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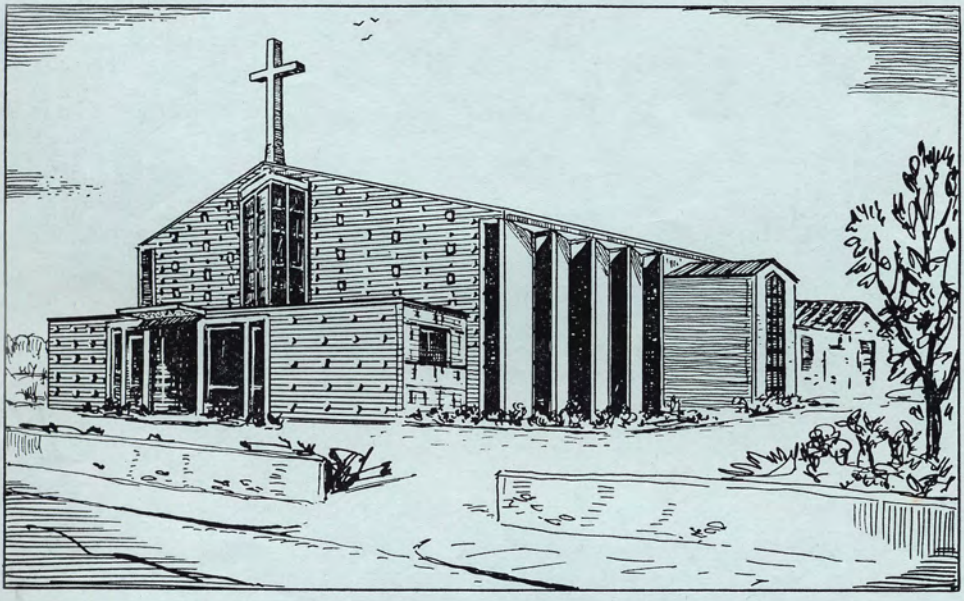

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

First of all Mrs. Hayward and I would like to express our sincere thanks for, and appreciation of all of your greetings which came to us at our home at Christmas - we have been very moved. Now it is our joy to wish you and all who are dear to you, every blessing of our Heavenly Father through this New Year, may we all of us know, whatever the year may bring, that there is nothing in life or death that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I believe that the year 1966 offers both challenge and opportunity for us as a Church. Over and over again nowadays and in all sorts of ways we are finding that our premises are totally inadequate for the work to which we, as a Church, are called. The number of children we have with us

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Sunday by Sunday is slowly increasing, and we believe is likely to continue to do so; already classes have to meet in the ladies' and gents' cloakrooms and in the kitchen. Also it is true that we could not have a tea one afternoon and invite the whole Church because the number that would be likely to come would be such that we could not accommodate them when the Fellowships combined for a Christmas tea we were filled to capacity. This is the need. I have great hopes that we shall make definite progress in development in this year 1966, and that we shall achieve three things. FIRST, I hope that at the first Church Meeting in the New Year on Feb. 3rd we shall be able to show you the architect's outline plan for the whole scheme of development and ask your approval of it. This must be the first step because we have quite rightly said that we will not do anything at all until we can see that whatever we do contributes to the whole and does not have to be altered at a later date. SECONDLY I hope we shall complete this year the first stage of this development, details of which will be given at the Church Meeting. THIRDLY what I am hoping for this year is that we shall see a very real beginning made with the Development Fund. I believe that we shall be wrong, from more than one point of view, to have more than two bites at this cherry. We have got as far as we can get at present with the Church Building Fund; ours is the responsibility of providing ideal premises for the use of future generations. What a fine opportunity for us to do something for which coming generations will bless us and from which they will derive inspiration.

I want to appeal that as a Church we shall give maximum possible support to the Civic Service in the Assembly Hall at 7.30 on January 3rd. I have not come across a similar service held in any other town, and feel we should support those who in civic office want to keep the Christian message at the centre of our life as a town.

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May God Bless you all through the coming days and may He help us all to be worthy of our privileges and opportunities as a Church.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

OBITUARY - Miss V. Mumford.

Miss Mumford who passed away on Tuesday 4th December was a founder member of our Church. She served as a deacon for four years and was a member of the choir for many years.

She was also a member of the Church Catering Committee and also of the Ladies Guild Working Party, helping to serve tea at each session.

Her love and interest in all church activities was well known and much appreciated while she had the strength to serve.

A. M. T.

Miss L. C. Thomson wishes to convey her grateful thanks to all friends for letters of sympathy during a very sad time in the loss of her dearest friend. She is sorry not to be able to answer all letters, but she hopes to be with you all again soon. Please accept grateful appreciation for all kindness shown to her.

CHRISTIAN AID.

The amount collected for Christian Aid during December was £10.7.0d, making the total for the year £155.17.3d which I think is a fine result and I thank you all.

Marjorie Hayward.

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From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for November, 1965.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
7th November	£30. 7. 6.	£22. 4. 11.
14th do.	38. 3. 0.	20. 18. 10.
21st do.	35. 4. 6.	17. 6. 10.
28th do.	32. 9. 6.	15. 10. 10.
	£136. 4. 6.	£76. 1. 5.

Total for the month - £212. 5. 11.

The treasurer acknowledges with thanks receipt of a legacy of £25 from the estate of the late Miss Bertha Haines.

The retiring collections on Sunday 5th December (Bible Sunday) for the British and Foreign Bible Society amounted to £11.4.3d. Thank you.

Ministry of Flowers.

Rota for January.

2nd - Mr. & Mrs. F. L. de Pury.
9th - Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Mabey.
16th - Mrs. C. M. Freeman.
23rd - Misses L. & W. Smith.
30th - Miss E. M. Press.

Any members of the Church who are not at present on the Flower Rota but who wish to provide flowers for the Church or make a donation to the Flower Fund, would they please contact me.

I am most grateful to all those members who have either given flowers for the Church, helped to arrange them or who have made donations to the Church Flower Fund.

E. Bond,
Flower Secretary.

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The Bible says:-

It shall be well with them that fear God.
Ecclesiastes - chap. 8 v. 12.

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not: I will help thee.
Isaiah - 41, v. 13.

For I am with thee, to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord.
Jeremiah, - chap. 15, v. 20.

P. S. W.

FROM THE CHOIR STALLS.

It was most encouraging to see so many people at the Carol Concert on the 9th December last.

I should like to thank all who supported the choir that evening and for their generous giving; the sum of just over £15 being raised for the Home Churches Fund.

M. T.

Precis of Sermon - By request.

QUESTION: I have seen the good results of the healers of the Spiritualist Church, and have visited other denominations but have not heard of healers in these. Surely the Giver of Life wouldn't give His power to the Spiritualist Church only?

I must first say that although I have read a number of books about spiritualism I have not attended a seance and have not the slightest intention of ever doing so. It cannot be questioned

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that in what is called spiritualism there is sometimes jiggery-pokery and fraud, on the other hand there are very sincere people who belong to this sect and apparently inexplicable but true utterances come from mediums, though of these there may be other explanations than that they come from the dead. What is utterly baffling is the fact that so much that is supposed to come from the dead is trifling and irrelevant.

As far as we are concerned spiritualism is best left alone because it is not Christian. This week's questioner kindly sent me a paper and a magazine produced by the spiritualists; in neither of these is there any significant reference to Jesus. Spiritualism has no interest in the proclamation of the Gospel that Jesus came to save the world from sin, because man needs salvation.

Now as to spiritual healing. Before we discuss this, we must lay down certain principles. First, before anyone can claim to have been cured of a certain condition it must be proved beyond doubt that the condition has been rightly diagnosed. We know for instance, that a pain in one part of the anatomy may be caused by a condition in another, also that varieties of physical conditions may have a mental or spiritual cause and therefore require mental or spiritual healing. The second thing we must ask is "When is a person healed?" Supposing a person had come here tonight on crutches and we had prayed together for him, and as a result he had been able to throw away his crutches and walk out of the Church, would we have the right to claim that he was healed?, or should we wait and see his condition this time to-morrow, or next month, or next year?

