's commission, to share with others what God means to us?

The second talk was about Faith. We were challenged to live today in the powerful resources of faith in His Spirit. Faith, a gift from God, is a response to revelation of who God is. Faith is born out of repentance and brokenness. Faith leads us to trust in God who can and does act today. We need to exercise our faith in our daily living. By faith we shall know the hope of His calling and His blessings, through the power of His Holy Spirit.

During the afternoon we had the opportunity to share in seminars:  
 Growing in Leadership, Growing in Ministry, Growing in the Gospel and Personal Renewal.



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## FROM THE VESTRY

### SURELY THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE

Yes. I remember ADLESTROP -  
 The name, because one afternoon  
 Of heat the express-train drew up there  
 Unwontedly. It was late June.

See if you can find ADLESTROP on the map, and should you be travelling on holiday in those parts look up the railway station and ask for Mr. Edward Thomas..... or if you are visiting in Palestine look for the Burning Bush and ask for Moses..... but whatever you do don't sit around and pick blackberries! and if you do fall asleep with a rock for your pillow and dream of a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reaching to heaven, look for the angels and forget the window cleaning - for this is what Holidays rightly means.

I was prompted to begin this, by the number of picture post cards I had received from people on holiday, they are usually called "view cards" in the shops, though "vision cards" might be a better name. When the prophet reminds us that "The Lord is in His Holy Temple let all earth keep silence before Him". He invites our adoration and awe as does the Psalmist who writes "The heavens declate the glory of God" or best of all JESUS whose word of exaltation "I thank thee, O Father Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes!"

May we see Visions on our holidays.

With every blessing,

*William Connelly*

# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

## BAPTISMS

Martin Philip PROCTOR	29.5.82
Ruth Jane CONNELLY	6.6.82
Malcolm NICHOLLS	13.6.82

## MARRIAGES

Fay Margaret SNOOKS Peter David MUZZELL	15.5.82
Susan Leah BUCKLER David Christopher TUGNUTT	29.5.82
Susan A.F. MINEAR Keith SOARS	12.6.82



## IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie PORCH	30.4.82
Alfred SPOONER	23.5.82
Rosamund GOWAN	23.5.82
Stanley PIKE	31.5.82
Muriel RIDGWAY	6.6.82



## CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. K. Croydon rejoice in the birth of a daughter, their new address is - 68 Broadhurst, Ashted, Surrey.

We offer our congratulations to Ted Winstanley on recently acquiring an O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We greet Mr. & Mrs. McFarlane upon John's return home from hospital, and prayers for increasing strength are offered for them, to Doris and Gordon Wraight, Bert Sheene, Bill Scudder, Mr. & Mrs. Emery and the many whose illness or weakness invites our prayers.

# AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

\* MALCOLM NICHOLLS (full church member)

## Change of address

MRS. M. HARRIS 91 Goring Road Tel: 42962

MRS. D. LUCAS 108 St. Andrew's Rd. 63104

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Ridgwell wishes to express her grateful thanks for the lovely flowers. She would also like to say how much she enjoyed Mrs. Turner's cheery visit. Both flowers and lady were very much appreciated.

I would like to say a very sincere thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Tuley who visited me with their children at the time of my sad loss, to Mr. Poplestone for recording the funeral service, and especially to Mr. & Mrs. Marriott for their unfailing help and support at all times, without which I would have been so lost.

It is at times of trouble that we realize just what a caring community we have in our Church. I have so appreciated the visits and concern of our Minister and the flowers sent to me. I give thanks for the life of my dear one now in God's keeping.

IDA FILLMORE

To all members and friends of the Church I extend my sincere thanks for their prayers and thoughts during my recent stay in hospital. To Mr. Connelly for visiting me in hospital and his encouragements during my convalescence; A special thank you to Mr. Finlay who so kindly provided transport for Mrs. McFarlane to visit me in hospital. Thank you all and God Bless you,

JOHN McFARLANE

## STANLEY PIKE

to whom no adversity was beyond courage and faith, had been a member of the Church for a much shorter time than many friends. But how he loved his Lord and his Church! It was a great joy to welcome him to Church on the Sunday before he died. Now he is at peace beyond pain and weakness and we send our blessings and prayers to Lilian and his family.

## ROSAMUND GOWAN

has been a member of the Church for many years, giving her generous and happy faith to increase the stock of the fellowship in its infancy. A former theatre sister at the West London Hospital Mrs. Gowan died full of years, grace and hope of eternal life.

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With the death of Mrs. Gowen during May the Church has lost one of its last remaining links with the very beginnings of our congregation. Besides being a Founder Member (14th June 1947) her name is also recorded in a 1952 version of "Twixt Downs and Sea" when Mr. Cornwall recalls that Mr. & Mrs. Gowen attended the first services which were held at Elm Grove School in August, 1940.

Her husband, the late Mr. J.W. Gowen, together with the late Mr. W.G. Hite were members of the Management Committee which looked after Church affairs until the formation of the first Diaconate in 1949.

Mrs. Gowen was a very active worker, and for many years she was the first Treasurer of the Ladies Working Party, and she was responsible for most of the stalls and sideshows at a garden party which my late parents held in 1951 to clear off the debt on the East/West Halls.

Just over ten years ago Mrs. Gowen moved from Rose Walk into a nursing home, and for some time she had been unable to come to Church, but she had regular visits from our Ministers and other friends. We give thanks to God for her long life.

COLIN NODES

It was a soft growing day in the dales when we gave thanks to God for the life of Harry, beloved of us all for so many years. The character of the day seemed to blend so well with Harry's character - generous, kind, outreaching to old and young alike - all ways growing.

Man of Business, Cricketer of Yorkshire grit, Artist, whose work on canvass enriches many homes, lover of home and children. There are many who will desire to testify to Harry's gentle influence upon their lives. Copies of his own Christian Testimony are available in the porch or from the Vestry, and Church Meeting invites you to consider a permanent memorial to this man of God. We send blessings, peace and love to his daughter, Patricia, and to his family.

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Working with Harry, one soon realized what Christ meant to him, for in all he did the love of Christ shone through all his work, when at times he was under great stress at home.

When he joined the Church at Goring it was not long before he became one of us working in the Bible Class Department of Junior Church. At that time this department was over 40 strong and he made the sixth member of the team of helpers. It was at this time that the new syllabus "Partners in Learning" was introduced not only for Junior Church but for the Church as a whole. Our Junior Church was chosen in the south of England to work the new syllabus as an experiment and report on it at the end of one year.

Some of us found it a terrific challenge opening up new fields of thought in the teaching of the Scriptures, others found it confronted them with many new ideas, while others that it needed too much thought in preparation. During preparation time we talked, we prayed, we sifted through a six-weeks scheme to make it a practical proposition for each Sunday morning. These times of preparation were so important if the work was to be a blessing to all.

Harry never missed these times together and he was always a source of practical and spiritual help which overflowed to us and into our Sunday's work with the boys and girls. He gave himself utterly to his group, and so to the whole Bible Class, for his group were able to contribute when summing up our morning's work.

To have Harry as one of the Staff was an experience of Christian co-operation for which I thank God. His work for Christ among the boys and girls was an example and inspiration to all.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

We, as a family, first met Harry two or three years ago through a meeting of our youngest son, Simon, with Harry at the Church Book Stand. They found they had a mutual love of poetry, and exchanged books and poems. A friendship with the whole family quickly followed, and we corresponded with Harry whilst he lived in Goring and afterwards in Yorkshire. After visiting his home to meet his wife, Mary, we discovered he was an incredibly talented man - a photographer, an artist, and an engineer, but at the same time a warm gentle man, who loved and related to children of all ages. But it was through his letters that we learnt of Harry's great love for his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of his total reliance on God for all his strength. We feel greatly blessed through having known Harry, and feel it a great privilege to have been a very small part of Harry's large family of friends.

VALERIE & RAY CLOSE  
and Family

**HELP NEEDED!** Some of the partially-sighted members of the Worthing (Central) Torch Fellowship Group knit squares for blankets. These are given to the Save The Children Fund and the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth.

Could anyone going by car to that area deliver blankets for the donkeys? If so, please 'phone W. 41366.

## THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR

I am among those who enjoy the contributions of Tapton on hymns, words, and tunes. In his article on hymns for Whitsuntide he drew my attention to New Church Praise No 73 which we might introduce to one of our Services of Prayer for Healing. I share his reaction to NCP No 105 which reminded me when some years ago at a Boys' Brigade Service I found myself singing "God of concrete, God of steel....". There is some difficulty to express the world of industry and the computer in hymns. Tapton, however, has a brief comment on NCP No 98 "Praise the Holy Spirit". This was sung on Whitsunday evening as an introduction to a sermon on "Pentecost Today." The hymn appeared to me to reflect just that -, the continuance of Pentecost in our experience. It is clearer in speaking of the Holy Trinity to speak of activity rather than "persons". God the Father, active in His Creation, and the sustaining of all life. God the Son, active in His revealing of the true nature of the Face of God in His humanity and obedience. Continuing His activity in His risen power. God, the Holy Spirit - God's activity in the world and in our own lives. Thus the hymn emphasises that the Spirit is "living, working, in our world".

"May his Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways".

There is also an emphasis on the universality of the work of the Spirit. You cannot control or manipulate the work of the Spirit. The work is not limited to any one Church or order of Ministry. Always the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord to be lit by the divine Spirit. This hymn goes on to say:

"When believers break the bread,  
When a hungry child is fed....."

At the Lord's Table we express our Faith in an everyday world of reality. In the practical



sympathy and expression of the work of Christian Aid there is a connection with the believer breaking bread and the hungry child being fed.

While on the subject I would like to draw attention to the fact that our Minister is a composer of hymns and poems. The Hymn sung at the morning Service for the Baptism of his granddaughter Ruth was a hymn composed by him: "All families are one in Him". A new hymn for Baptisms is welcomed. I hope this one will find a place in any new hymn book contemplated with its couplet:

"Let water, sign and seal of grace,  
Bless every girl and boy".

I also hope the poets in our congregation will submit their compositions to Tapton of a Whitsuntide hymn. Alas I am no poet!

Much care is taken in the choice of hymns whether from Congregational Praise, New Church Praise, or Scripture in Song. The reason for this is that we have no formal liturgy in our worship, and the choice and singing of hymns in our Church and other Free Churches takes the place of the liturgy. The Anglican liturgy of morning and evening prayer does not require hymns, it would be complete without. Through our hymn singing, however, we express to God our praise, our confession, our intercession, and the acclamation of our Faith. This is why the Ministers are concerned about what the congregation is asked to sing in their response in worship. From whatever hymn book may our singing be an expression of our own experience of grace.

RON CHRISTOPHER.

## WORTHING DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

The Club is open to anyone who has suffered a "stroke", and meets on Fridays at 2.15 - 4.15 p.m. The Club would like to say 'Thank you' for the warm and generous welcome given to it by several Church members. A special 'Thank you' to the "Boys Brigade" who have made some of their

percussion Band instruments available to us as well as allowing us to use other equipment to enable us to demonstrate ways of making life easier.

The Club membership is growing all the time, and we have an age-range of 40 - 70+ because a stroke can affect anyone at anytime. If you know anyone who has had a stroke and who might enjoy a time of Therapy, Fellowship and Fun please contact Robin Bradley or Sylvia Batchelor.

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

July 4th	Mrs. Cushing	Aug 1st	Mr. & Mrs Stewart
11th	Miss M. Barnes	8th	Mr. & Mrs. Luckin
18th	Mr. & Mrs. Burrage	15th	Flower Fund
25th	Mr. & Mrs. Marsh	22nd	" "
		29th	" "

### The Flower Fund

Sincere thanks for £17 received during May and June. With so many vacant weeks on the callendar for the remaining months the calls upon this fund will be the greater. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

D.M. TURNER  
Flower Secretary

## SUNDAY WITH YOUTH AT GORING

For some of us Sunday, 13th June commenced with the 8.0 a.m. Communion Service conducted by our Minister. Afterwards to the seashore for a simple, straightforward testimony of faith from Malcolm Nicholls whom our Minister then baptised by immersion in the sea. Our hearts were full of praise and joy by this event when we came to the morning service. This was conducted by our Girls' Brigade Company. This included a model children's address from Lt. Norris and the commissioning of Jackie Brame. Captain Jean Webb gave us a practical message in living the Christian way of life. The girls sang from the Choir Stalls. It

was good to be there.

In the evening our young people conducted our worship in a well prepared service having the theme: Jesus is Lord. Beryl Chatfield led the meditations on Praise, Reverence and Discipleship. The young people led our singing in a hymn about the Trinity: "God is in His Temple", "Tell out my Soul" from New Church Praise, and a selection from Scripture in Song. Our final praise for the day "He is Lord" reached a crescendo of sound uplifted by the playing of our organist. May our young people indeed come to confess "That Jesus Christ is Lord".

When our Girls' Brigade were practising for the service from the Choir stalls one Tuesday evening it happened that Elders from other churches were coming into Church for a meeting. Two at least expressed the wish that this could happen at their Church. Let us count our blessings at Goring, for among those blessings are the Brigades, the Junior Church and the Youth Clubs. Let us not forget to pray for their leaders.

RON CHRISTOPHER

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were so impressed by the excellence of the slides and commentary presented by Mr. & Mrs. Sibley in March that we are happy to join the Women's Guild in November to see another selection of their slides - "Looking at Birds".

At our A.G.M. on 20th April all officers and Committee Members were re-appointed for another year and the treasurer, Ron Jordan, reported a healthy state of affairs. Following the formal meeting our President, Bill Connelly, gave us a most interesting talk entitled "A Grave Business". We learnt about the origin of many of the well-known London Cemeteries in the middle of the 19th Century and it was obvious that Bill had

done a considerable research to track down the graves of many distinguished people. The subject may have been grave, but it was very entertaining.

We commence the Autumn Session on Tuesday, 21st September with a Members' Afternoon - subject as yet unknown but we are sure of a pleasant meeting and we hope to see a number of new members to make up for those who for one reason or another are no longer with us.

To those of our Fellowship who are not yet in the best of health we send greetings and best wishes.

REG GOODCHILD

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

Another session draws towards a close and of course our summer camp is now very much on everyone's mind! We go to Woodford, on the edge of Epping Forest from 7th - 14th August, and a wonderful week awaits all those who are lucky enough to be going.

We've had a marvellous year so far and are continually made aware of your loving care and concern for us. At our June Parade I asked that we should "go on together, learning, looking, struggling and growing in prayer with a good measure of willingness to persevere". Will you join all of us in doing just that?