I gather that the spiritualists claim more than one type of healing, sometimes it is through a medium giving the correct diagnosis when a doctor has failed to do so. Sometimes it is through prayers to a Saint; St. Quintin is quoted in cases of blind re-

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ceiving their sight. Sometimes healing is through the work of a spiritual doctor, whether a spiritual doctor was a doctor in this life or not I am not quite sure. It is worthy of note that there is no instance of any of these types of healing in the New Testament.

As far as I know, no other denomination makes any claim to spiritual healing as practised by the spiritualists, but all denominations are in these days interested in healing through faith and prayer. There is no doubt that the healing of which we read in the New Testament is a healing through faith, and not spiritual healing. We are only on the very edge of knowledge of the subject of the power of the mind over the body, and of its capacity to affect our health, as Christians we ought to give this subject serious study. Have you thought about the relationship between your own faith and prayer and your own health? Do you admit that you can easily frighten or worry yourself into ill-health? This is the sort of thing people do in, for instance, a flu' epidemic.

If you don't admit this you are refusing to face the truth, if you do admit it then you must ask yourself what are you doing through faith and prayer to help your own health and the health of other people.

Having said this there are two warnings that must be sounded. The first is that it is folly to imagine that all physical conditions can be made to yield to faith and prayer. The second is that it is cruel and wicked to suggest that all conditions of sickness, disability or disease are cases of faithlessness, or as some would have it, of evil and sin.

Last of all I want to remind you of the healing ministry of Jesus. The wonder about His ministry is not that He healed a few people, but that He did heal so few. Imagine how many thousands of people there must have been where there was little or no medical help as we understand it, who could have been helped if only they had known about it - but they didn't. The evidence of the Gospels is that Jesus

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avoided healing, and when He did heal He asked that nothing should be said about it. The reason for this was Jesus was afraid that His true mission might completely be lost sight of if He were only thought of as a popular healer, and His true mission was to show men the Love of God and to try to bring them to the acceptance of the way of love for life.

The Minister.

All that can be said about healing men's bodies by faith and prayer is of infinitely less importance than the need for healing of men's spirits by the knowledge of and acceptance of the love of God.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a Church meeting earlier in the year, the sum of £100, being part of the proceeds of the Christmas Fayre, was forwarded to the Headquarters of the London Missionary Society. In reply the local Treasurer received a letter of which the following is an extract:-

> "Thank you very much for you letter and the special gift of £100 from the Goring Church. We are very grateful to receive this and would ask you to pass on our thanks to the members of the church for this generous additional donation at a time when the Society is in great need of such help."

May we take this opportunity of reminding annual subscribers and box holders that one of our seven collectors working under the auspices of the Missionary Committee will be calling during the months of January and February.

From the Missionary Committee.

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THE FAMILY.

Miss Mumford, a founder-member and one of the first deacons of the Church, passed to higher service just before Christmas. We give thanks for her life and remember Miss Thomson.

Mr. Bussell now in Worthing Hospital seems to change very little; our thoughts and prayers are constantly with him and his wife.

Miss Dymott will be in hospital over Christmas and we hope she will soon be home again.

Mr. Peter Coller is in hospital with a lung infection, we hope he will make rapid progress.

Mr. S. West is to have a course of treatment which we hope will soon put him right.

Miss Ford is doing splendidly.

Mr. Grew is markedly better.

Mrs. Andrew is better but is very weak.

Then we have congratulations to Miss I. Challis on completing her S.R.N.

Also to Mr. Norman Dobson on becoming Chairman of the Worthing Youth Council.

THE CHOIR.

Our choir recently entered a non-competitive section of the Musical Festival and sang a hymn and an anthem.

The adjudicator, besides one or two technical points, wrote the following comments.

On the hymn - A good firm tone and sense of purpose, words had meaning. Thoughtful singing and very well sung by all voices, in tune, good consonants and all together.

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On the anthem - Not quite so certain always as in the hymn, but thoughtful moods and clear words. Keep it flowing and try not to slow down when softer.

A fine choir working splendidly together.

We give our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Rathbone and members of the choir on this very good result.

At the Choir's Carol Concert, which I hope will be fully reported by somebody else, I was able to express appreciation of all the work of Mr. Rathbone, our organist and the choir. We are indebted to them for their devoted and loyal service.

W. H.

GROUP NOTES.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

I feel I am speaking for all who were fortunate enough to be at the combined Christmas Party on the 14th December when I say what a happy and successful afternoon it was. Upon entering the Hall, with its beautiful decorations, one felt at once happy and at home.

The Highdown Singers gave us a very enjoyable programme, and it was good to see some of our own members on the platform.

Most important of all is our grateful thanks to the Ladies of the Guild Fellowship who took on the responsibility of preparing the tea this year; and indeed the arrangements of the party.

Two new members at my table remarked - I wish we could come to a party every week!

E. M. T.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

New Year's Greetings to all members and friends - a warm welcome awaits you when we commence our activities on January 17th. We shall be reading and discussing our favourite poems. If there are any new members of the congregation who feel they might like to join our fellowship - Do come along - we shall be happy to meet you. On January 31st Miss G. Taylor of the High School for Girls will be showing us coloured slides and telling us of their cruise to the Holy Land.

J. L.

A big "Thank You" to all the congregation for supporting the "Gift Sunday" so generously. We were able to send out 68 parcels to those less fortunate than ourselves. In addition to the food parcels; to the older folk confined to hospital or rest homes we were able to send gifts of stationery and stamps, thus enabling them to keep in contact with the outside world. Our grateful thanks to the anonymous donor who gave us £10 from which we were able to provide fuel, logs or shillings for the gas, where most needed, and also to the Junior Church for their donation of £2 for groceries.

M. Dobson.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Boys of our Brigade went all out during their B.B. Week effort, Mr. Stewart is very gratified that so many church members responded. The result was a record, the sum of over £79 being a great encouragement to the officers who will now be able to improve on their stock of equipment.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

How fortunate we are to have a minister who can truthfully say he loves his job and the more he

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has to do the happier he is. His great regret is that he feels he wasted several years before going into the ministry. These facts Mr. Hayward mentioned when speaking to us on "Laughter and Tears in the Ministry", and on the make-up of a busy minister's life - at least his. Even the tears were often rewarding and he frequently received, sometimes from the sick and aged, more than he was able to give. A thought provoking and enlightening afternoon.

To wind up this session we were glad once again to join with the Working Party and Men's Fellowship in one large Christmas gathering to be entertained by the High-down Singers, and sing carols with them; this being followed by our Christmas Tea.

Our next meeting will be on January 4th when Mrs. Kitto of Ferring will speak on her trip by cargo boat to the Far East. Then on January 18th we are to have a visit by the Rev. Farrar of Shelley Road.

We wish all our readers a Happy New Year and IF you are not already one of our members but of our sex we hope you will join us for our next session.

L. B. R.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

SPRING SESSION - This commences on January 25th with a talk by Rev. T. Hugh Jenkins, Minister of Broadwater Baptist Church and President of the Worthing and District Free Church Federal Council, his subject "The Man and the Moment".

The Fellowship meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45 for 3 p.m. May we urge those men of the Church and congregation who have not hitherto joined us, to come along and enjoy these afternoons with us. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

R. P.

On 30th November we welcomed our President Rev. Wallis Hayward as speaker on "Facing old age". He

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referred to the difference which the coming of the Welfare State has made to the treatment of old folk in that no one is left destitute and homes provided are more attractive than the old "Workhouse". But there is still plenty of scope for voluntary welfare schemes to afford companionship to the lonely by supplying meals, clubs, etc. which contribute much to their well-being.

He instanced from his ministry the tragedy which can arise from loss of bodily and mental powers contrasted with the inspiration given by those who, despite their declining powers, still display a great faith in the goodness of God.

In closing he reminded us that the spirit in which we face old age is affected by our attitude to death, which is so often regarded with gloom and sorrow. If, throughout our lives, we walk with God, even as Enoch, we shall know that when our sun goes down on this life there is a grand day opening up for us in the morning.

The autumn session was brought to an end on 14th December with a united carol service with the Ladies' Guild and the Working Party Fellowship. The Christmas music by the Highdown Singers was thoroughly enjoyed and we are grateful to the Ladies Guild Fellowship for their arrangements.

P. W. H

BADMINTON CLUB. The Badminton Club has now commenced its second winter session and will meet on most Thursday and Saturday evenings, until April (see announcements at the back of the Order of Service leaflets for details)

We still have room for a few more members and extend a warm invitation to all those interested to join us. If you have never played before, do come along one evening and 'have a go' - club racquets are always available for your use. We feel sure that once you have started you will wish to continue this very enjoyable activity - just the thing to restore your pre Christmas Festivities waistline!

E. A. W.

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Our Minister - Rev. Wallis Hayward.

We are very sorry to hear, as we go to press, that our Minister has had an attack of Shingles and will be laid aside over the Christmas holiday. We hope and pray that by the time this magazine is in circulation he will have recovered.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On Sunday 21st November we once again had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Hayward which on this occasion was completely devoted to our Junior Department. We are grateful to all those concerned who made this most enjoyable visit possible.

We recently received a donation of £10 from Mr. A. F. Mason on the occasion of his wife's birthday - we are very much indebted to them and wish them good health and many happy years to come.

Our children's parties are being held on Friday and Saturday 21st and 22nd January respectively, and we look forward to an enjoyable time with them which, in no small measure, will be due to the generous assistance of the Monday Evening Fellowship in arranging the catering for us.

All in Junior Church join with me in wishing members of the Church and Congregation -

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

E. C. Bond.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK.

DEATH -

Miss V. M. Mumford, on December 14th.

NEW MEMBERS - Accepted December 2nd and received December 5th.

Mrs. Cobb,
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie D. J. Turnbull and
Mr. & Mrs. W. Carey.

DELETE FROM HANDBOOK -

Miss Watts (by request).
Mr. & Mrs. R. Mitchell, by transfer to Sompting.

ADD -

Mr. & Mrs. Flawn, 9, The Drive, Angmering-by-Sea.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS -

Mr. & Mrs. Emrys Hughes to 9, Gloucester Court, GeorgeV Ave.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR READERS AND TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

MAY 1966 BRING MUCH GOOD MATERIAL TO THE CHRONICLE.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1966.

2nd SUN.	Divine Service - The Minister. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
3rd Mon.	Civic Service - Assembly Hall - 6.30 p.m.
4th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship - "Cargo trip to the Far East" by Mrs. Hitto of Ferring.
9th SUN.	Rev. Robin Cooper, B.D. of Bury Drive Methodist Church 11 a.m. (Annual Free Church Exchange). 6.30 p.m.The Minister.
12th Wed.	Missionary Committee - 6.30 p.m. Choir Committee - 7.30 p.m.
16th SUN.	Divine Service - The Minister. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
17th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m. My Favourite Poem - Members meeting.
18th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship - 3. p.m. Speaker Rev. J. E. Farrar, M.A.,of Shelley Rd.
18th Tues.	Youth Council - 8 p.m.
21st Fri.	Bible Class Party - 7-9.30 p.m.
22nd Sat.	Beginners & Primary Party & Junior Party 3 - 5.30 p.m.
23rd SUN.	Divine Service - The Minister. 11 a.m. 6.30 p.m. United Service at St. Mary's Parish Church. Preacher Rev. Wallis Hayward.
25th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship Working Party - 2.30 p.m. Men's Afternoon Fellowship. Speaker Rev. T. Hugh Jenkins of Broadwater Baptist.
27th Thurs.	Deacons' Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
28th Fri.	Choir Annual General Meeting.
30th SUN.	Divine Worship - The Minister. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
31st Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - Cruise to the Holy Land, Miss G. Taylor of the Girls' High School.
Feb. 3rd.	Monthly Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

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No. 105. FEBRUARY, 1966.

The Manse.

My dear Friends,

I find it impossible to discover words adequate to express the gratitude Mrs. Hayward and I feel for all the help that has been given to us through the weeks of my illness. Thank you for your prayers which have constantly upheld us - for all the messages and enquiries, both direct and indirect which have given us so much encouragement; thank you for every act of service which has helped the Church as well as us personally. We have been deeply moved by so much help and care, and encouraged for the continuance of our ministry.

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It so happens that I am writing this letter on the day of my final discharge by the Doctor, on the first morning back at my desk. This evening I shall be attending my first meeting and I hope it is a splendid omen that it is a meeting of the Development Committee. The more I look at the plan which our architect has prepared for us the more I am confident that the whole Church will be thrilled with it when it is presented at the next Church Meeting. My hope and prayer is that we shall be so inspired at the thought of having such premises and the difference they will make to our work especially amongst the children, that we shall be able to go forward with enthusiasm towards the completion of our objectives.

You may remember that a month or two ago I wrote about a scheme which the Churches of Goring are to work together for the visitation of new arrivals in our area on behalf of the Churches as a whole. Our area is bounded by Clive Avenue (East), Goring Road (North), George V Avenue (North) and the railway line with the addition of the Boulevard. I hope at the Church Meeting to be able to announce an organiser for the scheme, and that the organiser will soon be able to find a warden for each road in the area.

On Sunday 20th February I am exchanging pulpits in the morning with Rev. John Farrar, M.A., of Shelley Road. This is the first opportunity we have had of welcoming Mr. Farrar to our Church and I trust he will be given a very warm welcome.

I wonder if you have reflected what a wealthy Church we are in so far that all the special Christmas Services were conducted, at quite short notice, by members of the Diaconate and most acceptable too. So my last thought in this letter as the first, is one of thankfulness.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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5th December	£29. 2. 6.	£13. 14. 9.
12th "	31. 14. 6.	15. 6. 7.
19th "	56. 1. 6.	21. 1. 3.
26th "	17. 5. 6.	13. 6. 11.
	£134. 4. 0.	£63. 9. 6.

Total for the month - £197. 13. 6.

The collections at Christmas for Fen Place amounted to £28. 10. 3d and I have been asked to convey to all friends the grateful thanks and appreciation of the residents and Committee for the gift.

R. O. Parker.

An appreciation.

Miss Dymott wishes to convey her grateful thanks to all friends for their kind enquiries and prayers, also flowers, during her recent illness.

Congratulations.

We are pleased to report that Mr. C. F. Nodes has been elected a "Fellow" of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors - a high honour and a great pleasure to his many friends.

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United Nations Association.

The next meeting will be held in the Court Room of the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday February 15th.

The subject - Attitudes to the U. N.

Speakers:-

Rev. D. W. Wright, Vicar of St. Paul's .
Rev. D. McCarthy, Roman Catholic.
Rev. L. A. Newman, Methodist.
Rabbi I. N. Fabricant, Jewish Fellowship.
Mrs. A. Moriat, Humanist.

This should lead to interesting discussion and ALL ARE WELCOME.

M. M. R.

CHRISTIAN AID.

We have the wonderful total of £25.17.0 for the month of January. What a good way to start the New Year! This total includes the sum of £8.9.0d which came from the Girls' Brigade, and £6.7.0d of this sum was collected by them one evening when they went carol singing. If they sang everywhere as well as they sang on our doorstep I am not surprised that they collected such a fine sum. Their singing was first class and their gift to this fund to feed the hungry, with all your gifts, has been received with many thanks.

Marjorie Hayward.

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Ox-Fam Clothing Drive.

I have been asked by the Worthing Oxfam Committee to appeal for clothing - especially mens and childrens, as there is still an urgent need for clothing in the distressed areas of the world. If any of you have anything to give would you please take it to "The Convent, Crescent Road, Worthing", where they are kindly storing all gifts prior to despatching them to London for shipment abroad.

Marjorie Hayward.

THE BIBLE SAYS:-

Rejoice, O young man in thy youth: and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee to judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put evil from thy flesh.

Ecclesiastes 11, verses 9 & 10.

P. S. W.

Mrs. H. G. Bussell would like to thank all her friends for their prayers and help during her husbands illness. She is particularly grateful to all those who offered transport to enable her to visit the hospital. The kindness expressed by so many friends has done much to help her accept her sad loss.

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Sermon preached at the United Service in St. Mary's Church in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Matthew 19, v. 20. WHAT LACK I YET?