May the Lord grant you happy and peaceful holidays and we shall be back in September with a Jumble Sale!

Blessings & love,

JEAN WEBB

## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Our Fellowship continues to grow in friendship and love and we have been delighted to welcome many new faces who have come to share our evenings, we trust they have found Fellowship among us. Mr. Turner from Roundstone Nurseries came along to tell us how we should be looking after our indoor plants! After listening to all the "dos" and "don'ts" we all returned home promising that we would treat our plants with a little more care and consideration!

Our Spring programme finished on one of the highlights of the session when we invited Bob Jackson and his drama group from Brighton to lead us in chorus singing. We welcomed friends from local churches and groups, and further afield too from Brighton and Lewes. The young people performed several sketches from the scriptures which awakened in many of us new ideas, and thoughts about ourselves. Their sheer conviction that Jesus is Lord and is the focus of their daily lives was so refreshing that one felt one wanted to be part of his loving family.

We opened our Summer session by welcoming Mr. Nelson from Durrington Free Church. Again, we were to see the Lord at work as Mr. Nelson told us how he came to know his Saviour while on a Police Inspectors training course. His life changed as he eagerly read books and began to experience a new meaning to his life. In his work as a Police Inspector he is able to handle situations in a new light although very often it is not easy.

As usual our members evening brought to light our many varying backgrounds as several of us recalled "Our first Job"! It was great fun remembering office and banking routines, hospital work and the delights of holiday jobs in guest houses when one is expected to make beds one moment and serve lunch the next! Twenty-nine couples took part in our annual Progressive Supper when the true meaning of fellowship with one another was very evident. Our grateful thanks to Hilary Redman who organized the evening so beautifully and arranged that we all joined together for our coffee at the home of Ann and John Rowlands.

We had a hilarious evening when Mr. Fenter came to tell us about the bird hospital that he and his wife run at Eartham near Chichester. It all began when Mr. Fenter found he had mended a birds broken wing. Gradually more and more birds were being brought to his home until eventually they decided to make it their lifes work. Should

anyone be interested they are always grateful for an extra pair of hands!

Our Autumn session begins again on September 6th and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at 8 o'clock in the Cornwall Room.

OLIVE BUSHBY.

## JUNIOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Area Scripture Exam. Congratulations to the 38 children who sat the Exam this year and gained: 22 honours, 10 1st Class, 6 2nd Class, 9 Council Prizes and the Challenge Shield. Congratulations also to Michael Chatfield in following the family footsteps in gaining his record certificate by sitting the Exam each year for the past 10 years. We thank Mr. J. Cook for providing the coach to take the children to the prize giving and also thanks to Mrs. H. Redman for the mammoth task of writing 451 certificates for the area.

L. MILLER

Area Exam. Secretary

- 4th July - Scripture Exam. Certificate Presentation during morning service.
- 17th July - There will be a Family Outing to Swanbourne Lake, Arundel, leaving the Church at 10.30 and returning approx. 4.30. A packed lunch will be needed. If anyone is able to help with transport, could they please contact Jean Marsh or any Junior Church Teacher.
- 23rd - 27th August A Holiday Club will run each morning between 10.0 and 12.0 to which all children are invited. There will be organised activities as well as games. Offers of help on any morning would be gratefully received - please contact Jean Marsh.

Many thanks. Any problem please contact:  
Janice Byerley.

## ARE YOU AN INTERCESSOR ?

Have you ever heard of The Old Rectory, at Crowhurst? Some of our church fellowship have recently been there to stay for a week of rest and renewal. It is open to Christians, of whatever persuasion, and is known simply as "The Crowhurst Home of Healing". Set in a hilly area of East Sussex, its terraces look southwards down a wooded valley to the sea, 4 miles distant.

The friendly staff are all resident and dedicated christians. The food is good, and breakfast is served to you in bed! Devotions (which are optional) are in the little chapels; the older chapel with its old pictures of Christ and the crucifix above the alter and the new one - a beautiful sanctuary furnished and decorated in gold and blue.

As soon as you enter Crowhurst, you feel its peace. Listening and sharing, both privately and together in the lounge are an important part of the ministry of healing. The visitors' need maybe for physical healing, or others may have spiritual or emotional problems. All go with some need; all leave refreshed and at peace.

This wonderful place is supported in prayer by hundreds of intercessors all over the country who, every day at a set time, join in spirit and prayer, upholding the work at Crowhurst.

In our church at Goring, there is a small group who meet for prayer every alternate Thursday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in the "Little Chapel". All those named in the "Book for Prayer" are individually prayed for and the work of our church, its ministers, elders, workers, children young people and older folk are all lifted to the Lord for His blessing.



Are there amongst our fellowship, those who could be intercessors at Goring, to deepen our prayer support? Many elderly folk say "When I was younger and more active, I was able to do quite a lot of Christian work, but now I have got older .....". Here is perhaps, the most important Christian work waiting to be done. Will you be an intercessor, so that through prayer to the risen Lord, who is the source of all healing power, we may see wonderful things happen at Goring.

EILEEN JORDAN.

## *Letters to the Editor*

In the last issue of Spurgeon's College magazine, the Principal, the Rev. Raymond Brown, invites 'have you ever noticed how easily everyday phrase or expression seems to find a secure place in our language and life. One such popular saying which I find mildly offensive is this one "I couldn't care less". I think that expression is so utterly un-Christian that it ought never to find a place in the conversation of a committed believer. We love and worship a God who could not possibly care more. The entire message of Holy Scripture might even be gathered around the theme of "our caring God"'.

Over and over again in the Chronicle, Goring United Reformed Church has been described as a "Caring" Church. We have been under duress physically for some time and it is with pleasure that we reaffirm the application of this "caring" idea to the Goring Church. We find it most difficult to individualize, so will all those who have helped us in any way please accept this appreciation of their prayers, gifts and kind thoughts.

DORIS & GORDON  
(Wraight)

Many people are saying that the U.N. has proved incompetent and has no ability to stop wars! The first comment is incorrect, although, sadly, the second is true. However, we should not

withdraw our support from the U.N. because it failed to stop the Falkland and Lebanon conflicts.

The U.N. is a valuable "get together" of nations to promote education and development in the poorer less advanced ones. I quote from one example - "half the world's people, 2,000 millions of men, women and children, are without reasonable access to safe and adequate water supply" and "an even greater number lack proper sanitation". The goal of the U.N. "Water Decade" is provision of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for all by the year 1990.

Locally, our Worthing Branch, to which this Church is affiliated, is holding a Garden Party at "The Society of Friends", 34, Mill Road on 24th July from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Please come and bring your friends. Any of you, who are already U.N. members, please remit your subscriptions to me on the due date. New members would be a joy! The subscription need only be £2 or £6 with the magazine and relevant literature.

I am your representative and attend the Worthing Committee meetings each month.

FAY BLAKEY

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Dear R.F.B.,

I was very sorry to read in the June Chronicle that the article submitted by yourself was to be your last. Whilst I can understand that you may be feeling mentally exhausted at times, after seven years of frequent writing to the Chronicle, please reconsider, and if you decide to write less frequently, I for one would be prepared to accept, but please, do not stop writing.

The articles you have written have always given me great pleasure to read, mainly because they are very cogent and make one stop and think or reconsider one's own viewpoint. I may not agree to all that you have said, (I certainly support many of your comments) but for me, I always enjoy a good debate or argument and so your articles I have found stimulating.

If there is criticism take it that your article was read and made someone think. I like most of all, your comments in poetic form, they say so much, with so few words, as poetry usually does.

So R.F.B. will you please continue to write and keep your many supporters happy. The magazine won't be the same without you.

FRAZER FINLAY

Dear Editor,

It was with regret that I read in the June issue of the Chronicle that the current article by Robin Bruford was to be his last. I am aware that his contributions have been controversial and have caused offence to some. However, I have found them interesting and stimulating; the wide ranging topics being in contrast with much of the remaining parochial news. I shall miss these articles very much, and can only hope that those who have protested will fill the gap with contributions of a like high standard.

Thank you Robin for all your hard work over the past seven years.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

#### SERVICES DURING AUGUST

- 1st The Associate Minister (Morning Communion)  
 8th " " " (a.m) Rev. R. Boulter from  
 Pagham (p.m.)  
 15th The Rev. John Weller, B.A.  
 22nd The Associate Minister  
 (Evening Communion with Prayers for Healing)  
 29th The Associate Minister.

During the month we welcome as our guest preacher The Rev. John Weller. Some of our congregation will remember his ministry at Purley U.R.C. He is at the present time the co-ordinator of the ecumenical activity within the Chichester Diocese and the Sussex Council of Churches. He has also served in the ministry of the British Council of Churches and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The 8.0 a.m. Communion Services during August will be conducted by the Associate Minister. During August the Church & Vestry will be open Tues & Thurs. 9.30-noon.

Christian Aid

RON CHRISTOPHER

Amount collected during June £12.50, received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

<u>Christian Aid Week</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>(1981)</u>
House to house collection	£408	(£301)
Members of Congregation donations	£ 74	(£101)
	<u>£482</u>	<u>(£402)</u>

In response to my call for more volunteers, how gratifying it has been to have 23 helpers (or families) as against 14 in 1981.

Other churches having difficulty in covering their territory we visited approximately 1950 homes as against 1520 last year. (with more volunteers in 1983 - May 16th - 21st - we could cover more roads thereby helping out those neighbouring churches that lack the 'man' power).

Our house to house total increased by 35% but the total contribution by members of the congregation was rather less than in 1981. Could it possibly be that more friends are giving each month via Mrs. Hilda Hele?

Christian Aid FOOD FAIR St. Paul's Church Hall

Saturday, 18th September at 10.30 - 1.00 p.m.  
Cakes - Groceries - Fruit & Vegetables - Jams and Preserves.

As this is the soft fruit season and we, among other Goring churches, are responsible for jams and preserves in particular, this advance notice is given hoping an extra pound or two of fruit will be stirred in your preserving pan!

From the beginning of September a box will be made available in the Church vestibule for contributions of food of all sorts. Collection could also be made following a phone call to

Worthing

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RON JORDAN



The judge from the London children's Flower Society comes on Thursday to look at the candy tuft and nasturtiums which the children have been growing in pots, and to look at our garden which he last saw at the beginning of March when he came to judge the daffodils. We hope that he will be suitably impressed with our cabbages, radishes, lettuces, etc. etc. This week we were given a vine, some welsh onions and some tree onions.

We have planted in gro-bags some sweet peas, beans and tomato plants, and roses are blooming in Kings Cross at last! Unfortunately the paths and steps are still to be laid - maybe at the weekend, and we are still trying to raise money to buy a pond 'shell', so that the children can study pond life, when it is all stocked and settled.

Outside school, in the evenings and at weekends, because there is nowhere else for them to go and nothing else to do (or so it seems to them), some of the children are climbing the trees on the street, pulling off leaves and flowers and breaking branches. There are quite a lot of children living very close to school now, in flats, surrounded above, below and at either side, by other families. No wonder they tend to shout most of the time! The flats opposite the school are nearly all occupied now - 1 or 2 bedroom flats.

Some single people, some couples, and some families. (Can the tale be true that in one of the 2 bedroomed flats 17 Indians live on a shift system?) Why do some people find it impossible to live without record players, radios or T.V. turned up full blast so that they have to scream and shout to make themselves heard? Summer evenings do not make for happy neighbours!

The last six weeks of the summer term are upon us. I hope that we can make the progress needed academically and socially with the children before we collapse for a much-needed rest! Two new teachers are to be appointed for next term - good nerves, health and strength are strong recommendations! Happy holidays!

MARY CONNELLY

P.S. It was good to see Beryl Chatfield who made a quick visit to see our school and garden on her way back from Manchester.

#### A HYMN FOR WHITSUNTIDE

At the time of going to press, the following hymn, written by Beryl Chatfield, had been received in answer to the request urged in last month's article. It is here reproduced in full with warm thanks to the Author.

We gather in repentant awe  
 To seek our God's forgiving grace;  
 To know the reconciling love  
 That ever makes for us a place:  
 Spirit of God in this glad hour  
 Inspire our prayer and praise with power.

By Your dynamic fire of love  
 Our hardened hearts are set aflame;  
 Your breath of life we know afresh  
 And would that glorious life proclaim.  
 Spirit of God, within this hour  
 Drive us to go and give with power.

We face a world both sick and sad,  
 We lift a shining cross on high;  
 O teach us how to share that cross,  
 And truly show You ever nigh:  
 Spirit of Power from heaven above,  
 Fill us with sacrificial love.

B. CHATFIELD

(suggested tune: St. Catherine C.P. 106)

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### MY COUNTRY (A LAMENT)

Time and Beauty do not stand still  
 I hoped to see my childhood joys  
 The lush green meadows spread afar  
 Spangled with flowers and sparkling dew  
 Where larks soared up to deep blue skies  
 And hedges charmed the butterflies.

Time had marched on to ugliness  
 I saw flat fields on every side  
 Gone were the hedges and the trees  
 No birds or butterflies lived there  
 Beauty was sacrificed for gain  
 Only my memories remain.

Where was the wood which edged the fields?  
 The tall trees I had climbed when young?  
 The sturdy oak and lovely beech  
 Where rooks and squirrels had their home?  
 Trees grown five hundred years and more -  
 Cut down in minutes by a saw!

I closed my eyes, remembering  
 The glowing carpet - 'neath the trees -  
 of nodding bluebells, and the nooks  
 Where primroses and violets grew,  
 Time has passed by, loveliness gone,  
 But nostalgic memories linger on.

JILL HOBBS



## excerpts from A LETTER FROM HARRY'S DAUGHTER

Dear Barbara,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of condolence following my father's death last month.

My father had often spoken of you and your family and I know he was particularly interested in Junior Church. You may know that, even at almost eighty-two, he became involved in the Sunday School in the village near where he lived up here in Yorkshire.

I think he was happy to be back in his native Yorkshire, not only to be near us but also to see more of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I know he had hoped to visit friends in Goring this spring but his last illness prevented this. It is very sad because I know how much he missed the Church and sad too that he was too far away for friends to visit him, but I know by the amount of correspondence he had that many people endeavoured to keep in touch with him. I thank you for your letters to him which I am sure were greatly appreciated.