This is the question which the young ruler asked Jesus. You remember he came to Jesus asking first of all "What must I do to inherit eternal Life?" Jesus told him - "keep the commandments". To which the young ruler replied "All these I have kept from my youth, but what lack I yet?" - Jesus told him "sell all you have, give to the poor and come and follow me". And he went away sadly, for he had great possessions. We sometimes call this man a failure because he didn't accept Christ's call and challenge. We ought to remind ourselves when we are tempted to pass judgment that we don't know the end of the story. If everyone who had once refused Christ was finished, written off as a failure where should we stand? Let us rather think what a fine young man this ruler was - he had kept all the commandments, he was honoured and respected as a good man by his fellowmen, and men in those days recognised hypocrisy and sham as easily as we do. But surely the first thing that can be said about this young man is that he had no pride or self-satisfaction, whilst all this was true of him he still asked "but what lack I yet", and if we ask why he was thus dissatisfied with himself the only answer we can give is that it was the fruit of the impact of God upon his life - it was the work of the Holy Spirit in his heart.

"What lack I yet". What I want to suggest to you is that this is the question we should be asking in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We ought to be asking it as Churches, but to be

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asking it as Churches means that we must be asking it of ourselves as individuals.

It is the fashion in these days to say a great deal about the faults and failings of the Church, no doubt most of the Christians who do this are trying to spur us on to be better Christians and better Churches. Personally I feel it would sometimes be helpful for epople to speak more of the splendour of the Church, of the loyalty and devotion of so many of its people, of the service so unstintingly given, both outside and inside the Church, of the love that its people shed abroad in the world and of their sacrificial giving for so many causes. Above all let it be said that the Church is the most glorious institution on the face of the earth because it is a means by which the Holy Spirit is operative in the world.

We join together in this service this evening with glad and thankful hearts - 20 years ago - 10 years ago, we should not have thought it possible that we should be able to worship together in one Church. We acknowledge, above all, that this degree of unity has been achieved, not because of what men have done, but by the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church - "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes". But we must not stop here, this is the point at which we must say "but what lack I yet?" How easy, but how perilous, for us to be so pleased with the progress that has been made that we are self-satisfied. It is good indeed that we can worship and pray together, it is good indeed that we can work together in this way and that, and be sure that fuller ways of cooperation will open to us: it is good indeed that by the grace of God we are friends, friends, yes but not yet a family. We recognise

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each other as members of Christ, but we cannot yet claim that we are one body in Christ.

Surely the difficulty is this. We have become friends because we have discovered how much there is about which we all agree - we don't say anything about the things which divide us still, and about these we have made no progress at all, and if we are honest we don't see how we can possibly make any progress at all.

So finally we must remind ourselves that we have come so far along the road to unity, not by anything that we or any other men have done, but by the grace of God - and we must know that progress in the future will not be dependent upon leaders or committees, it is not something that can be negotiated - "you give way on this and we will give way on that", future progress will be made if we continue to be obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and we shall be open to receive this if, instead of being self-satisfied, we continue to ask "But what lack I yet?"

The young ruler turned back when he faced the price of discipleship. We may be quite certain that unity cannot be achieved without price to us all, price to every Church. May God grant to us all such a measure of His grace that as He leads, so we shall be able to follow, that His will may be done.

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THE FAMILY.

We could not but be thankful when we heard on Sunday evening of the passing of Mr. Bussell after so long a time of suffering and weakness. We are thankful to God for his ministry in our midst as a deacon, for so much practical work that he did for the benefit of the Church and for so many acts of kindness and helpfulness to so many of us personally. Mrs. Bussell through all this time has felt upheld by our care and our prayers and we assure her now of their continuance.

Miss Huckle has had a major operation in the London Hospital and is very ill, we pray that she may be helped and strengthened.

Mrs. Richardson has undergone an operation and is now at Courtlands, we hope she will continue to make good progress.

Miss Dymott is home again and we hope she will now keep better.

Miss Ford is not yet allowed to return to her work - we hope she will not have to wait much longer. We hear that Mr. Ford is also making good progress.

Miss Davies recently entered Pentlands Nursing Home, but died on the 21st January.

Mr. Millborrow has a thrombosis in his leg, and we hope he will soon be able to get about again.

Mrs. King has had an operation, we hope she will make good progress.

Mrs. Lord is recovering from a heart attack.

Our prayers and our care are with all these and the many who are prevented from sharing in our worship by old age.

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

Last April Mr. H. G. Bussell was elected by the Church to the Diaconate. Now after nine months he has entered into Higher Service. It seems difficult to realise he had been in membership for only four and a half years, so much had he done for the Church in that time. By most he will be remembered for theenergy and enthusiasm with which he served on the Care Committee and carried out work on the Church premises and the garden. He brought the same zeal which he displayed in other spheres into his service on the diaconate, and it was a great grief to us all that this should so suddenly be cut short, but perhaps it would have been his wish to die "in harness". Great was the fortitude with which he bore his illness. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bussell and their son and other members of the family.

Mr. & Mrs. Goss will be leaving us shortly to take up their duties as wardens of the new flatlets for blind people at the corner of Richmond Road and Heene Road. We wish them every blessing in this new venture.

GROUP NOTES.

London Missionary Society.

We are pleased to be able to report that the January Communion Offerings on behalf of the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries brought in £70. 16. 0d. This included a special gift from Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mason of 18, Rosebery Avenue who celebrated their

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Golden Wedding on January 1st and as "an expression of gratitude for the blessings we have received and enjoyed" contributed £50 to the January Communion Offering.

To all who in any way helped this worthy cause we say "Thank you".

The Missionary Committee.

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Although our numbers do not increase we are still doing good work and our "quality" is high!

We have just won both the Junior and Senior and Pioneer (joint) Handwork Cups, these being awarded to the three top marks in each section; Susan Jones produced a splendidly worked smocked baby's dress which earned her 99%.

Alison Garret handed in a tapestry cushion cover which was awarded 96%, while in the Juniors Alison Jones' summer dress was awarded 90%. These winners are to be congratulated on their skill.

The 1st Horsham Company were runners up in both sections but in the Cadet awards they won the Cup with our Cadets being runners up.

Our Pioneers have just commenced working for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze Level and we are sure you all wish them well.

E. S.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Unfortunately the bad weather and sickness depleted our numbers when we resumed our activities after Christmas. We sincerely hope, therefore, that all our members will be enjoying good health and will join us on February 14th. Miss Jane

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Stephens will be showing us slides and telling us of her experiences during her twelve months in Canada. On February 28th Major A. C. Roper will speak on "Underground Worthing". Both these meetings should prove very interesting.

J. L.

MENS' AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

There will be two meetings in February, both of which will be of great interest.

On February 8th, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. O. Parker we are to have an illustrated talk entitled "Glimpses of North America" by Miss Jane Stephens.

On February 22nd, under the chairmanship of Mr. P. W. Hopkins, M.B.E., our deputy chairman Mr. A. E. Pearn will be our speaker and his subject will be "Immortality or Extinction".

R. P.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for February.

Feb. 6th - Dr. & Mrs. S. P. Rea.
" 13th - Mr. & Mrs. V. Padfield.
" 20th - Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Hoskins.
" 27th - Mrs. V. & Miss G. Andrew.

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JUNIOR CHURCH.

In January we were sorry to lose the valuable services of Mrs. F. E. Gilbert as leader of the Beginners Department, for she had worked devotedly for many years in laying the foundations of our children's Christian education, first assisting Miss E. Curtis and then since April, 1964, in conjunction with Miss L. C. Thomson as Joint Leader. We have all enjoyed the privilege of working with her and wish her a safe voyage 'down under', a happy time with her family and a safe return to Worthing later in the year.

We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. H. E. Blackman as the new Leader of the Beginners' Department and look forward to working with her. Additionally we are pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Hughes as a teacher in the Junior Department and hope that he will have many years of rewarding service with us.

Our New Year's childrens' parties, held on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd January, were very successful and we were glad to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Hayward and Mr. & Mrs. Winterton as our guests.

We offer grateful thanks to the ladies of the Monday Evening Fellowship for their kind and efficient help in organising the catering for these parties and by so doing enabling the Junior Church Staff to be with the children.

E. C. Bond.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

We have had two excellent speakers to open this session: unfortunately a number of members had to miss them through illness or the weather.

Mrs. Kitto of Ferring took us with her most vividly on her trip to the Far East by cargo boat, calling at Amsterdam, Genoa, Port Said, Aden, the

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beautiful spot of Penang from which the spicy scents were wafted miles out to sea, Singapore, the Philippines and Hong Kong. Cairo was also visited on the 21,000 mile trip which Mrs. Nitto recommended to her listeners, but we cannot all be so fortunate. Amongst the many interesting things she mentioned was that, though the Japanese speak their own language, they write in the Chinese picture language and that all the rubber plantations in Malaysia have come from five seeds sent originally from Kew. We could have listened much longer had time allowed but Mrs. Nitto has promised to come again after her next cruise.

What a lot can come out of two words seen on a wagon, as the Rev. J. E. Farrar of Shelley Road, showed us - "NOT OURS". He applied them in connection with people's material goods, sins, jobs - which we sometimes take on when they should be someone else's just because we think we can do them better, or when they are unpleasant jobs we say "not ours" until the good Samaritan comes along. And then good qualities which are "not ours" but are lent to us by God to be used and returned to Him.

On February 15th Mr. Hayward will be speaking to us on "The Changing Evening Sky". Has he become an Astronomer or could it apply to something quite different? Come and hear.

On March 1st we have transparencies taking us "Around the Commonwealth" supplied by the Commonwealth Missionary Society.

L. B. R.

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Mr. L. F. Newman, deceased.

Our old friend passed away in Swandean Hospital on Christmas Day. He was Church Caretaker for several years but, owing to failing eyesight he was forced to give up. He was one of the first members of the Mens' Fellowship and during that time helped to run the Mens' Stall at the various Bazaars.

After moving to Worthing he attended Steyne Gardens Methodist Church and whilst singing a hymn his eyesight completely failed him.

Our sympathy has been sent to Mrs. Newman and her son.

C. S. C. Wood.

From the SECRETARY'S DESK.

Deaths.

Mr. H. G. Bussell - on January 16th.

Miss Davies - on 21st January.

Removal.

Mr. & Mrs. Robbins to Hythe.

Mr. & Mrs. Goss to Richmond House, No. 73, Richmond Road, Worthing.

Change of Address.

Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Hite and Mr. E. G. Hite to Little Cedars, 17, Elgin Road, Worthing. Tel. W. 49659.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 1966.

6th SUN.	Divine Service - The Minister. 11.0 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
8th Tues.	Womens' Guild Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Mens' Afternoon Fellowship. Speaker - Miss Jane Stephens - "North America",3 p.m.
10th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER, 10.30 a.m and 7 p.m.
13th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. Parade Service. 6.30 p.m. - The Minister.
14th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship. Speaker - Miss Jane Stephens "Her Life in Canada".
15th Tues.	Womens' Guild Fellowship, "The Changing Evening Sky" - Rev. Wallis Hayward, 3 p.m.
20th SUN.	11 a.m. - Rev.J.E.Farrar,M.A. - Worthing Congregational Ch. 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
21st Mon.	Deacons' Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
22nd Tues.	Womens' Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m. Men's Afternoon Fellowship - Speaker Mr A. E. Pearn,"Immortality or Extinction" 3 p.m.
27th SUN.	Divine Worship - The Minister 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
28th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - Speaker, Major A. C. Roper, Subject"Underground Worthing".
MARCH.	
1st Tues.	Womens' Guild Fellowship - "Around the Commonwealth" (Illustrated), 3 p.m.
3rd Thurs	Monthly Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

THE NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be available on Sunday 6th March. All material for this issue to the Editor please by the 20th February.

Please book the dates - April 20th Free Church F. C. Annual Rally in St. Columba's Church at 7.30 p.m. and on May 25th Free Churches Choir Festival in the Assembly Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

Our last Church Meeting was historic in the life of the Church, and, I think, the most thrilling Church Meeting over which it has been my privilege to preside. I have not space here to tell you all about it, that would require the whole of this magazine, but I will try to mention briefly, the important things we did.

First of all we unanimously agreed to covenant with all the other agreeable churches in our order to form the Congregational Church in England and Wales as from next May. On this subject we expressed a reservation on the subject of the intention with regard to the formation of the Annual Assembly, but did not feel this was a matter on which we should separate ourselves from the other churches.

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In the second place we adopted a new Constitution for our own Church. The new Constitution, we believe, better expresses our principles as Congregationalists. A copy of this new Constitution has been on the notice board for some time.

Next, due notice having been given, we decided to alter our procedure for the election of deacons. First, deacons who have served a term in office will be allowed to accept nomination for re-election without having to wait a year. Beginning this year, for four years, we shall add an extra deacon to the diaconate to bring the total serving up to 16 instead of 12. There is a twofold purpose in this; first we need more deacons to care for our growing congregation, and secondly a greater part of the detailed work of the diaconate will be carried out in committees to give the diaconate more time for thought on the spiritual side of the Church's life.

Although time was getting on, most of the large number of members present at the meeting were able to stay for the last item on the agenda - our Development plan. Mr. Wills had had an excellent slide of our Architect's plan made, so that we could all see it projected on the screen, and having given us a few moments to take it all in, gave us an excellently detailed description of all the advantages of this plan for all present and future work. After an opportunity for questions the meeting accepted the plan in principle. Space makes it impossible for me to give you here a description of all that is proposed, and I also cannot do so because of the fact that we are still awaiting the Council's outline planning permission. We are now working on the preparation of a brochure which will show a copy of the plan and give details about it, and these will be distributed to all friends as soon as possible after outline permission is received.

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Two items of interest were postponed to our next meeting - the question of a new Cross for the front of the Church, and secondly the subject of the future appointment of life deacons.

The last Sunday in February was the first Sunday in Lent. At our morning services in Lent I shall be preaching on "The Lord's Prayer in the light of the Life of Jesus". At the evening Services I shall continue to answer worshipper's questions.

The United Service at St. Mary's Church on the Sunday of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was, for all present a deeply moving occasion because there was not only a visible unity of our presence with each other, but what mattered most, a unity of spirit.

The Road Steward scheme which the three Churches of Goring plus the Roman Catholic Church are working together, is a practical expression of the same unity. I am most grateful to Mr. Hele for having undertaken to organise our share of the scheme, and am glad to learn from him that he already has practically all the help he needs.

What a lovely thought it is that each day brings Spring a day nearer.

Sincerely yours,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

One or two churches in the neighbourhood are hoping to be able to show a film about the terrific need for Christian Aid in the world to-day. Many of you do not need films about this to inspire your giving - you already give generously and regularly, and I am thankful to you: but it is good for us all to be informed about this subject and so I hope there will be a good gathering from our own church when we are able to arrange the date and time - we hope to show it in our own hall. This is just a preliminary notice to ask for your backing.

Our total for February was £25. 3. 6d. which includes several annual gifts. We thank you and at the same time assure you that these gifts will enable Christ's work to be done in some places - every gift given enables some starving person to eat - many gifts together help the hungry, homeless and helpless to learn to feed themselves and to find a better way of living.

Marjorie Hayward.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

On February 13th the sad news was announced of the sudden death of Mr. E. W. Lowes. He will be sorely missed in particular from the Men's Fellowship and the Day of Prayer Services. He loved playing hymns for services and it was very fitting that his last act at the Church should have been playing for the Day of Prayer on the previous Thursday, when he was apparently in good health. Many will remember him playing the little organ in the present Church Hall. A personal bond is that he and Mrs. Lowes were received into membership on the same Sunday as my wife and myself just over nine years ago.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF CHURCH AND CONGREGATION.

It is to be hoped that all members of the Church and Congregation will be able to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday March 17th. The attention of those who have joined us during the year is specially drawn to this occasion when, after a social half-hour when we can get to know one another better, opportunity is provided to learn of the work and witness of the Church during the past year and something of the hopes for the future by means of reports from the Minister, Church Treasurer, Junior Church Secretary and the Church Secretary.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

This year this event also falls in March and all Church Members are asked to note this date, March 31st. At this meeting officers, deacons, delegates and representatives are elected.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

At the Church Meeting held on February 3rd the draft constitution which has been displayed on the Notice Board was approved, as were certain proposals regarding the election of deacons.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Church agreed to covenant with other Congregational Churches to form the Congregational Church in England and Wales; to join with them in seeking the mind of Christ; to make common witness with them to His Gospel; and to serve His purpose in all the World.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

The scheme for the future development of the Church premises was accepted in principle.