"We shall all miss him", and that is what they all say in the village too as he had become a firm favourite among the community. Thank you again for your letters,

PAT KENT

## THE LAST WORD - CONGRATULATIONS

We often wondered what Jean and Roy Webb did with the spare time they had when not busy with the Girls' Brigade! This came to light in the local paper "The Advertiser" where they won the recent Beautiful Garden Competition. Congratulations to you both!

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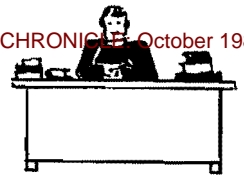
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Lord of the Autumn dews  
 And latest roses,  
 Shining through early mists  
 Whose truth discloses  
 Beyond dark and winter,  
 SPRING!

## FROM THE VESTRY

People were kind enough to comment on a recent note on the Minister's poetry, and since these lines come from "Prayers and Praise for Autumn" I offer them to introduce these words.

Autumn and Harvest speak of fulfilment of work well done and of harvest reaped. The Lord Himself used this theme.

- (1) To speak of God's work being fulfilled in Him as in trust we respond to Christ sower and reaper.
- (2) To teach us that as with the earth in response to Nature, so we must respond to Christ if we are to bear the fruit of the Spirit.
- (3) To impress upon us the need to labour while yet we have light and strength, and to use our lives fully to serve Him - "Man goeth unto his work and to his labour until the evening"
- (4) To inspire us in His work of evangelism "The harvest is plenty and the labourers few. Pray the Lord of Harvest to send more labourers".
- (5) To urge upon us a solemn warning "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved".

We have rejoiced in weeks of holidays, and The Rev. Ronald Christopher has served you well. May these coming days continue the renewing of this Church, and may there be a rich harvest of souls in days to come.

Yours with every blessing,

*William Connelly*

## MARRIAGES

Carole Irene DAVIES  
Ernest Herbert George DUMBLETON 21.8.82

## IN MEMORIAM

Alice Mabel Dell 24.7.82  
"Rejoice in the Lord always".

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Pray without ceasing.

Victor Grice makes slow progress in hospital.

Christopher Brown is now home again.

Mrs. Grace Goss has removed to 73 Richmond Road.

Mrs. Gregory is presently unwell in Wraysbury.

Miss D. Madden remains with "a quiet brave endurance",  
in Heaton House.

Mr. "Pip" Biggs has returned to Caledonia Nursing  
Home.

Mrs. Brenda Brunton has been admitted to Southlands.

Mr. Cox is with Mr. W. Scudder in Worthing  
Hospital .....

remember these and all friends who are ill or in  
special need.

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## Home Help Service offered

Mrs. Marjorie Gilbert of 61 Radnor Road, Worthing, is offering to perform home-help service for 2 days a week (preferably Tuesdays & Thursdays) for two hours each day in the Radnor Road area. Terms to be negotiated. Tel: 690068.

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"A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY"

The Bible Society Women's Rally on Friday, 22nd October  
at 3.0 p.m. in St. Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road.  
Speaker: Dr. Peter Thompson, of Burma - Doctor, Missionary  
Translator.

Gift and Food Stalls ..... Refreshments  
everyone welcome!

D. HUTCHINSON

**REFORM**

I have just received order form for the above for next year, which has to be sent in by mid-November. Unless I hear to the contrary, I shall assume that present subscribers will wish to take "Reform" in 1983, and I am always very pleased to obtain new subscribers. I can produce back copies of the magazine for anyone who would like to have an idea of the set-up. The cost will be £3.00 p.a. for 11 issues, July & August being combined. The same remarks re ordering apply to the Prayer Fellowship Handbook, and here again, new subscribers will be most welcome.

MOLLIE HAWKE

**BRF-IBRA - Membership for 1983**

Will members of the above Fellowship requiring any alteration to their orders, or any non-members who wish to join, let me know as soon as possible please, as I am late with this announcement. May I also make a special request to all members of the I.B.R.A. to remember The Special Missionary Appeal, as this is their Centenary Year.

(Miss) E. Shearmur, 2 Wycliffe Court, Southview Gardens, Worthing, Tel 47870.

Mrs. G. Pepperdine has asked me, on behalf of herself and several friends in the Church, to express their pleasure at seeing the Choir fully gowned once more after the warm summer days when gowns were not worn.

EDITOR

Family Circle events are normally held for the benefit of all the Church. Their next event, however, is for themselves. It all started when their treasurer said funds were low and it was time they did something about it! A Coffee Morning was suggested. To their delight the Chairman, Bill Connelly, said he and Mary would hold it at the Manse. So we are all invited to the Manse on Saturday 9th October between 10.30 and 12.00 noon. There will be a 'Bring & Buy' and special suggestion - 'Bring a Friend'. Bill and Mary say they look forward to seeing as many as possible of their old and new friends on this occasion.

## BE STILL - AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

You don't believe in miracles?  
Stand beneath this cherry tree,  
See the dainty blossom there  
Like a million tiny roses  
Moving gently in the breeze.  
A month ago the tree looked bare  
But now the miracle is there.

Flowers hang in heavy clusters  
Each one a delight to see,  
Giving us their gift of beauty  
Staying for a short time only  
Blooms so delicate and lovely  
Pearly white and sweetly scented -  
These were not by man invented.

Enchanting is the Cherry Tree,  
Petals fall like flakes of snow  
Flower carpeting the lawn;  
Boughs are laden with their treasure  
Bending down towards the ground.  
Gods' quiet miracle you see  
Beneath the flowering Cherry Tree.

J. HOBBS



Following a summer break, the Youth Club will be commencing a new session with our meetings on Saturday, 18th September and Sunday, 19th September.

The Leaders have been anxious that the Youth Group should reflect and serve both the social and spiritual needs of our young people. Also that the Group should attract both our own church young people and those others who may currently have no church connection. At least 50% of our current membership are in this latter category. We hope to meet in all types of circumstances with our young people, realising that our Faith can often be caught as well as taught.

We now have a Young People's Committee who have, together with the leaders, been busy in preparing the programme for our Winter Session. This will include a barbeque, swimming, ice-skating, film evenings, visits to places of interest and general games evenings. We will be meeting on Saturday evenings at the church at 7.00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday mornings for a Youth Bible Class at 10.00 a.m. All young people of 12 years of age upwards are welcome.

This is your Youth Club, in your Church, which we are privileged to run on your behalf at this time. Please help us in the following ways:

1. Please encourage any young people you know who may enjoy our evenings, to come and visit us.
2. We need funds to replace some old, tired equipment and are arranging a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 9th October 1982 at 2.0 p.m. Please contact Vernon Craghill (41761) or Ray Close (32174) if you have any suitable items we may collect, or if you can provide other assistance.
3. This is a demanding and challenging work and both young people and leaders would value your prayers.

We are grateful for the help and words of encouragement we have already received.

RAY CLOSE

# FEEDING THE WORLD (SEEDS OF HOPE)

"Seeds of Hope in the fight against World Hunger" is the theme of a one-day workshop to be held on Saturday, 23rd October, 1982 at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. The workshop is a contribution to One World Week and is designed for non-specialists.

It aims to increase understanding of why hunger and malnutrition persist on a scale without precedent in a world which produces more than enough to feed itself, and practical steps which can be taken in rich and poor countries will be discussed. It is hoped that the workshop will lead to specific local initiatives and follow-up action.

As our Lord's criterion of judgment is whether or not we have helped the person in need, including the hungry, thirsty, sick, unprotected and imprisoned (Matt. 25 vv. 35-36), this is one way of exploring methods of doing this.

Those who might be interested in going are invited to contact: Robert Wright (Tel. Worthing 45805), Mr. Ronald Jordan, or Mrs. Popplestone (Editor). Possibly a little group might be formed for transport.

ROBERT WRIGHT

## HOLIDAY CLUB WEEK

The Junior Church

- at junior play,  
And my - oh my - what can one say.

The junior "oldies" help a lot  
whilst, those senior folk,  
give all they've got.

To show the children what to do  
but, sometimes in return they say;  
we receive an idea, or two.

And, the measure of their concentration -  
 which readily shows on little faces  
 is, in itself, a commendation.

Of all the effort that is put in  
 by teachers, helpers, and everyone  
 yet, most of it, comes from a tin.

Yes, a tin for this, and a tin for that;  
 the unusual items that are got  
 from these, assembled into you guess what!

A picture, a toy, an animal maybe;  
 the imagination these teachers have,  
 its surprising what you see.

Mr. Marsh sits at the door,  
 checking in the children  
 its, children galore.

So nice to see - to see them nice,  
 and full of beans  
 then, - quiet as mice

The songs, - they echo through the Hall  
 and didn't they enjoy it  
 Jean Marsh and all.

Those willing helpers everyone  
 including kitchen staff,  
 Join in the fun.

Out in the field at the end; each day,  
 Let off that energy,  
 Hip - hip - Hooray!

The children all have had a good time,  
 they could spend all day,  
 would not that be fine.

However, Jean and staff like to return  
 home, to peace, and quiet, and rest;  
 Those feet must surely burn.

And the Church should say - "Thank you"; to all  
 who gave time and thought and preparation  
 for Children - at the Hall.

FRAZER FINLAY

## WOMENS GUILD

"How good to be back!" This was the greeting on most folk's lips as we met for our first meeting on 7th September.

Mrs. Flory, our new President, took the chair and reminded us of the motto on our programme "To have a friend is to be one" and this she said should be the mainstay of our Guild - friendship with Christ and with one another.

It was good to see 50 people to greet our Minister back from his holiday and to hear his very good practical talk. Practical suggestions for us all as the winter approaches.

We look forward on 19th October to our Anniversary when we greet the Rev. Roy Clark, who will be our speaker. To all we give a warm welcome to join us in our service and for tea afterwards.

I am doing my best to find extra transport for some who cannot get to our meetings without, but please be patient for it is not easy. A happy session to all,

ETHEL DEARSLEY

## JESUS CHRIST MAKES US WHOLE

I would like to follow up Eileen Jordan's article "Are you an Intercessor?" in the July/August Chronicle.

There has recently formed a small healing prayer group, which is linked with The Old Rectory, Crowhurst - the home of healing described in Eileen's article. We meet informally once a month, and share briefly the Christian names of people we know to be in need of healing. Then in quiet prayer we lift each one up to God's healing love and power. Personal details are kept to a minimum so that people can be prayed for without breaking confidences.

This is a fairly new group. If you are a committed Christian and would like to know more, please ring the leader, Vera Boyce (of Broadwater Parish Church) on Worthing 201104, or me, JANET KNOWLES, 691853.

# FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

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General Account 1.1.82 to 31.8.82

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Envelopes	7645	Ministerial	7387
Loose Cash	2869	Manse	1168
Donations	163	Cleaners' Wages	612
Rents	1621	Heating & Lighting	1762
I/Tax Refunds	31	Insurance	808
Housing Assoc.	150	Repairs	2589
Interest	863	Durrington Outreach	683
Gift Day	2189	Sundries	1569
Cong. Ins. Trust	275		
Excess Payments over Receipts	772		
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Our deficit, when compared with that at the end of March, is greatly reduced. It would have been completely cleared had it not been for the cost of the repairs to the Cornwall Room roof and the drainage. Our total income up to the end of August was just below our budgeted figures, whilst our income from envelopes and loose cash was slightly above. The financial position of the Church is very encouraging but nevertheless in these days of inflation we cannot afford to relax our efforts.

Thank you for all you do to make my job as Treasurer so much easier.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

## CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during September - £39.50  
received with thanks,



HILDA HELE

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CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

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## ODE TO CAMP

WOODFORD, 1982

1. T'was on a Saturday morning  
The Girls' Brigade did go,  
To Woodford, Epping Forest  
To their annual camp, you know.  
To meet again the friends they'd made  
When camping there before,  
And great was the excitement  
About sleeping on the floor!
2. T'was on the Sunday morning  
To the service they all went  
And afterwards served coffee  
To each lady and each gent.  
The afternoon to Knighton Woods  
And on to tea with friends  
A lovely time with lots of food,  
Then postcards to be penned!
3. T'was on the Monday morning  
The Girls' Brigade did rise  
To take the crusts of breakfast bread  
To the ducks! What a surprise!  
Afternoon at Chingford, shopping  
and then tea.  
Then off to see the fireman brave -  
all for free!
4. T'was on the Tuesday morning  
Another lovely day  
That to Loughton on the tube train  
They all did make their way.  
They did their present shopping  
And all had a large ice-cream,  
Except for all the officers  
For "a cup of tea" they screamed!
5. T'was on the Wednesday morning  
A whole day out was planned  
To London, Covent Garden,  
Then to hear the band  
And picnic in St. James's Park  
Amongst the trees and flowers  
In warm and lovely sunshine  
So passed the happy hours.

6. The 'Sound of Music' on the stage  
 Oh! What a lovely treat,  
 And then round to the stage door  
 Petula Clark to meet!  
 On to the Wimpy Restaurant  
 For coke and fish and chips!  
 And back to camp with happy hearts  
 And songs upon their lips.
7. T'was on the Thursday morning  
 A quieter day was planned.  
 The Guides, they came to supper  
 Fish fingers - nothing grand!  
 They took them all to light a fire  
 And all on logs they sat  
 And spent a happy half-hour  
 Singing of 'this and that'!
8. T'was on the Friday morning  
 A coach ride they did take  
 To Epping and to High Beach  
 With sandwiches and cake.  
 To go pond dipping was the plan  
 And oh how it did rain.  
 They all got soaked, but didn't care  
 And want to go again!
9. T'was on the Saturday morning  
 The happy week did end  
 The bills were paid and farewells said  
 To each and every friend.  
 Then back to good old Worthing  
 To see Mums and Dads, so dear  
 And then to count the months and days  
 Until another year!

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

3rd Mr. & Mrs. M. Oakes	17th Mr. & Mrs. Munday
& Mr. & Mrs. G. Gill	24th Mr. Colin Nodes
10th Dr. & Mrs. R. Webb	31st Mr. & Mrs. Bulstrode

### Flower Fund

A warm 'Thank you' for £5.0 received during August & September.

DOROTHY TURNER  
 Flower Secretary



For those of you who were unable to come in September, please note that we next meet on Thursday, 7th October at 10.15 a.m. Any mothers new to the area are very welcome to join us in the Cornwall Room for coffee and fellowship (with toys available for your babies and toddlers). We finish at about 11.30 a.m.

On 7th October we invite those of you who have recently read an interesting or helpful book (preferably on a Christian theme) to come along and give a brief review. Don't be shy - just a few words will do. Bring your book to show us if possible.