H. A. Winterton.

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From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for January, 1966.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
2nd Jan.	£33. 6. 0.	£15. 19. 10.
9th "	39. 4. 0.	18. 15. 6.
16th "	26. 1. 6.	11. 0. 6.
23rd "	33. 3. 0.	13. 16. 11.
30th "	37. 15. 0.	18. 15. 2.
	£169. 9. 6.	£78. 7. 11.

Total for the month - £247. 17. 5.

Enclosed with this magazine is a copy of the Treasurer's Statement and the accounts for 1965. Please retain the accounts and bring them with you to the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation on the 17th March.

R. O. Parker.

An appreciation. Mrs. E. King of 5, Alfriston Road wishes to convey her most sincere thanks for the prayers and many kindnesses, enquiries, visits and flowers during her recent spell in hospital and convalescence.

Mr. and Mrs. Padfield also wish to express through this magazine their sincere appreciation and thanks to the ladies who helped in the decoration of the Church for their daughter's wedding on Saturday 12th February; as Mrs. Padfield says "it was all done so beautifully".

The Bible Says:

To do good and to distribute, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews Ch. 13, v. 16.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
1 John Ch. 3, v. 17.

P. S. W.

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THE FAMILY.

The sudden passing of Mr. Lowes was a great shock to his wife and daughter, with whom our sympathy and prayers have been. Mr. Lowes played the piano for our Morning Service on the Day of Prayer and derived great joy from this service. We shall miss his gay spirit each month and also at the Men's Fellowship.

We have also thought of Mrs. Fisk, Mr. Kitto and Mr. Stephens who have family bereavements.

Mrs. Thomson is still very poorly as the result of her accident and is now in a nursing home.

Miss Kaines is in a nursing home to give her sister a rest. Miss Wright also for the same reason.

Mrs. Arnold has been very poorly and we hope will soon improve.

Mrs. Stratton is home from hospital until probably the end of April, meantime she must have complete rest.

I have no further news of Miss Huckle.

Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. King, Miss Dymott and Mr. Milborrow are all making good progress.

Miss Brickenden has been troubled with Arthritis and we hope she will soon get relief.

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THE MOON PROBE : CHURCH DEVELOPMENT : KWASHIORKOR.

What, if anything have these three things in common? All of them made impact upon us during the past month. In all of them large sums of money are involved. In all of them we have some measure of responsibility.

THE MOON PROBE:

Many millions of pounds have already been spent on this project and many more will continue to be spent in seeking to land a man on the moon and other planets- to what end, many are asking? It has been suggested that the moon may provide a cure for some of the scourges that afflict mankind.

OUR CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

We have involved ourselves with spending tens of thousands of pounds on the enlargement of our Church premises - to what end, many will ask? To make it easier to instruct our children and young people in the Christian Faith, to serve the family of the Church in its Devotional and Social life.

KWASHIORKOR:

Mr. Hayward introduced us to this word in his recent sermon on Medical Missions Sunday, and we learned that it was a native word covering world conditions with which we have been increasingly made aware as science has made communications across the continents so much easier - Malnutrition and Degradation in Hong Kong, Starvation and Famine in India - Disease and Death in Africa - Illiteracy and Ignorance in many parts of the world. Festering sores with endless repercussions.

But what can we do about these things many will ask?
The Millions spent on Space Probes (and on Armaments) could outlaw for ever these appalling scourges, but what good to suggest to the 'Have Nations' of the world that for every £1,000,000 spent on these things £1,000,000 should be spent to bring the

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'Have Not Nations' up to our standard of living and learning?

For the thousands of pounds that we propose to spend on our Church buildings - how would the Diaconate and Church Meeting react to the suggestion that for every £1 contributed to the Development Fund £1 should be devoted to the Waging of War on Want - to the Combat of Disease - to the Banishment of Illiteracy and Ignorance in the so-called backward countries of God's World - indeed one Church member has suggested that we, as a church, might adopt a starving or disease ridden native village - is this an impossible dream?

'Tis true that our proposed development will take that much longer to reach completion (but knowing the generosity of our people, would it?), but, when in days to come we, or our successors, look with pride on our lovely new church, will not we, or they, rejoice knowing that every brick represents a Meal provided for a starving family in India: every Pane of glass a Victory over Disease by the provision of much needed drugs in an African Village: every tile, Precious Seeds given to combat Famine in some distant land: every new Cloakroom, the salary of a Teacher bringing literacy and the resulting knowledge to the future Leaders of the New Nations: and that these are the Eternal things, and will continue to flourish when both we, and the buildings which we have erected are no more around.

NEED IT BE JUST 'WISHFUL THINKING'?

Space Travel - and our New Church - were only 'Wishful Thinking' not so many years ago.

Clifford H. Powell.

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GROUP NOTES

FROM THE CHOIR STALLS

On Wednesday, 23rd March, members of the Choir will be showing colour transparencies, principally of foreign parts, in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

An invitation is extended to any members of the congregation who would like to attend.

Tea and biscuits will be available at 6d. but in order to facilitate arrangements being made, it would be appreciated if those intending to come along that evening would be good enough to sign the list which will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

A retiring Collection will be taken for the Church Development Fund.

M.T.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY

Turning out time!

The Working Party are holding their Annual JUMBLE SALE on Friday, April 1st. Please remember us when you are 'Spring Cleaning'. Proceeds of the Sale will be towards buying material and wool for garments on the stalls at the Autumn Sale.

Offers to collect would be appreciated. Goods may be brought to the Hall on Thursday, March 31st. from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please contact Mrs. Hite (Tel.49659) if you can help in collecting, or wish for goods to be called for.

Thank you. M.H.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

We have had some very good speakers these past few weeks and it has also been a delight to see so many new faces. Congratulations to those members who have persuaded their friends to join us - keep it up - our numbers are growing steadily. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. G. Parsons when he visits us on March 14th to tell us of his work as a local Health Inspector, and on March 28th we look forward to Mrs. M. Somerset speaking on "Notable Women of Sussex".

GIRLS' BRIGADE

On Tuesday March 29th at 7 p.m. we are holding a Coffee Evening in the Church Hall, tickets 1/- each, or pay at the door. There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall, and from 8 p.m. there will be a short entertainment given by the girls, and the cups won in the recent Handwork Competition will be presented. This is a Battalion effort in aid of the new Girls Brigade and Boys' Brigade H.Qs.

We do hope you will come along and support us. Make a note of the date and come and spend a pleasant evening amongst friends old and new.

All of us in the company were very distressed to hear of the sudden and serious illness of our Captain, Mrs. E. Stratton, and we pray for a speedy return to health. Meantime we are, with the help and loyal support of the girls, carrying on with our programme. Under the guidance of Miss Walsh, 17 girls are preparing for the Scripture Examination on Friday, 25th March.

M.S. Dobson.

Mrs. Stratton has written to support all that has just been written, and tells us that the Rev. Violet Hedger, the Brigade President, will show films of her travels abroad. Further, she hopes the entertainment will be presented with the help of all the companies in the Battalion. Ed.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Our "Members Afternoon" on Christian Behaviour was an experiment which fortunately proved a success. It was the first time we have divided into groups, each with a leader and a special subject to discuss, such as - Leisure, Peace and War, Money, Causes of Juvenile Delinquency. A large number of members contributed to the discussion, and their findings were finally given to the whole meeting by the leaders. The change from our usual type of meeting seemed to be enjoyed. We hope to repeat the idea in another session.

Mr. Hayward's talk "The changing evening sky" was of the evening sky of life. He showed us we should have no fear of the eventide. We know the evening of life is the prelude of the dawn of eternal day. We thank our Minister once again for his helpful and thoughtful talk which he closed with a quotation which he had found some time ago on his desk and for which he was most grateful to the unknown donor - "When we saw the glory of his sun-setting we said, It will be a lovely day tomorrow". What better thought could he leave with us?

We hope our lady readers will want to know of the work at the Cecil Houses, London, and join us on March 15th; also on March 29th when we expect to see and hear more of India and Pakistan from Mrs. Cookson.