At the November meeting (Thurs. 4th Nov) we shall be thinking about 'Commitment' - how to commit your time - your talents - your problems - more fully to God.

Lastly, our pre-Christmas meeting will fall on 2nd December. Come and enjoy a relaxed time, mince pies will be served. Please put these dates in your diaries.

JANET KNOWLES  
CAROLE DAVIS

## 'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

The following have been planned by the above Group:-

1. A time of fellowship in the Large Hall on Sunday evening, 3rd October. After a shortened service in the Church, there will be a time of chorus singing and coffee will be served. This is for all ages. Come and sing praises to your God.
2. Richard Tuley is to give the address at our next evening Praise Service on 24th October. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the 'Worship' Discussion Group is to be held on 12th October at 7.45 p.m. at the Manse. If you believe you can make any suggestion for the enrichment of our worship you will be welcome as a member of the Group - or, alternatively, contact -

RON JORDAN  
(Convenor)

## CHURCH MEETING

There is a meeting at the Church  
 How many will appear, to lurch  
 Upon their feet, and ask a question!  
 About this, or that, or other  
 How many will not even bother?

I wonder why that this is so  
 Do they find it difficult to say No, -  
 'I will not come because I despair!'  
 The Elders, they have a monthly date  
 And have already sealed our fate.

Or, the meeting is just to, "rubber stamp"  
 If I turn up, it is just to tramp  
 From home to Hall and no chance to tell;  
 What it is that perplexes me  
 And why, perhaps, we're all at sea.

The Committee connected with investigating  
 Those problems associated with Church Meeting  
 Have ideas and suggestions, quite a few;  
 Now ask the Congregation for collaboration  
Please, - your thoughts - for consideration.

FRAZER FINLAY  
 (Convener)

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Once again we shall be selling Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper in aid of Hayward House. In previous years we have been able to give an appreciable amount to the funds and hope very much to increase this with your support.

These are excellent cards of good quality and reasonably priced. 25% of all proceeds goes to Hayward House.

To see the cards, or order from the catalogue, please see either Jane Bond or Joan Finlay.

# GIRLS' BRIGADE

By the time you read this our Session will be well under way, but at the time of writing, we are preparing for our Jumble Sale on 16th September.

We are hoping to have an exhibition in the East Transept in October, so do please come and share the fun and adventure of Camp, and see the fruits of our Girls' labour.

What will the Session hold in store? That it will be full of fun, laughter and the Lord's presence we can be sure; also hard work preparing for our Display and Awards night on 11th December. It is with sadness that I must write that Brenda Brunton will not be with us for a while, due to illness. We will all miss her, especially our "Babes", the Explorers, who love her dearly. Get well soon, Brenda, you are in our thoughts and prayers, as well as those from the Church. Yes please, we do especially need your prayers during this Session!!

MARGARET CRAGHILL

## The Boys' Brigade

The boys insist that camping is the real thing only when you are under canvas! We have had several camps this year with the climax at our summer camp at Freshwater. The boys in the Company who did not come with us this year really missed one of the best camps we have had for a long time. The weather, the food, the surroundings, the excursions were all just right. Even our "friends" the wasps were conspicuous by their absence. New friends were the moles who were very busy pushing up their mounds at night and having a mole under your groundsheet is quite an experience! Freshwater will long be remembered by us all.

Our new Session has just started and it looks as if it is going to be a very busy one. Nationally and locally many events are being planned to celebrate our Centenary. Can we solicit your help and support on some of the occasions? Has anyone got that item missing in Matthew 25 v. 25?

DONALD STEWART

The 1982 National Temperance Summer School, was held at Eastwood Grange; a lovely big country house, used as a conference centre, situated on the borders of the Derbyshire dales, overlooking Moorland country and the village of Ashove near Chesterfield. Around thirty people were present, all of whom with an interest in the problems that drink can cause to a society and with a view to look at it from various angles, if only to have a better understanding of the problems if not an answer.

Our day at Eastwood always began and ended the same way, with morning prayers before breakfast and an epilogue last thing at night. During the week, we had four lectures from various people presented from their particular angle. One of the most interesting was from an area traffic Inspector, who described his work vividly to us, and demonstrated the breathaliser and showed us the photographs of road accidents that would be submitted for a court case. The statistics related to drinking and driving are quite staggering and almost 60% of all road accidents are connected with it. We also looked at it from a Christian angle, and with close reference to only a few texts, it seems to me that drink, however moderate, should play no part in our lives. (Thats a challenge to some of our congregation isnt it?!) )

The week was a super mixture of fun and learning, the socials and outings, always great, and so to conclude I would particularly like to thank Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Collison for arranging for Susan Longhurst and myself such an enjoyable and beneficial week.

AMANDA STEWART.

## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

On Monday, 4th October, at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Mr. Mason is coming to give an illustrated talk on the "Micro-Chip". This is tomorrow's world today! It is an open evening, to which everyone is invited, both men and women.

OLIVE BUSHBY

Since the theme of Harvest was largely restated in the middle of the nineteenth century, it is hardly surprising that most Harvest Hymns belong to the same period. An interesting exception is the hymn by John Arlott, well known for his work as a Cricket Commentator, who delights us at No. 34 in New Church Praise with the song "God, whose farm is all creation"- the last verse sings

"All our labour, all our watching,  
all our calendar of care,  
in these crops of your creation,  
take, O God; they are our prayer".

One thing to notice about Harvest hymns is that they usually say more challenging things that some may suppose. Thanksgiving and Praise for Harvest Spiritual and Physical but also warning and entreaty from the Lord's own words. Sing them with greater understanding.

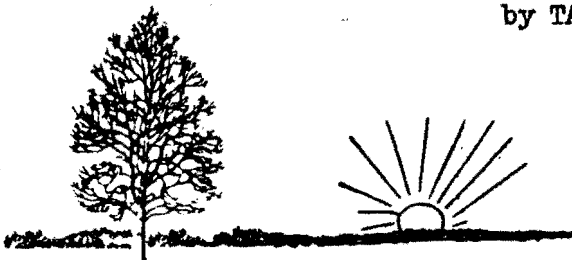
Finally, a very fine Harvest Hymn to a tune by Joseph Barnby first published in Congregational Praise, is 651. The refrain

"For the harvest of bygone ages,  
In the hope of the coming days  
Go into his gates with thankfulness  
And into His courts with praise".

in scriptural, and in hopeful spirituality is well worth singing.

Good singing for harvest the diet of hymns and psalms is a very rich one, and serves to call us again to the Lord's work for us, and in us.

by TAPTON.



What a thrilling and exciting week it again turned out to be. 120 children registered with an average daily attendance of 90. The singing raised the roof each morning to the Praise of God and the shining, smiling faces were a joy to see. The handicrafts produced showed many inventive talents by all the children.

It was lovely to have helpers from teenagers to senior citizens, but in numbers the total was less than 3% of the membership of the Church. Where were the Elders? Could not one spare a few minutes to come and see what the youngsters were doing? We give thanks to God for Mr. & Mrs. Fred Marsh and for all the preparations made on behalf of the children.

DOROTHY TURNER

The Worthing Play and Adventure Activity Association ran three playschemes this summer. This is for all children in Worthing. One of our Elders is the Chairman of this association and was rather busy seeing that everything went according to programme for over six hundred of our local children at West Park School, Maybridge Boys' Club and the Glyn Owen Centre.



# COFFEE

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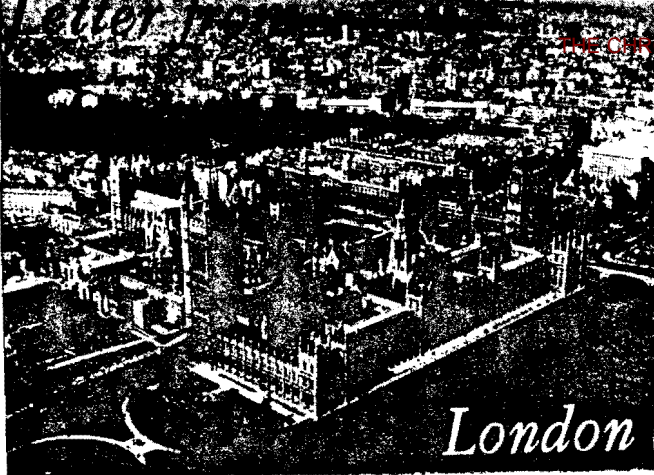
Bill & Mary invite you to the Manse

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 10.30-12.00**

Coffee 15p - "Bring & Buy"

- PLEASE BRING A FRIEND -

FAMILY CIRCLE EVENT



Success at last! We have had a letter from the London Children's Flower Society to tell us that the School has been awarded the Merial Gollin Challenge Cup for our entry in this year's Garden Competition. So a small party of us will be going along to County Hall on September 23rd to receive the cup. Next year is bound to be even better.

Since the area judge came round at the beginning of July, we have made many improvements. During our holidays, "our Norman" has worked very hard, gathering stones, boulders, cobbles and soil from a building site by St. Pancras Station - cobbles which have covered the soil for over 100 years - so that the soil has not seen light of day for over 100 years. The flower and vegetable beds have been re-shaped, paths have been laid with crazy paving, and the rough area at the end has now this week been laid over by turf. Norman managed to borrow a huge roller a few miles away, tied it to the back of his car and trundled it through the streets to the horror of police and other road-users! He arrived back here safely and with some help, managed to roll the turf. Tomorrow, he will attempt to return it !!

On Monday October 4th there will be a formal opening of the "Peggy Buchan Memorial Garden" so we are trying to keep plants flowering until the chrysanthemums make a good show. We have some Chinese lanterns which we hope will last well indoors perhaps for Christmas. We shall be making geranium and begonia cuttings for the Christmas sale to go towards the Garden Fund.



We are going to notify the local press and possibly some National newspapers which have run articles on the vice and violence in the Kings Cross area. Perhaps they will be interested in an enterprise which is bringing beauty and pleasure to the children and parents of the school. It is very improbable that all our efforts will make the same kind of headlines as the proposed new mobile police unit which may be set up in Argyle Square, as the police are so extremely busy around here.

In the past 6 months over 500 prostitutes have been arrested and over 800 cautioned. 7 people were murdered during the month of August - some of them as a result of the traffic in drugs. So many people get trapped in the squalid and miserable life caused by the craving for drugs. One prostitute explained her dreadful 'merry-go-round' of life, day in, day out - hooked on heroin - went back on the streets to pay for drugs to forget her life on the streets - which will probably be very short and end in a coma.

Enough of what is over the wall! Today September 13th, we had a Silver Medal card sent to us for growing Summer flowers, and a letter to remind us to buy our bulbs for the Spring flower Competition - so on we go - getting ready for the winter to get ready for Spring.

MARY CONNELLY.

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## AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH HANDBOOK

### Temporary Change of Address:

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And with what joy we hear of the Church being renewed and revived in many parts of the world. Indonesia, China, and many parts of Africa are describing the gracious work of the Spirit of God among them.

The Western world has not been so swift to respond to the movement of God's Spirit. Years of philosophical and even theological teaching that was inimical to the Gospel has left a legacy of culture expressed in drama, art, music and literature against which the progress of the gospel has been slow. The word "sophisticated" being freely translated as "worldlywise" still fairly describes the state of many of us and both the Triumphalism and Secular Evangelism of the recent Political Party Conferences witnessed to this.

The Prophet must be both patient as the suffering servant of Israel and impatient as the wind of the Spirit. "Watchman, what of the night?" (Isaiah 21)

The present writer is convinced that the morning of God's Renewal is already breaking, to awaken the Western world. The history of Revival has always shown that the faithfulness of men and women of God in days of darkness was prelude to the dawning of God's day. The writer of the hymn from which the title of this article was taken was one of the faithful in a dark age of unbelief. And when was this hymn for Revival of dying Churches written.?

It was written in the early days of the 18th century, for Philip Doddridge the author was born in 1702 - and John Wesley in 1703 - and both Doddridge and Watts, great watchmen as they were, lived to experience that revival for which they had prayed.

'Revive Thy dying churches, Lord,  
And bid our drooping graces live;  
And more, that energy afford  
A Saviour's Love alone can give.'

A closing thought. God does not renew or revive us as we merely assent to Christ's teachings in general; He revives us when we believe in HIM in particular.

With blessing and love,

*William Connelly*

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

### IN MEMORIAM

Helen Adelaide CLEMENTS

3.10.82

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

Ian WRIGHT

a young man in Boy's Brigade - whose life so full of promise has returned to God. Give thanks to God whose love fulfils His promises in Eternity, remember his parents and brother in your prayers.

Florence Annie MOODY

20. 9.82

A life triumphant over sorrow, bereavement, and weakness, Her sister Vera cared for her in a way that commends itself to us all. The love of God was always present in their home. Thanks be to God who gives us the Victory.

### BAPTISM

Adam Donald KIRKLAND

10.10.82

We rejoice with John and Anne Rowlands in the birth of their daughter.

Victor Grice is now at Zachery Merton Hospital where his progress continues. Ron. Courtnadge has returned home from hospital, and Christopher Brown also makes good progress. Charles Cox is in Worthing Hospital. Mrs. Gregory has left hospital for Westleigh Nursing Home on Queens Road; Mr. A. Wyatt is making good progress after a time in hospital.

# OBITUARY

IAN WRIGHT 11th September, 1982 Age 12

Ian will be greatly missed by all the members of the Boys' Brigade, 5th Worthing Company. He was a loyal member and had only just completed his first year in the Company Section after having served right through the Junior Section.

He had a wistful smile that made me sometimes wonder as to whether I was getting through to him. I enjoyed the personal talks that we had at our Spring Bank Holiday Camp held at Washington. I am sure he will be on parade with the Heavenly Company. God Bless you, Ian. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his parents and his young brother, Damian.

DONALD STEWART

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers which comforted and supported me during my recent stay in Southlands Hospital. I was most grateful for the many cards I received, for Junior Church and the Choir for the beautiful plants, for the flowers from the Church and Harvest gifts, for William's many cheering visits, but most of all to Girls' Brigade. To be on the receiving end of Jean's love and care is something to be experienced, a position in which I have found myself more than once. Thank you dear Jean. I feel privileged to belong to such a caring Company and Church.

BRENDA BRUNTON

May I, through the Chronicle, thank Mr. Connelly and all the friends of the Church, for all the love and kindness given to my sister, Florrie Moody, through her long illness. A special 'thank you' to the Girls' Brigade for all their loving thoughts, and especially for the postcards while they were at camp. Also I would like to thank Mr. Connelly for the constant help and visits, and especially for being with us when Florrie died. The beautiful flowers and fruit brought to me from the Harvest Festival, with a lovely smile and these words "We are remembering you at this sad time" gave great comfort. Thank you and God Bless you all,

VERA CROUCH

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Bill Scudder, Doris and Gordon Wraight, residing at 92 Heene Road, Worthing, wish to express their gratitude to all the good friends responsible for the gifts received after the Harvest Services.

Many grateful thanks for the flowers from the Church received from Mrs. Turner - they lasted a month! Also, the Harvest gift of fruit etc. Thanks to the Girls' Brigade who on various occasions have sent us gifts and cards. This Church is well known for what it does in looking after people like us, and we thank God for His mercies shown to us all.

GEORGE FLEMING  
Choir

## MANCHESTER LETTER

Dear Friends,

Walking through Manchester you might be tempted to think that it is far removed from Worthing in every way, but walking into my room in College would prove you wrong! Your cards have brightened it and your prayers reminded me that Worthing and Manchester are closely linked by love and friendship. Many thanks for all your good wishes.

Manchester has, already made its own impression on me and offers many challenges with its multi-racial society and very varied neighbourhoods. Although I spent the first eight years of my life in the suburbs of London, I must admit that I had largely forgotten what it felt like to live in a city, and in addition to that one must allow for the fact that city life has itself changed greatly in the intervening years. I hope the following may convey something of my reactions, and send it with my love.

Manchester in autumn -

Chestnuts bouncing down on pavements amid the leaves and litter,

Splitting their protective shells and rolling out,

Brown and beautiful in the sunshine.

Some, at first protected in the gutter, are seized by bright-eyed boys - (their skins often brown and shiny too,)

And stored away in grubby pockets to be used in conker fights;



Some, swiftly crushed by passing traffic, are left  
 To become sodden and rotten under a steady  
 downpour;  
 Others, preserved without life-giving moisture,  
 Grow hard and shrivelled and wrinkled;  
 And a few - just a few - find a soft bed  
 in the earth, and,  
 Absorbing the gentle rain and warm sunshine,  
 Grow into something of beauty and grace.  
 People, coming to birth every day -  
 Bouncing into a hard society, painfully;  
 Exposed to us, shining and beautiful,  
 Their fresh innocence reflecting the light of  
 heaven.  
 Some stay concealed in quiet corners, till,  
 Caught by grasping hands, they are forced to  
 take the knocks of life,  
 Which destroy them;  
 Others, quickly bruised and crushed by circum-  
 stances, are left  
 To become sated and rotten under the steady  
 pressure  
 Of vice and corruption;  
 Some, who manage to escape injury,  
 Grow hard and wrinkled,  
 Because sympathy never penetrates their tough  
 veneer;  
 And a few - just a few - find a place where  
 there is vulnerability,  
 And a willingness to receive and nurture them, -  
 A place where there is living water and the  
 warmth of love,  
 And they begin to grow into something of beauty  
 and grace.

Lord, make tender the heart of Your Church,  
 That it may prove vulnerable and receptive soil,  
 Open to You - however You come.

BERYL CHATFIELD.

## CHURCH HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones (Violet & Deryck) 15 Chute Avenue,  
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FROM WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Whilst training for the Ministry, Jean and I are grateful to you for your support, both financially and above all else, in prayer.

We were sorry not to be able to spend very much time at Goring during the summer, but at short notice I was asked to be a student pastor at Braintree U.R.C., Essex. This was a blessed experience which provided both of us with many invaluable insights into the Ministry.

Soon I shall be interviewed by a representative group from the whole body of Provincial Moderators so that they can prayerfully direct me to a church or group of churches to seek a call. We welcome your prayers and ask you to praise God with us, for He it is who has guided us through College to this final year, and we leave both the 'call' and the successful completion of the course in His almighty hands.

May God continue to bless you all at Goring U.R.C., as you seek to serve Him, both within the fellowship and within the local community. Yours in Christ,

EDWARD, JEAN & MARY

## CHRISTIAN AID



Those who contributed so generously to the Food Fair will be pleased to learn that they helped to raise £559. Only a week later you were asked to give to our Christian Aid Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. You responded with £128. This is an increase of almost £100 over last September's figure and we are very grateful for your generous and continued support.

Amount collected during October - £11.00

received with thanks.

HILDA HELE & RON JORDAN

## MANSE COFFEE MORNING

The Family Circle Committee wish to thank all those who supported the recent Coffee Morning which raised a total of £65.37. Also, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Connelly for their kind hospitality on this occasion.

# FREE WILL OFFERING

THE CHRONICLE: November 1982

As we approach the end of the year, may I, as Free Will Offering Treasurer, make an appeal to all members to consider your regular giving to Church funds.

As a Congregation we may be well off financially when compared to other congregations, but the operating and maintenance costs continue to rise. It is my belief that our regular income should meet the general running costs and upkeep of the Church and Buildings. Unfortunately, as the years go by, maintenance costs tend to increase, and possibly a little decorating in the building wouldn't come amiss. So, will you please give a little thought to your commitment to Church Funds.

May I also ask all new members who have joined our fellowship this year but have not joined the F.W.O. Scheme to please consider this method of giving. I shall be happy to supply you with the necessary envelopes and information. Or, if any subscriber would like to take up the Covenant Scheme, then Mr. R. Tuley will be able to present you with the details. Without your giving more, the Church is able to obtain a tax return which increases your contribution to Church Funds. Of course, one has to be paying tax at the standard rate to participate in this scheme.

I trust that the envelopes for the F.W.O. will be available for your collection from the vestibule in December.

FRAZER FINLAY  
F.W.O. Treasurer

## SHARING OUR FAITH

In response to our Lord's bidding us to share our Faith with non-believers I am interested in forming a house group to help in the preparation for this activity and to consider prayerfully the different methods and opportunities open to us. We might consider firstly how God may use us in our normal daily contacts with people, and secondly how to prepare for some kind of corporate activity of the Church starting in the Spring, e.g. a Christian bookstall on the market, opening a coffee bar.

I would be interested to hear from any who are conscious of our Lord's bidding us to do this and would like to take part in such a group. Telephone Worthing 45805. 39 Nutley Drive, Goring-by-Sea.

ROBERT WRIGHT.

## LONDON LETTER

So what's been happening lately? Well our garden was officially opened on the afternoon of Monday October 4th. We had a busy day, as we had all the usual things to do, plus preparing for visitors into school and making sure everything in the garden was as lovely as it could be after the deluge of rain we had over the weekend.

The television cameras came along around 2 o'clock to film the children 'working' in the garden. As we had expected them an hour earlier, the children were restless and it was a bit of a rush. However, the children performed their 'gardening' well and we appeared on Thames News on the Monday evening. Being photographed the previous week, an article also appeared in the Standard on Tuesday evening.

It rained all morning and stopped at about 1.15, but stayed cloudy and threatening all afternoon and started again just before 7 p.m. when the last visitors were leaving. We had friends of the late headmistress, headteacher, etc., people from the Education office; from the London Children's Flower Society; a representative from the Worshipful Company of Gardeners; School Governors and Mr. & Mrs. Mercer, Robin Bradley and Bill to represent Worthing. All, I think, were very impressed in our years work.

Some, of course were interested in "what happens now?" Well, I had worked on "Greenfingers in the Curriculum" for a few days - the many, many ways in which the garden can provide material for Maths, Art, Language, Science, Literature, Music, Geography, etc, etc,. It covers the lot! So, eventually, each teacher will get a set of papers with suggestions for activities which cover every aspect of the curriculum - this is apart from "yer actual gardnin"! and as you know, that takes more time than we can spare!

Harvest Festival is next Wednesday and items from the classes will include Garden Workers of the World - Worms! and a presentation of fruit and vegetables from the garden.

MARY CONNELLY.

## HELP !!

It is now almost 4 years since we last had a regular Choirmaster & Organist, and I was asked to form a temporary roster for organists whilst we found a replacement.

The Lord does not of course always answer our prayers as we ask and expect. He did not in fact send us one organist, but nine, who are happy to serve on a roster but are unable to accept the commitment of sole responsibility. Those who are leading our music week by week are:

Mr. E. Bown	Mr. R. Bruford	Mr. R Colbourn
Mr. F. Cole	Mr. D. Durrant	Mr. R. Edwards
Mr. C. Levett	(now moved away)	Mr. G. Shave
	Mrs.B.Popplestone	

I felt you would want to know of this system, which is working very well, and join with me in expressing our thanks.

The problem in this arrangement has been that the choir understandably suffer through a lack of continuity. As always the Lord provides for a need and Mr. Bown has kindly been playing a more regular part at practice and on Sundays to assist with the choir.

In fact, Mr. Bown has been doing this since March, and both we and the choir are most grateful to him. The whole arrangement appears to be working very well with one exception, and this is where the help is needed. Mr. Bown tells me the choir is in real need of some additional members who can read music and enjoy singing. We need tenors and altos, but particularly tenors.

If you think you can help please contact Mr. Bown or the Minister. You can be sure of a very warm welcome, and they would be pleased to hear you sing.

Are you a Tenor - can read music a little - enjoy singing - have a reasonable voice? Then the choir needs you!!

RAY CLOSE

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CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

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# GIRLS' BRIGADE

November already! Half term has been and gone and there is still much to do in preparation for our Awards and Display evening in West Park Middle School Hall. We would be very pleased to see YOU with all our parents at 7.0 p.m. on Saturday, 11th December. You will put the date in your diary? Oh good!

We hope you enjoyed our exhibition in the East Transept. We were impressed with the photographic skills displayed by the girls. They captured some of our magic moments at work and play during our Epping Forest Camp. With this year's camp not long gone, it is time to turn our thoughts to next year's camp. We plan to break new ground in foreign climes. Camp 83 is to be more a holiday for our elder girls, the Brigaders, for twelve days, in a self-catering chalet in central Switzerland. We are even thinking about Camp 84 somewhere in England!

We continue to pray for Lt. Brenda Brunton, now recuperating at home, surrounded with love and care. We hope to have you back with us in the not too distant future Brenda.

Do please continue to support us all with your prayers - prayers go up and blessings come down! God Bless,  
JACKIE MEDLYCOTT

P.S. Yes please, we would still like your foil to add to our collection.

## WORSHIP Discussion Group

The members of this Group were greatly encouraged by the number of friends who attended (and enjoyed) the time of fellowship after the evening service on 3rd October. At the 'Praise Service' on 28th November the address will be given by Graham Payne. This will be followed by the next 'Praise Time' in the Large Hall. Refreshments will be served, and children of all ages are welcome.

The next meeting of the "Worship" Discussion Group is to be held on 9th November at 7.30 p.m. at 3 Arun Close, when we shall be discussing Orders of Service and issues originally raised regarding evening worship.

RON JORDAN  
Convenor

## Men's Fellowship

Our opening meeting in September occurred too late for inclusion in the October Chronicle, but the Members' Afternoon was well attended and many interesting and varied Questions had been provided to test the panel. Unfortunately, time was insufficient to enable all questions to be dealt with.

Our visit to the Southern Water Authority's Sewage Plant at Littlehampton on 5th October was somewhat disappointing. When we arrived we were told that the visit would have to be brief because they were exceptionally busy due to the heavy rain at the weekend. The noise of the machinery was such that it was impossible for anyone other than those immediately next to our Guide to hear the commentary. In addition, we discovered that much of the plant was out of action and waiting to be replaced! By comparison with the much older but apparently much more efficient plant at Worthing, this relatively new station was very disappointing. It was surprising to hear that the sewage was pumped into the sea untreated but reassuring to know that it went out two miles and was well dispersed!

Our three meetings in November are listed in the Calendar and we particularly look forward to hearing George English on 2nd. Although he has been deaf all his life he has overcome his handicap and is now able to speak freely about his disability. He will be supported by his wife, Jean.

REG GOODCHILD

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

### 1. READING THE BIBLE

The Bible is, as Christians believe, the Word of God - the Lord God inspired those who wrote this collection of the wonderful knowledge of God's dealings with man, his beloved creation. Many Christians read the Word of God day by day, some of them use Bible Reading notes published by the I.B.R.A. (International Bible Reading Association) or Scripture Union or B.R.F. They find that Bible reading and daily prayer go together, especially if they put aside a specific time each day, and they are enabled to come closer to God. (This closeness is the most necessary thing in a Christian life - walking with the Lord God).



There are various 'Bible Study Groups' in our Church, which meet, usually fortnightly, in certain Christians' homes. A group may use tapes (from the Kingdom Faith Ministry) coupled with a list of about 7 or 8 questions to be considered after each tape. (There are suitable passages to look up to help answer the questions which complement the tape message). Other groups may go through a book of the Bible a chapter or half-chapter at a time. A volunteer prepares the passage beforehand and then the group discusses relevant points and shares experiences.

It is a feature of these groups that Christians ~~are drawn together in~~ Christian love. Prayer needs may be put to the Group. Christians are built up and realise much more the meaning of the calling which God has given us - in short God blesses us.

If you do belong to a Bible reading group, then please invite or interest others in joining one and tell them your blessings. If you do not belong, we are helping to place anyone who wishes to come together in this way, either into an existing group or one which will be started. A Christian's preferences for, when, where and how the Bible will be read will all be taken into consideration. "He (Gabriel) spoke clearly to me and said, 'Daniel, I have now come to enlighten your understanding. As you were beginning your supplications a word went forth: this I have come to pass on to you, for you are a man greatly beloved'" Daniel 9 vv. 22-23 (N.E.B.)

### 3. HOW TO BELONG

- (a) If someone invites you - consider going along. or
- (b) Fill in a little pink form which you should find in the vestibule, if not in this magazine. or
- (c) Contact either of those below:

Sandy or Sue Clark	123, St. Andrew's Rd. Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. Tel.66780
Geoff or Glen Dean	38 Trent Road Wednesdays 8.15 p.m. Tel.40376
Eric or Barbara Popplestone	56 Bolsover Road Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Tel.42906
Richard or Irene Tuley	1 Arun Close Tuesdays 8.00 p.m. Tel.65319

There may be other groups which are meeting and we would like to know of them.