L.B.R.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

We have two meetings in March. One on March 8th provides an illustrated talk by Mr. A.H. Reynolds on a "German Journey" and on March 22nd Mr. James Dearsley will talk about "An industry that is not well known." After that meeting, which will commence at 2.45 p.m. there will be a short business meeting.

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This session opened with an inspiring address by the Rev. T.Hugh Jenkins, Minister of Broadwater Baptist Church and President of Worthing and District Free Church Federal Council, on "The Man and the Moment". Stressing the condition of the Church in these days, largely ignored by the world, he threw out the challenge to all Christians to show forth the grace of God to all men. Using the examples of Julius Caesar's conquests opening up Britain to Christianity, of the man who invited Charles Wesley to the prayer meeting which inspired him to found the Wesleyan Church, and of the woman who left a pamphlet in the Schweitzer home which led him to the Congo, he reminded us that the life of each one of us is a thread in the tapestry of God and its value will only be revealed when the tapestry is completed.

On 8th February Miss Jane Stephens showed us "Glimpses of North America". After describing the contrasts between nursing at home and in Canada, we were shown an attractive series of pictures contrasting the beauties of Canada's countryside, the roaring torrent of Niagara in summer and the trickle over the frozen falls in winter - vast expanses of rolling prairies, huge lakes, Rocky Mountain scenes, cotton pickers, and much more of that great country.

P.W.H.

Ministry of Flowers

Rota for March.

6th	Miss A. Ebbutt
13th	Miss E. Gilby
20th	(Miss E. Brickenden
	(Miss E. Ryde
27th	Miss I. Le May

E. Bond.

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WORLD CHURCH CONTRIBUTION.

I quote a few extracts from "Portrait of an African School" by W.G. Mc.D. Partridge, which appeared in the magazine of Castle Gate Congregational Church, Nottingham.

In this month of collecting for work overseas, this may emphasise one need - education, and perhaps make us compare our own spending on church development with the forced economies abroad.

"Apart from the fun we get out of school Improvement and the benefits to body and soul, 440 unpaid men and women hours a week are a sheer necessity on financial grounds. There is an almost constant overdraft at the bank. Government makes no grants for cleaners, groundsmen, painters, maintenance and odd job men, and for buildings at Hope Fountain, only £4,000 in the last fourteen years.

From the L.M.S. Board comes a grant of less than £1,000 a year - generous if you take the giver's viewpoint, a miserably inadequate contribution if you view it from the needs of the receivers.

Green poles, galvanized iron, wire netting and dung-smeared floors give us five class rooms, put up by the children themselves at a cost of £80 each. If we work long enough and hard enough, some day someone will see our needs and give us money to employ real builders to make us a proper school and real gardens, and groundsmen to make it beautiful.

And the rising-bell on Saturday morning will ring an hour later and hands will always be clean and our shirts never grimy and wet with sweat, but how well equipped will we be to help our people.

Six picks, four shovels, four wheel barrows - this is what I have been asking for lately."

Hilda Grey.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

WEDDING February 12th John Robert Dermot Edwards to Gillian Rosemary Padfield

Death February 13th - Mr. E.W. Lowes.

MEMBERSHIP Accepted February 3rd, received on the 6th February -

On confession of faith Mr.& Mrs.A. Birch
Mr.& Mrs. A. Hoy
Mr.& Mrs. E. Popplestone
Mrs. P. Scudder

(Reception deferred owing to illness Mr. & Mrs. H. Milborrow)

By Transfer, received on 20th February -

From Union Church, Brighton Mr.& Mrs.P.F. Biggs
From Worthing Congregational Church Mr.G. Brockis.
To Offington Methodist Church Mr.& Mrs. W.A. Balut.

Alterations and additions

Mr. &.Mrs. V.R.Grice - Tel. No. W.40085
Mr, G. Brockis - address is 16 Lancaster Road
Mr. & Mrs. Currie - address is 19 Alinora Crescent.

Deletions from Membership Roll

Mr. M.Austen, Mr. P.Coller, Mr. & Mrs. H. Gander, Miss M.Newman, Mr. D.Reede, Miss N. Tryhorn, Mr. & Mrs. A.G.Webb, Mr. & Mrs. K.C.B. Gillam, Mr. & Mrs. L.W.Goman, and the following Junior members - Mr. M.Baker, Mr. M.Bashford, Miss R.Blake, Messrs. I.& K. Gander, Miss M.Gander and Mr. J. Linfield.

The next issue of the "Chronicle" will be available on Sunday 3rd April. All material for this issue should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday, 20th March, please.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH, 1966

1st Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship "Around the Commonwealth (Illus.) 3 p.m.
3rd Thurs.	Monthly Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
6th SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion 12 noon.
8th Tues.	Men's Afternoon Fellowship.
10th Thurs.	Day of Prayer: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.
13th SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
14th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship. Mr. G.Parsons local Health Inspector.
15th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship. A talk about Cecil Houses, London. 3 p.m.
17th Thurs.	Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation. 7 p.m. Social half-hour.
20th SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
22nd Tues.	Men's Afternoon Fellowship - Mr. James Dearsley, "An Industry that is not well known".
23rd Wed.	Choir Evening. See page 10.
24th Thurs.	Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
27th SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
28th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. M. Somerset on "Notable Women of Sussex".
29th Tues.	GIRLS' BRIGADE. A Battalion evening - Coffee and Bring & Buy Stall. Entertainment by the girls. Presentation of Cups.
29th Tues & 30th Wed.	Sussex Congregational Spring Assembly at Burgess Hill.
31st Thurs.	ANNUAL BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING 7.30 p.m.
1st April	Jumble Sale
3rd SUN.	Palm Sunday. The Last Supper (Eric Thiman) 6.30 p.m.

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My dear Friends,

I hope that everybody who was unable to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation will secure and read copies of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports; these are available in the Church Vestibule. We have, as a Church, a very great deal for which to be thankful as we look back over the past year, but at all costs we must avoid the danger of complacency. We are faced with some very real challenges and great opportunities and must see to it that by the grace of God we maintain a vigorous witness both as a Church and as individuals, and that we live and labour under a sense of urgency for the bringing of men, women, boys and girls to God.

Our services will be as usual this Easter - Good Friday a service at 11 a.m. Easter Day - Communion at 8 a.m. and after both the morning and evening services

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The difference this year is that on Maundy Thursday at 7.30 p.m. we shall be uniting with West Worth- Baptist Church for a service followed by Communion in their Church. The West Worthing Baptist Church is a few hundred yards north of West Worthing Station level crossing. I hope that this service will be very well supported by all our people.

Last Sunday morning a little girl, aged 9, went to her Junior Church Leader and said "Mrs. Stephens something has gone wrong with the Cross on top of the Church", she then proceeded to give Mrs. Stephens a detailed description of what was the matter and ended by saying "something ought to be done about it!" Mrs. Stephens was glad to say that something was being done about it. When a child aged 9 years shows thought and care for the Church to which she obviously has some sense of belonging, something is being achieved.

With best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter,

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

Congratulations to Mr. A. E. Pearn on his election as President of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council. He will be inducted at the Annual Rally at St Columba's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April Oth and will address the meeting on the subject ur Free Church Heritage". It is hoped that he wi receive the support of a large number of his fellc members on this occasion.

. have written particulars about the Inland Reven Car Park which appears elsewhere in this Chron le.

sitation Groups and Church Handbook. It has been great pleasure to see many new friends in the congr ation during the past few months. We would

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like them to know that we have a scheme whereby it is intended to keep in touch with all members of the congregation. According to where they live they are allocated to deacons who are in charge of visitation, being assisted by visitors in each district group. The purpose of this is two-fold, firstly in order that we may come to know one another better within the fellowship of the Church family and secondly, that in case of illness, bereavement or any other kind of need we may be aware of it. Addressed cards may also be obtained from the Minister, ready for posting to him should a visit from him be desired. If you have not already obtained one, please ask him for one.

The Church Officers and deacons are very anxious that everybody should be included in this visitation scheme so if your are a newcomer or are in any doubt whether you are so included, will you kindly give your name and address to the Minister, one of the stewards or to myself. All names so given will be included in the Church HANDBOOK, a new edition of which will appear in July.