Your friend, MICHAEL DONNELLY

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# CHURCH MEETING

## THINK ON THESE THINGS -

Notwithstanding the summer holidays the CHURCH MEETING COMMITTEE have managed to obtain a vast amount of information and ideas relevant to Church Meetings. It was decided therefore, that we should inform all our members of the main suggestions and propositions which will be presented at the next convenient Church Meeting for consideration and/or adoption. These relevant factors have been obtained from three main sources

- (a) Members of our own Congregation; who felt disposed to write or speak with the Committee members.
  - (b) Church secretaries and Ministers within our local area.
  - (c) Church secretaries outside our own immediate area; and we list them as follows
1. The number of meetings to be held each year to be reduced.
  2. Should the type of meeting as at present (business), be altered occasionally to a fellowship meeting.
  3. Would tea or coffee served before or after a meeting, be helpful in getting to know each other better.
  4. An outside Speaker to present certain topics of interest or for discussion on occasions.
  5. The possibility of having alternate meetings on a different day to that of the usual meeting date e.g. Saturday morning has been suggested.
  6. If transport were made available would YOU start to attend Church Meetings in the winter time.
  7. Possibility of duplicating the minutes of the Meeting for handing to the congregation before the next meeting. (this would not only save time in the meeting, but keep members informed of the business transacted.)
  8. That an Agenda is a must, and to be printed and available to all prior to the Meeting.
  9. The normal meeting to be fixed on either the first or last Thursday of the month.

10. All organisations to present a written report annually (when requested by the Church Secretary) at a Church meeting; so that we are more knowledgeable about the condition and circumstances of each. This may influence other members to attend, as questions may be asked.

The above is an initial deployment of the main suggestions which have arisen, in talks and communications with those mentioned above. However, it was discovered, that so many facets of Church life came into the talks with our members, and also those who took time to write to us, we are of the opinion, that a further Church Meeting should take place in order that we have the opportunity to discuss these various aspects. These may not have a direct bearing on the Church Meeting as such, but I cannot help feeling that they may have a bearing on why some members do not take as active an interest in our Church today when compared to their previous involvement.

In conclusion, may I quote from that little book on Congregationalism "Upon this Rock", by Leslie Cooke B.A., B.D., "the Church's programme is our concern, so that when it seeks to discover the mind of Christ in its meeting WE should be present so that that mind as revealed in us, may be made known".

May I say "thank you", to all who gave help in any form, and the Committee trust that you will all appear at the Church Meetings when the above mentioned points are discussed and voted upon. Should you, meantime, wish to enquire further on the subject matter, please feel free to discuss it with any committee member listed below.

Mr. W. Rhodes	W. 48263
Mr. N. Dobson	W. 65593
Miss E. Robertson	W. 49800
Mrs. C.J. Calstern	W. 504749
Mr. M. Smith	W. 61954
Frazer Finlay	W. 501635

FRAZER FINLAY.  
(Convenor)

It was good at our October Parade Service to witness the baptism of Adam Kirkland and to recognise Margaret Kirkland's official appointment as Warrant Officer. We were also pleased to see the promotion of Peter Rhodes to Corporal, Andrew Hayden, Shaun Elliott, and Steven Freeman to Lance-Corporals. May the Lord bless them all in their future witness for Him.

Our Boys' Brigade Week of activities starts with a Coffee Morning & Bazaar on Saturday, 20th November at 10.30h. Your gifts of all commodities, cakes, jams, plants, books, china, bric-a-brac, provisions, etc., would be greatly appreciated. On the Wednesday (24th) at 7.0 p.m. we will be holding a Talent Evening when there will be an opportunity for anyone to display their crafts, hobbies, models, collections, or to entertain by playing an instrument or singing. The intention is just to have an enjoyable evening with boys, parents and friends sharing and showing their particular interests. If you would like to participate in any way even to make a cup of tea, do please let us know so that we can plan a programme of some sort. On the following Saturday (27th) at 10.30 a.m. we will be holding a Jumble Sale and once again we would like your help in providing all kinds of useful jumble. We would be only too willing to collect if you let us know in reasonable time. Do please give us your valued support in this our centennial year.

DONALD STEWART

## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We were delighted that so many of our Fellowship were able to join us for our Annual General Meeting which, as usual, brought our Summer Session to a close. Our grateful thanks were given to Mrs. Wilma Smith who was retiring as Treasurer after three year's loyal service, and we welcomed Mrs. Bobby Hitchin and Mrs. Carol Webber on to the Committee. The evening finished with an informal buffet and time to talk holidays to come and family reunions.

Feeling refreshed and with happy holiday memories, we gathered together for our first Autumn meeting and everyone said "How good it was to be together again!" Miss Wyn Funnell gave us a most entertaining evening as she recalled her experiences as a "Red Coat" during the 70's. This was followed by an evening listening to the history surrounding Wedgewood

pottery. Mr. Staples also brought along a life time's collection of Wedgwood and the variety of designs and colourings were fascinating. We were delighted to welcome so many friends to our Open Evening when Mr. Mason gave an illustrated talk on the "Micro Chip".

We remember those of our Fellowship who have been unable to join us because of illness or family commitments and we pray that you, Lord, will comfort them in their time of need.

OLIVE BUSHBY

## WOMENS GUILD

Many of you know that Miss Mann was born in China, went to school there and was under Japanese occupation during the war of 1939-45. On 5th October one of her schoolmates, who like Miss Mann was the daughter of missionaries to China, was our guest. Miss Nicholson revisited China in 1981, covering many of the towns and country villages where she spent her young days. Her talk and slides therefore were of modern China and the great contrast in all she saw. e.g. Transport, 3 hours by air, whereas years ago the same journey took months by Chinese junk, but the people were the same, courteous and friendly. The slides were fascinating, but time all too short. However, another visit is promised in the Spring when I think we continue our journey north up the Great Silk Trail.

Miss Nicholson asked us to pray for the young people growing up in China, who have not yet heard the name of Jesus Christ, although once again the Christian religion is finding its way but in some cases with difficulty.

An extract from "The China Study Project":

"China is now engaged in an intensive effort to transform her still relatively backward economy, and this is accompanied by a series of social and political changes. These affecting some 1000 million people, together with the re-emergence of organised religious activities, make China an important concern of the British Churches".

The China Project since inception in 1972 has been monitoring developments in China and more recently has been active in helping to develop relationships with Chinese Christians. The Project aims to provide churches with information about current developments in China, the situation of religious believers and to promote informed discussion."

ETHEL DEARSLEY

## A WIDER VISION

The World Council of Churches is a community of Churches from all over the world, sharing suffering and problems, and seeking a future where the striving of nations will come to an end, power struggles will be known no more, and the pain and sorrow of war will be healed. It sounds Utopian, but then that is what the Christian Gospel declares and is.

The information of the World Council of Churches is one of the great miracles of our time. Radiating from it are the Councils of Churches of each nation represented, (The British Council of Churches) - who in turn, keep the local Church Councils informed, and guide them in their action and thinking.

Can we see in this world movement the quickening of the Holy Spirit to renew the earth? I believe this is one movement towards a recovery of humanity in God's image, leading us to a new understanding of the many forms of destructive tendencies in our world.

The kingdom which Jesus inaugurated turned world values upside down. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, reconciliation. The whole world is crying out, in every corner, for these values.

In many developing countries the Church is still the principal agency of enlightenment, healing, social services, and reform. This is practical Christianity on a large scale, and we can share in it, by supporting our Missions, Christian Aid, the work of the World Council of Churches, the British Council of Churches, and our local Council of Churches.

Fear the Lord, all the earth !  
Honour Him all peoples of the earth !  
(Psalm 33 Good News Bible)

Here the Psalmist has a universal vision, and sees all men and all nations as the creation of God. John 3 and 16 is a sufficiently familiar statement and needs no supporting reference.

The Councils of Churches are relentless, - in their exposure and protests against evil and

treachery wherever it is found, within any regime, of whatever political colour, - and in the promotion of every kind of good throughout the whole wide earth. PEOPLE in need is their first priority in Christ's Name.

The Bible looks at the world in a thoroughly positive way, and declares that a real solution has already been found.

As true Christians, let us give all the support we can, in prayer, and wherever possible in practical ways, to those great movements of the Spirit. As true Christians, following our Lord's command, our vision of his Church and it's mission must become much wider. We have the answer to the world's problems in Christ. It is our responsibility to share that answer in prayer and action.

The Councils of Churches have the potential and organisation to accomplish this. Without the interest, support, and prayer however, of all Christians, the chain of Christian witness is bound to be weakened.

God's love for the world means that he intends to transform and renew it. That process must begin with ALL his followers acting and praying TOGETHER with a new and wider vision of His intention.

Let us be a CARING CHURCH locally, nationally, and internationally, with the world-wide vision of our Lord and Master.

May His Name be praised,

throughout the whole wide earth !

ELLA G. ROBERTSON.

### EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP - Sunday, 3rd October

Just a brief note to say how very much I enjoyed this evening - a feeling shared by everyone I have spoken to since. It was lovely to spend this time in a relaxed atmosphere, singing praises to our Lord together.

Many thanks to Jean Marsh and our pianists for the preparation involved. I sincerely hope this will become a regular event.

JULIAN BREWER



It is a ministry to broken humanity.

The whole church must be involved, for the less effective a church is, so broken humanity will go on.

If the Church did its work more effectively the Doctors' work would be halved.

Healing a collective responsibility.

Healing is a means of renewal.

If you wait to be perfect to do God's healing you will never start.

Condemnation - criticism - judgement - do not heal. There must be compassion.

4 main areas preventing healing within - the hurts - wrong actions - bondages, old ties - the occult - Deliver us from evil, O Lord! It is impossible in a short space to express all but so completely thrilled was everyone that it was agreed to invite Peter Mackintosh to continue next year while the churches digest this session's work.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

## CHURCH MEETING - REPORT

This last was a short Church Meeting, there being little business to discuss. However certain items bore real poignancy and none more than the words of Hymn 617. This Hymn must be a source of inspiration and encouragement to many but on this occasion my thoughts were concentrated in verses 4 and 5

"O may my soul on Thee repose,  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close -  
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No powers of darkness me molest"

One dear friend in particular I pray will find these words reaching into and uplifting deep as



they touched mine. But more than one in our fellowship suffers from sleeplessness and to all I pray dwell on these words a little longer and keep them with you through your hours of need as a prayer base.

It was announced that the Elders have considered and decided upon the acquisition of a portable font - the total immersion type - and are making the necessary enquiries. The fact that the need for such a font exists in our church is in itself encouraging. It can only mean that the Spirit is at work in Goring U.R.C. and I am sure that many of us will be turning our thoughts to the matter of believer's baptism in the months to come and trust that Bill will suitably instruct us to aid our deliberations.

The Spirit IS at work in Goring U.R.C. and wants to take us forward in new experiences in Him. But beware! For it is at such times of fresh growth that Satan turns his attentions towards you and me. He's quite happy to leave us alone while we lead our mundane suburban, church on a Sunday routine where the status quo rules. But when you try to spread your wings, when you start to grow in the Lord, then he cannot afford to let you be.

Have you noticed his hand in recent weeks? I have. I have noticed intemperate speech where once there was forbearance, selfishness where once there was love. Satan is at large but you will no doubt be warned and move the closer to the Lord in whom is salvation.

MATTHEW SMITH.

6.30 Games

REMEMBER the 5th on the 6th!

7.15 FIREWORKS - SAT. 6 NOV.

7.45 Soup & Hot Dogs

Tickets from Joan Foott, 45570

ADULTS 75p CHILDREN 50p

A FAMILY CIRCLE EVENT

"The lives of dissenting ministers rarely abound with remarkable incidents. The sphere in which they move, the occupations in which they are engaged, present little to gratify the lovers of the marvellous. But there are people of another description, whose minds have been cast in a celestial mould, who feel infinitely more pleasure in the every day operations of the faithful minister of the Gospel than in bearing the hero into the field of battle. The life of every man is important to himself; and however humble and obscure he may be, there are generally some who feel an interest in the events of his life. Mine is perhaps of little consequence to the public in general, but it may yield both pleasure and profit to my children and friends."

These were the words my Great Great Great Grandfather, Rev. James Dawson wrote in his fascinating auto-biography. He was born in 1779, was ordained in 1803 to the ministry in the Congregational Church in Dudley. He ministered there until his death in 1843,

A well-nigh all consuming interest of mine is my family history. Four years ago I travelled to Dudley to see if I could find James' church for myself - only to find that it had closed down a fortnight before my visit. But I was conducted around the huge derelict church and the maze of halls by a senior Elder. There, by the pulpit, was a marble plaque to the memory of my ancestor.

These lines are really a preliminary to a further article which I hope our Editor will accept for publication in December, as in October I plan to revisit Dudley. This time to precis the Church Meeting minutes for the period that James was minister. I have one whole day and the use of the minister's vestry at a nearby U.R. church in which to carry out my task.

I wonder if James could possibly have foreseen that 200 years after his birth, his descendent would be retracing the steps he trod. It is in my

family history that I see so much hope for the future. Whilst I am James' future, I am also the past of my descendents, and they and their Church will be here in 2182. There has been war, famine and pestilence since James' time, with crises and persecution in the Church. Yet we have survived, and will continue to survive!

Praise the Lord!!

WILFRED RHODES.

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for November

7th Flower Fund  
14th Mrs. Ross

21st Boys' Brigade  
28th Dorothy Turner

Flower Fund - Sincere thanks for £17 contributed during September.

Harvest Festival - The help given by young and old alike in decorating the Church was much appreciated. A special 'thank you' to a young man who curtailed his holiday to help. Thanks too, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys) for your efforts on the side shelves. The handicraft exhibits including the spinning wheel loaned were much admired. Many complimentary remarks were made to me after the services. Thanks also to the Stroke Club who prepared the greenery for the pillars, well done!

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

### PROVINCIAL DAY - EASTBOURNE, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1982

SHALOM - this was the theme for our second Provincial Day in Eastbourne, when several thousand people descended on the town, its seafront and its churches, on a gloriously hot, late summer Saturday. Young and old they came, families and youth groups, arriving by the coachful, drawn from every United Reformed Church between Kent and West Sussex south of the Thames, and all attracted by the "Shalom" of welcome. Old friendships were warmly renewed, new acquaintances made, and the banners (ours included) were proudly displayed and admired as everyone gathered together. It was a terrific thrill to be present at the opening service, to feel the "Shalom" of peace and Christian fellowship amongst so many,

to share in the "Shalom" of commitment, and to receive the "Shalom" of blessing by our Moderator, The Rev. Cyril Franks.

The afternoon was free for everyone to pursue their individual interests. The nearby churches opened their doors for drama, exhibitions, meditation, singing, an art competition, and the inevitable cups of tea. For the young there was a treasure trail along the sea front, sports and games, a "FURY" singing group and Brigade bands to entertain. Nearly everyone in Eastbourne was wearing a "Shalom" badge or "T" shirt, and many could be seen sucking Shalom U.R.C. rock or waving Shalom balloons. There was so much to see and do and an open top Shalomnibus in which to ride from one site to the other.

The closing epilogue brought everyone together again to conclude a very happy day, with the words of the Shalom theme song imparting a blessing to one and all:-

Journey through the Province,  
Picnic by the sea,  
Greet each your neighbour,  
Set the Spirit free.  
Love is that Spirit,  
When it shines on you,  
It will surely change the world,  
- A dream come true.

Shalom unto you  
Shalom unto you  
Shalom: Shalom.

Joy to all people,  
Peace to the earth,  
Shalom: Shalom.

EILEEN RHODES

## THE HARRY RUSHBY MEMORIAL FUND

The above-named fund has been commenced in order to provide Junior Church and others with a display board for use on Church premises. If you feel you would like to contribute to this fund please see the Minister or the Treasurer, Mr. D. Blakey.

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# The CHRONICLE

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger,..."

LUKE 2:7



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## FROM THE VESTRY

## IT'S CHRISTMAS



The answers best given to those who question the value of celebrating Christmas at a time of crisis in world affairs are -

- (1) There was, and is, and always will be a crisis in world affairs. Perhaps we ought to consider thanking God that we know as much as we do know about these things - to live in ignorance of them as was true of earlier generations is hardly conducive to Christian responsibility.
- (2) The coming of Christ at Christmas creates a crisis of HOPE, and within this Hope all people experience Crisis. Work this one out during your Christmas Quiz games!



The Christian's celebration of Christmas as with all his life is hidden with Christ in God. It may not, nor need not be recognised by our neighbours, just as long as it is both recognised by Christ and in Him leads to your recognition as a Christian within your soul.

"How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven



No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in."

A happy Christmas,

*William Connelly.*

# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP



## BAPTISM

Joanna Louise CROYDON

31.10.82

## MARRIAGES

Patriaia Kathleen BOURNE to  
Christopher John BUTCHER

23.10.82

Jacqueline Ann THOMSON to  
Dermot Michael CASEY

6.11.82

## IN MEMORIAM

Ethel Elizabeth WING

8.10.82

Alice Lily BROOK

14.10.82

Lilian Rose SEXTON

20.10.82

Lydia Maud FOALE

21.10.82

William Spry BYASS

22.10.82

Dorothy WILLIAMS

24.10.82

Christian hope at Christmas is well expressed  
in the words of the hymn which begins -

"As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold"

and ends

"In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou it's light, it's joy, it's crown,  
Thou it's sun which goes not down;  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King"



May Christ, light of earth and heaven give  
light to our sorrows.



Arthur Mercer is in hospital and we send loving thoughts to him, to his wife and family and assure them of our prayers.

Alf Wyatt, Colin Medl ycott, Brenda Brunton, Victor Grice, Ivy Cox, Greta Pepperdine and Ron Courtnadge are home again after treatment in hospital. To all our sick friends, including some children, we send loving thoughts.

### THE SEAT



Many of you have commented upon the new garden seat in front of the Church. Look closely, a notice on it reads:

"Donated on behalf of the Brighton Co-operative Society to commemorate the year of the disabled"

This gracious and useful gift was formally given to us at a happy little ceremony attended by a number of friends from the Co-operative Ladies Guild, together with friends from the Church. We are grateful to our friends for this gift and to Mrs. A. Marsh whose thoughtfulness in its planning will give rest and comfort to many of us.



## A CAROL FOR CHRISTMAS

Whilst there may be as many differences, both historically and liturgically, between Christmas hymns and Christmas carols, as between Hymns, Chants and Choruses, they all sing Gods Praise.

It is now nearly sixty years since an English translation of a Czech Carol "Infant Holy" was first introduced into this country and its words and music have become increasingly loved ever since then. It is right to remember at Christmas the word which

this Carol emphases

"Christ the Babe is Lord of all"  
 "Tidings of a gospel true"  
 "Christ the Babe was born for you!"



There are Carols from many parts of the world in Congregational Praise, as we sing them we shall remember that with the birth of Jesus Christ all frontiers and barriers were to be invaded by His Love - may it be so this Christmas all over the world.

by TAPTON.

## CHURCH MEETING - REPORT

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord!

Am I? I am a christian - and I have deliberately spelt that with a small c. I am proud to tell people that is what I am, that is my belief. But what exactly am I? What is my belief?

As I search my notes of the October Church Meeting I can find nothing inspiring to write about. No worthy anecdotes to recount. No especial good humour to relate. The meeting lacked a little in meat this last occasion I felt, although in no way lessening the fellowship. My thoughts therefore turn to one of the Hymns we sung, No. 467

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,  
 Or to defend His cause;  
 Maintain the honour of His word,  
 The glory of His cross".



Truly I'm not ashamed to own my Lord but when it comes to defending His cause, maintaining the honour of His word and the glory of His cross I feel so impotent, a total failure.

In an attempt to come to grips with this problem I turned to 2 Timothy for the scripture base to this

Hymn but would you believe it I hadn't taken a full note of Bill's bible reading. Perhaps as well, for at Chapter 3 verse 7 I found

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth".

Herein I believe lies the answer to my predicament. I have learned much of scripture over the years but as yet do not have knowledge of the truth. This realisation sets me back on my heels of course for I know that Jesus is the truth and therefore I lack knowledge of Him. Oh yes, I profess Jesus to be my Saviour and place my hope and trust in Him. But I do not yet know Him personally, intimately.

Jesus is my Saviour! A nice little catch phrase that all of us (small c) christians have in our repertoire. But until we, each and every one of us know, not 'Jesus is my Saviour', but 'Jesus my Saviour' then none of us can become a (capital C) Christian defending His cause, maintaining the honour of His word and the glory of His cross.

MATTHEW R. SMITH

## CHURCH HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS



### New Members:

BATCHELOR, Mr. A., 64 Willow Crescent	67961
STUTTER, Mr. B, "Seagate", Florida Road	45171
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### Correct Address:

POWNALL, Mr. & Mrs. R., 138 St. Andrew's Road 63755

### Telephone Number corrections:

EDMONDS, Mrs. E.M.	45008
NOWELL, Mrs. K.	46109

Please alter your handbook and bring it up to date regularly.



## A personal testimony of Christ's Healing

After two major operations in the 1960's I began to suffer from migraines which increased both in severity and frequency until such time as the recovery from the attack was the virtual build-up to the next. I visited Doctors, sought the advice of specialists and followed all the advice and suggestions that were offered; from time to time I gained some relief from the frequency of attacks but it was only temporary.

Earlier this year Irene Tuley suggested to my husband that I should come along to a service of Holy Communion and experienced the Laying on of Hands. From that evening I felt a positive improvement in my health and was led to the following month's service. Again I experienced power of healing. Since that evening I have been blessed with great relief from both severity and frequency of attacks. I have also received further guidance and advice which I believe has come to me through the power of the Ministry of Healing. I feel that from time to time I will need - and it will be right for me - to renew to the Lord my faith through the Ministry of Healing. I do hope that writing of my experience may encourage someone else to accept the invitation and similarly receive the Blessed Healing. Sincerely,

EILEEN KING

### Some more thoughts by Bert Grewcock

Beliefs of any kind are effective in relation to the intensity in which they are held. They may be the result of the projection of subjective craving and wishes and may account for what are called religious experiences: dreams, nightmares either horrific or serene and tranquil.

Jesus cured these derangements of minds because He was the personification of the Love of God. It is His will that we all should be cured, made whole, in mind and body. He, Christ can and does do so today for the children of God and others.

## THE SYNOD OF THE U.R.C. SOUTHERN PROVINCE MEET AT GORING

On Saturday, 30th October, the Synod of the Southern Province of the U.R.C. met in our Church. I would like to thank Norman Dobson, the ladies and our Boys' Brigade Company for all the help given in the organisation of the Day, help it to be efficient, and for the provision of refreshments. At 11.00 a.m. our Minister led the worship and our Choir, the singing. "God be in my head, and in my understanding" is a suitable thought before a Synod. Synod is chaired by our Moderator, Cyril Franks, who introduced to us the Rt. Rev. Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel. The Bishop gave a heart-warming address. He pointed out that despite some set-backs, and disappointments, tremendous progress had been made in the growing confidence and co-operation between priests and ministers and their congregations. Especially in a desire to understand each other. Among the Church Leaders in Sussex there is a frequent consultation and joint action.

Detailed matters relating to the local churches (ministerial settlements and property matters for example) are the concern of the local church, the District Council and the Synod Executive. The Synod receives the Report of the Executive and confirms the appointment of chairmen and secretaries to the Provincial committees. The Synod welcomes the Ministers newly appointed within the Province and Laymen who have undertaken special service. The advantage of Synod is that the representatives from the Districts and churches can hear about and discuss the wider issues relating to the Witness of the U.R.C. in the local situation and within the community. A new Provincial Trust has been set up to deal with trust matters relating to our churches. Over thirty specialists were now on a Buildings Advisory Panel to help and advise our churches on property matters. It is hoped that such advice will be sought in early planning by application through the District Secretary.

Synod was glad to hear with appreciation that the U.R.C. had re-appointed Cyril Franks as our Moderator until August, 1987. Mrs. Franks continues to look after the Synod Office and we were delighted to hear that her health had improved.

A proof that Synod is not a "cut and dried" affair, the Rev. Charles Price, one of our Industrial Chaplains, and a member of the Church and Society Committee, expressed concern for the UNEMPLOYED and made a plea for our churches to share in work schemes and pastoral care especially for unemployed young people and older people made redundant.

Mr. Paul West, Provincial Pilot Officer, gave an interesting presentation of the Pilot Organisation and its help in work among children and young people. With reference to the Boys' Brigade, Synod passed the following resolution: "Synod extends to the Boys' Brigade congratulations on its Centenary in 1983. Many churches in this province can testify to the value of the movement and the quality of service by both officers and boys for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom".

After lunch the Synod received the Report on Mission and Evangelism. The Synod divided up into groups to discuss what it means to "be sent out" - if this is what Mission means. Also, if Evangelism means "sharing the Christian Good News so that people can both understand and respond, in what ways is such evangelism occurring in your church - or elsewhere in your experience?". The groups were then asked to consider what steps could be taken and what would be the hindrances. Would this be a good topic for a Church Meeting?

Certainly within the churches of our own faith and order there is an awakened desire to further the Gospel. My own wish would be that the churches of all the denominations were more aware of the need to go into the community. I would that more Christians would take part in public life by serving on local Councils. Let the Church be the Church, yes, and also by going out into the community to show by action in service the faith that is within. "Let your light so shine" said Jesus "before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5 v. 16).

Synod having expressed thanks to our Church for the hospitality of the day, our ladies provided a parting cup of tea, and what had been a bright, happy and informative day came to an end.

RON CHRISTOPHER

# 'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP



The next meeting of this group will be held on Thursday, 13th January at 7.00 p.m. at 3 Arun Close. If you believe you can make any suggestions for the enrichment of our worship you will be welcome.

RON JORDAN  
Convenor

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## WOMENS GUILD

### ANNIVERSARY, 19th OCTOBER

The absence of the Men's Fellowship who have usually joined us, and the smaller-than-usual representation of Women's Meetings of neighbouring churches (doubtless due to transport difficulties) reduced our numbers as compared with previous years. Nevertheless, this year's Anniversary proved to be one of our happiest occasions.

A choir of Guild Members opened the service with an inspiring introit and gave a good lead to the singing of well-chosen hymns. Two solos by Mrs. Titmus, beautifully rendered, gave a good message and helped the atmosphere of the service.

The Rev. Roy Clark from Rustington U.R.C. was our speaker. He gave us a lively talk on the subject of 'Names'. Leaving the rostrum and standing among us to speak he held everyone's attention and led us from the significance of our own names to the Name which is "above every name".

It was a disappointment that our President, Mrs. Flory, ill as the result of a bad fall, was unable to preside and our Vice-President Miss Mann, also unwell, could not take her place. We were grateful to Mrs. Burrage for acting at short notice, leading us so graciously and helpfully.

The excellent tea which followed the service was a time of happy fellowship which all enjoyed. Altogether a very happy Anniversary.

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CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

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2nd NOVEMBER, THE STORY OF MILDMAY MISSION

None of us who heard Miss Wilcocks, Matron of the Mildmay Convalescent Home in Worthing, will forget her moving story of the Mildmay Mission Hospital, founded in London in 1877 by The Rev. William Pennifeather an Anglican vicar. This hospital in London, started in a disused warehouse in 1873, quickly expanded its work and larger and larger premises have since been built.

The motto of the Hospital, "He sent them to preach and to heal the sick" has meant that physical and spiritual healing have always gone hand in hand. The introduction of the National Health Service was not allowed to change this objective and we heard thrilling stories of patients, cared for by Christian staff, who have found faith in Jesus Christ while in the Hospital. This work still continues.

The Mildmay Convalescent Home in Worthing is well-known for its care of those who come to it, and always the aim is the same, to bring spiritual as well as physical health.

It is impossible in a few lines to do justice to Miss Wilcocks' inspiring talk, its message enhanced by the radiant Christian faith which shone through her words.

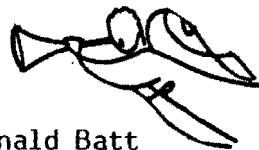
ETHEL GILBY

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our speaker on 19th October, The Rev. Ronald Batt from St. Columba's U.R.C., entertained us with a most interesting talk on his exchange visit to America. Life in the Church there was very different but he was overwhelmed with hospitality and found that the Americans loved to hear English spoken.

As expected, our speaker on 2nd November provided us with a unique experience. It was fascinating to hear from George English how a person born deaf, with no idea what "sound" was like, could learn to talk and eventually became a teacher and adviser to other people with a similar disability. The wonderful understanding between



George and his wife, Jean, was marvellous to see.

We look forward to our joint Christmas Meeting with the Women's Guild on 14th December and hope that we shall be able to contribute to a happy afternoon of Christian celebration.

Our first meeting of the Spring Session in 1983 will be on 4th January when, as usual, we will be having a Members' Afternoon - the subject "Embarrassing or Unusual Experiences".

REG GOODCHILD

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

"Christmas is love with all the trimmings" and our annual awards evenings are always, for us, the start of the festive season. This year's Awards & Display Evening promises to be an "Evening of Love with all the Trimmings" Saturday, 11th December at 7.00 p.m. in West Park Middle School Hall, Marlborough Road. Programmes available at the door. Do please come and join us.

We've had another wonderful year and we do thank you all for your love and care expressed in so many ways. We are delighted to have Brenda Brunton back with us again and thank God for her recovery. The Session ends on 14th December and we return on 11th January.

May love, joy and peace be yours this Christmas time.

JEAN WEBB

## AN URGENT PLEA YOUR CAR



Have you got a car? Do you use it to attend Church on Sundays? Is there a spare seat or two?

After you have thought about this, will you also ask yourself whether you could give a lift to a fellow-worshipper. There is much need still within our own Church, for those willing to serve in this way. Please get in touch with the Transport Officer, Mrs. S. Clark, if you can help. There is an urgent need to bring one or two of our members from St. Giles, at Lancing. If you have room for a wheelchair, and feel you could offer to bring some of our disabled members to Church, this would be particularly valuable and would be very much appreciated. TEL: 66780

# The Boys' Brigade

There is so much going on at the moment and in the near future that I am beginning to wonder if we will ever keep up with the demands. Amongst the things happening there will be: a "Centennial Space Shuttle" along the sea front as a form of sponsored effort by our boys; A Boys' Brigade record to be released soon; A beacon on Cissbury Ring to be lighted on New Year's Eve; A Gala Night at the Barbican, London; The Boys' Brigade locomotive towing the Royal Scot; The Worthing B.B. Band playing during the interval at the Worthing Football Ground. The record being released and the New Year's Eve Beacon are being organised in conjunction with the English Tourist Board and so it should have some impact on the general public. Beacons will be blazing forth all over the country as well as places as far away as New Zealand and The Falkland Islands. Would you care to join with us in building the local beacon as it will be quite a daunting prospect on our own? Will you join with us in making this a really memorable Centennial Year by taking an interest and perhaps giving us some help in whatever way you can? We are hoping to be able to report in the January Chronicle a good result to our Boys' Brigade fund-raising week.

DONALD STEWART

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## GREETINGS from THE FAMILY CIRCLE

THANK YOU to all those who supported us in 1982. We hope we can earn your support in 1983.

The Family Circle exists to promote functions which will encourage participation by all Church Members, but with particular emphasis on families, in the belief that families who play together can pray together.



# BEST IN SOUTH— NORMAN'S A30



*NORMAN DOBSON and his wife, Margaret, with their gleaming 1956 Austin A30.*

## People in the news

What our Elders do in  
the community....

### HEALTH 'WATCHDOG'

FORMER West Sussex county councillor Eric Popplestone is the new chairman of Worthing Community Health Council in succession to Mrs Marjorie Dingemans. Mr Popplestone, of Bolsover Road, Worthing, a member of the 'watchdog' health organisation for five years, is married and has a grown-up family. He is secretary of Worthing Probus Club and treasurer of Maybridge Boys' Club.

WORTHING man Norman Dobson carried off the shield for the best Austin A30 in the sixth southern counties annual Austin A30 / A35 rally.

Despite the rain, which meant a lot of leathering-off, Mr Dobson's gleaming 1956 model beat nine other entries to take first prize in the A30 class at the rally in Hollycombe Park, near Liphook.

Mr Dobson also owns an Austin A35, which took fourth place in the chairman's class at the rally.



## CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during November - £7.50 received  
with thanks, HILDA HELE

You will be pleased to learn that, by your efforts and your generosity, Goring U.R.C.s contribution during the year ended 30th September 1982, has topped the £1000 mark - actually £1039.15, which is more than for the previous financial year by £200! This year's Harvest Appeal finally raised £135.35.

RON JORDAN

### One more to be counted

As the day of the census became Christmas, there was one more to be counted: the Babe in the manger. This year our Christmas Appeal links that fact and that newly created human family with the extended world-wide family. And that family includes those for whom it is Christian Aid's special task to minister - the poor, the sick, the hungry and the refugees.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember the one more to be counted; and that the creed, the race, and the name don't matter: "for in as much as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me".

Envelopes will be provided later in the month and a number of boxes will also be available for the Christmas dinner table. Please ask Hilda Hele or Ron Jordan.

### A CHRISTMAS GREETING



"How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given;  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven".

Ronald and Elspeth Christopher wish all the members and adherents and their families of our Church a Blessed and Happy Christmas. May you all be kept in faith, hope, and health throughout the New Year of 1983.



## ANCESTORS REVISITED

In October, let loose for four days by my family, I visited Dudley for the second time in four years; and I hope what I write will be an interesting sequel to my article in the November Chronicle.

I was indeed able to study the books of the Church of my Great Great Great Grandfather, Rev. James Dawson, and I discovered many fascinating details.

James was so successful in his church that after years of extensions and improvements between 1803 and 1839 the church was not big enough for the membership, and in 1839 a new church was built. In those days, it would seem, the church was ruled almost with a rod of iron. In 1821 "it was determined by the whole church assembled together that if any member be absent from the ordinance of the Lord's Supper four successive times without satisfactory reason, he be excluded", that is, dismissed from the church membership. Later in December 1844 the Church Meeting moved that admission to the Lord's Table be by ticket "that the absence of any member be better known". How times have changed!!



The Foundation Stone for the new church was laid by James in June 1839, and the cost of the building was £3928. In August 1840 the church was opened and collections on the first Sabbath amounted to £320. An immense sum for those days. On each subsequent anniversary Sermons were preached by visiting ministers. The 1st anniversary raised £204, the 2nd. £130, the 3rd. £106. Interest in raising money seemed to flag somewhat. Then in 1840 James Dawson fell ill with an abcess on the liver. After 3 months of pain he was called to his Lord. After 40 years of ministry in one place the loss to his flock can only be imagined.

Friends and clergy from many churches attended his funeral, and he was buried in the church's own cemetery at the point where the old church's pulpit had stood. The Funeral Service on the next Sabbath, 31st. December 1843, must have been quite remarkable.



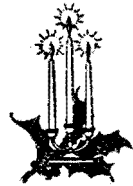
The Lobby, Stairs and Vestry were filled, (there was a large gallery,) and hundreds were turned away disappointed, and some 2000 persons attended the service. And in the months following, rather than a falling off of membership, their Pastor's death served as a ligament to bind the church and congregation closer together. "Weekly prayer meetings were held to supplicate the Great Head of the Church for divine direction in the choice on an under-shepherd, and these were very numerous attended". A new Pastor was appointed in April 1844, and the attendance at prayer meetings increased considerably.

By their fruits ye shall know them!!

WILFRED RHODES.



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Prayer Vigil on New Year's Day 1983

PRAYER is the life-blood of every Christian, and this is the assurance which we have in JESUS ... that if we ask anything according to His will He listens to us and grants the requests made of Him. Join with us in praying for the life, work and witness of the people of this Church, our Town, our Nation and the World. COME ... to the Little Chapel in the Church ON ..... NEW YEAR'S DAY, Saturday, 1st January, 1983 ANY TIME .... between 08.00h and 22.00h.

YOU may share in this time of blessing in a number of ways e.g. 1. Join us for a while in the Chapel any time during the Vigil. 2. Be responsible for a particular hour or half hour during the day (names and times to me please). 3. Pray at home and use the Church Handbook, if you are unable to join the Vigil in person.

LET US TOGETHER START THE NEW YEAR WITH JESUS!

IRENE TULEY





- 5th Mrs. Reynolds
- 12th Mr. & Mrs. Brunton
- 19th Mrs. Turton & Mrs. Cozens-Walker

Flower Fund - Sincere thanks for contributions of £14.00 received during October.

HELP! HELP! HELP! (December 16/17). Anyone willing to assist with the decoration of the Church for the Christmas Festival please contact me. Greenery, especially holly, ivy and fir, would be appreciated by 16th December.

Flowers for 1983 - The new Calendar will be placed in the Church Vestibule shortly. Please enter your name against the date on which you wish to donate flowers. As I shall be on holiday from 17th December for a month, any queries re flowers should be referred to Mrs. Jill Pownall during this period.

Joy and blessings to everyone during Christmas,

DOROTHY TURNER



The realisation that Christmas is rapidly approaching comes so suddenly that it can be quite a shock. There's so much to be done in such a short time - things which ought to have been done before, but it seemed too soon even to think about them, let alone start doing them! Now we are becoming surrounded by advertisements for Christmas Cheer and goodies etc. etc. until you wish you could forget Christmas altogether!

End of term events loom large, with the amount of preparation for these events looming even larger! Then there are those jobs in the garden we still have to do before the frost sets in and so little time available to do them - especially with dark evenings and wet days. But no doubt we will win through and uphold the standard we have set up. A photographer who came to take photos the other day for an educational newspaper said it was the best school garden he had seen. Now I have to write the article to go with the photographs!

The Greenfingers Club is getting busy, making up groups for jobs and activities we hope to follow in the New Year. Working parties are being set up to look after the regular duties necessary where there are growing plants and groups are signing up for such things as: taking cuttings; potting up indoor plants and outdoor plants; sowing seeds; recording of things done to plants and flowers in picture and word; making of graphs and diagrams of how plants grow; pencil drawings; water colours of seed heads, flowers, foliage; care of plants in the classrooms and halls; learning flower-arranging to beautify their surroundings; pressing flowers for pictures and greetings cards; running a flower and plant stall for the Garden Fund. So, if you don't hear much from me, you'll know why!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and thanks to all those who have helped us to reach this happy state of garden!

MARY CONNELLY

P.S. Tips, hints, leaflets on flower arranging and pressing, and attractive or unusual containers, big and small, would be gratefully appreciated.



### The I.B.R.A. Missionary Appeal

The Rev. G.R. Chapman, the General Secretary of the I.B.R.A. has asked me to thank sincerely all who contributed to the above Fund to further their world-wide work of helping people to read the Bible. They are now expanding their services to Ghana and Nigeria and Liberia, so all gifts are welcome. We sent £22.0

Thank you all,

E.F. SHEARMUR



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Members of the Youth Club have enjoyed a highly successful start to the new session. Particularly encouraging is the fine atmosphere that has developed between young people with a real cross section of personalities and backgrounds. Undoubtedly, all are benefitting from this experience in both learning from, and giving help to, each other. Membership is now approximately 40 young people of 11 years upwards and attendance is normally 25 to 30.

Somewhat belatedly we would thank all those who contributed to the success of our Jumble Sale. We raised some £120 toward Club funds. Particularly thanks are due to the Brigades for both guidance and help.

The Club meets each Saturday at 8.0 p.m. for social events and each Sunday morning at 9.50 a.m. for our Bible Class. The Bible Class is not compulsory for members of course, but it is a real joy to see the growing numbers the Lord is sending along each Sunday morning.

We are currently looking out for additional STURDY games equipment such as billiards/snooker table, and table-football. If you hear of any suitable equipment which may be available at a reasonable price, please let me or one of the other leaders know.

We would also welcome new members and invite your prayerful support.

RAY CLOSE

SMALL AD.



FLAT FOR SALE



Spacious, attractive first-floor freehold flat for sale in Nutley Drive. Sea, shops and bus route within easy reach. Good sized lounge, 2 bedrooms (1 double) facing south with sea glimpses, kitchen, separate bathroom and toilet. Pleasant outlook. Own front garden with lawn & flower beds. Easy parking. £21,850.  
Contact: R. Wright, Tel: Worthing 45805.

If I have faltered more or less,  
 In my great task of happiness;  
 If I have moved among my race  
 And shown no glorious morning face;  
 If beams from happy human eyes  
 Have moved me not; if morning skies,  
 Books and my food, and summer rain  
 Knocked on my sullen heart in vain;  
 Lord Thy most pointed pleasure take  
 And stab my spirit broad awake;  
 Or, Lord, if too obdurate I,  
 Choose Thou before that spirit die,  
 A piercing pain, a killing sin,  
 And to my dead heart run them in!

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Taken from "A Pool of Reflections"  
 by Raynor C. Johnson. Quotation from  
 a prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson.



### CARES & PRAYERS

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

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

CONTRIBUTED BY MR. WHEELER

Previously I have described the Goring United Reformed Church as a friendly church, maybe a 'Caring' would be more appropriate. If one is absent on a Sunday morning enquiries are soon made. The motto of the Women's Guild "To have a friend is to be one" is so very true. What friends they are. Thank you Rev. Connelly for 'rounding me up'.

E.G. HANSON

Letter from the Moderator to Mr. Dobson

Dear Norman,

Will you please convey to the minister and officers of the church our gratitude for the hospitality afforded us by the church for the meeting of the Synod last Saturday. We greatly appreciated all the attention given to detail, and especially the catering arrangements. Although we said 'thank you' to the ladies for their hard work at the end of Synod, we realise none of them would have been in the church to hear it. Would you therefore thank them again on our behalf.

For Joan and I, of course, it was a delight to sit in 'our' beautiful 'new' church again. It will always have a special spot in our hearts. With every good wish,

CYRIL

P.S. by Mr. Dobson

I would like a special thanks to go to the Boys' Brigade for their hard work in getting the halls ready on Friday, for helping with car parking and clearing up on Saturday.

Dear Mr. Connelly,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of your Church for allowing me the honour of laying the Wreath on Remembrance Sunday, and for all your kindness and consideration shown during our sad time. With heartfelt thanks and love,

MR. & MRS. C. LOVETT

### CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS

1. Rats to a twinkie. (4)
2. Satan was never like him. (5)
3. Pagan?so let him change. (9)
4. Shall we go to Ascot or dine out in splendour. (11)
5. Santa could use this if his leg was broken. (6)
6. Broken corals can bring harmony. (6)
7. Try our steak or have something different for lunch. (5,6)
8. Alternatively try a burnt bed to help the spirit. (6,6)
9. I resent P.S. giving an extra. (7)
10. Ugly Leo is out of the woods. (4,3)

ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON BACK PAGE.

"Twenty three doctors and nurses recruited in Britain by Christian Aid are now helping to re-open hospitals wrecked during the recent fighting in West Beirut".



*A Very Merry  
Christmas & Prosperous New Year*  
From the staff of the  
**CHRONICLE**

**ONE IN A THOUSAND**

Although the national divorce rate is about one in three marriages, that does not mean that every third house down the street represents a broken home. Among couples who pray together the divorce rate is closer to one in 1,015 marriages.

— R.H. WOOLSEY, *“Christian Sex and Family Planning”*