As these lists are due for revision after the deacons' election in April, please act now.

H. A. Winterton.

CHRISTIAN AID.

As you will know the week of May 15-21st is this year being kept as Christian Aid Week.

About two thirds of Christian Aid's £1 million revenue comes from Christian Aid Week each May when, regardless of denomination, Church people get together to tell people of the world's most urgent needs, and to raise funds with which their own ecumenical agency feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and shelters the homeless in Christ's name.

As we give regularly throughout the year by means of monthly gifts from many people, we, as a Church are not going to make a special appeal during this week. However, if anyone feels led to make a special gift at this time we shall be only too glad to receive it.

During the week in our local shopping centre there will be a milk churn collecting gifts from

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passers-by; if anyone is willing to "man" this for a few hours one day in this week, we should be glad to have your name.

The total received in our Church for March was £24. 10. 6d.

Marjorie Hayward.

COACH TRIPS.

Will friends please note that the first trip of the season will be on Wed. May 11th when we hope to visit Leonardslee Gardens.

I should be pleased to hear of any new members who would like to join us on these friendly outings.

For further particulars please read notice on the "Order of Service papers" during April.

W. Smith.

Ministry of Flowers.

Rota for April.

April 3rd - Mr. & Mrs. A. Mercer.
" 10th - (Mrs. R. Gowan,
(Miss D. Walsh,
(Miss E. Harland.
" 17th - Mr. & Mrs. P. S. West.
" 24th - Misses I. & K. Wingrove.

E. Bond - Flower Secretary.

From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for February, 1966.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
6th Feb.	£37. 12. 0.	£20. 15. 10.
13th "	35. 0. 6.	14. 18. 3.
20th "	33. 8. 6.	11. 11. 2.
27th "	44. 14. 0.	18. 5. 6.
	£150. 15. 0.	£65. 10. 9.

Total for the month £216. 5. 9.

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The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges receipt of a further instalment of £750 from the estate of the late Mr. A. W. G. Francis.

R. O. Parker.

Inland Revenue Car Park - Barrington Road.

Permission has been granted by the Inland Revenue for the use of their Car Park by members of the Church on Sundays and Week day evenings, on the following conditions:-

1. The Church will be willing to make good any damage caused to the car park by this use
2. Indemnify the Minister against any claims for actions for damages that may be brought by reason of any such use
3. That the Government car park will be so used only as an overspill when the Church parking area is full
4. The car park would not be available if it has (on infrequent occasions) been allocated to other bodies on say a Saturday or Sunday
5. No member of the Church or Congregation will regard this privilege as conferring any right to use the car park during the day whilst they commute by rail to their daily business

In view of the increased parking facilities now afforded it is hoped that friends will use either the Church parking areas or the Government car park and assist the Police by refraining from parking in Barrington Road.

The Bible Says:-

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3, vv. 16 and 17.

P. S. W.

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A Recent Sermon Preached by our Minister.

Luke 17., 5. Lord, Increase our Faith.

It is sometimes necessary for us to remind ourselves that we use the word "faith" with different meanings. Sometimes it is used simply to mean what people believe, but sometimes the same word means not only what people believe but acting and living according to what they believe. We shall see that though these two meanings seem to be different they come to the same thing in the end.

We have all met people who have asserted that they cannot believe in God because, they say, there is insufficient evidence for that belief. These people sometimes have an air of superiority which almost suggests that those who believe anything by faith are a bit naive. If we stop to think for a moment how many things there are that every day we accept purely by faith, then we shall realise how illogical and absurd it is to refuse to make the venture of faith in one direction, when without question we make that venture in so many other directions.

What many people fail to realise is that you cannot really believe anything without that belief making an impact upon your conduct, and it is true that the reality of our faith may be measured by the degree of its impact upon our life. The person who says "I believe in God" but does not regularly worship God either publicly or privately and who gives no thought or care to His word, but who suddenly starts praying very earnestly in a time of trouble, does in fact belie in God. The faith of such a person, however, is to lly and obviously different from that of the perso who regularly worships God both publicly and priva ly, whose joy and delight is in such worship, who i diligent in seeking the better to know and under and the word of God, and who conscientiously endea urs to interpret that word in every part of life.

the passage from which our text is taken Jesus

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had been talking about forgiveness. The disciples thought they understood what forgiveness was and no doubt knew what it was both to forgive and be forgiven. The teaching of Jesus however was that there was no limit to forgiveness, no point at which you say "so far and no further", no area of sin of which you can say "I can forgive everything else, but not this". Forgiveness in the thought of Jesus knows no bounds, and it was when the disciples realised this and how far the teaching of Jesus seems to depart from the bounds of ordinary commonsense that they said, "Lord, increase our faith". Surely the more we hear and learn of God's word, the more we try to understand the significance of the teaching of Jesus for ordinary daily living, the more we too shall find ourselves praying "Lord, increase our faith" - But how can our faith be increased.

When you move to a new area to live one of the things you have to do is to find a new doctor. You may not know anybody whose advice you can seek, but just around the corner there is a house with a Doctor's plate in the gate, he is obviously the nearest and most convenient so you register with him. You register with a small degree of faith because you know that he has been trained and that enough people have trusted him to enable him to carry on a practice. If, as soon as you arrive in a new district you go to a church and get to know one or two people you may well start asking folk to recommend a doctor to you (though if you pursue this course far enough you will discover that though some doctors may be very popular there isn't one of whom somebody would not say "I wouldn't go to him if I were you"). As a result of your enquiries you register with a doctor with a bit more faith than would have been possible if you had been able to make no enquiries at all. It is when you are ill however, and must call in your new doctor that you find out his worth and if you are fortunate this experience increases your faith in him.

It is no good our praying "Lord, increase our faith" and simply waiting to see what happens, certainly we need to pray for faith, but we must work at it

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ourselves, we may only increase our faith as we put it into action. Under some circumstances it may seem unreasonable to forgive, but we do so because we know this is the Christian thing to do - we may find that it doesn't do the person forgiven any good, that, on the contrary, he has taken advantage of it, but nonetheless we realise that we are spiritually the richer for having forgiven rather than having harboured bitter thoughts of ill-will in our hearts. To have forgiven has increased our faith. The only way to increase our faith is to put it into practice, but we must always remember that the source of our faith is God Himself, thus we can never increase our faith alone, but only as we cooperate with God.

Wallis Hayward, Minister.

THE FAMILY.

Although she had been ailing for several years, the passing of Miss Bolt was quite sudden; we are thankful for her love for the Church and remember her friend Miss Jennings.

Miss Thomson is improving.

Mrs. Epps is in hospital with a nervous breakdown, and we hope she will soon be better.

Mr. Stredwick has made good progress.

Mrs. Watson has had a fall and broken her arm and Miss Dymot too has had a fall and broken her knee-cap.

Mr. James has been suffering with his leg as a resul+ of his accident and we are glad he is better.

s. Emery has had a heart attack and is now a littl better.

. Ford, who will not be having an operation, will on be coming back to Worthing to enter Gifford House ntil Miss Ford is well enough to look after him.

s. Stratton and Mrs. Arnold are both improving.

ss Huckle is slowly improving and is now at home.

s. Sawtell is going into hospital for an eye opera on which we hope will be beneficial.

arty congratulations to Miss J. Stephens on her appoi.. ment as a Sister at Worthing Hospital.

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GROUP NOTES.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

In the past month we have been unfortunate to lose the services of Miss Jane Watkins as a teacher in our Junior Department due to pressure of work. Miss Watkins has given valuable assistance to us and we shall all miss her in Junior Church.

On Palm Sunday, April 3rd at 3.0 p.m. we shall be holding a Family Service in the the Church. Mr. Hayward will be leading our worship and during the service, attendance certificates and prizes for 1965 will be presented. We extend a warm invitation to all members of the Church and Congregation to join us.

E. C. Bond.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Please note these two dates in your diary.

Wednesday April 27th when the Rev. Michael Phillips, a missionary from Langtang & Kwolla, Nigeria will speak at our Church.

Saturday June 11th when the Annual Missionary Rally will be held this year at our Church.

We hope for your support on both these occasions.

THE MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

After the Easter break we meet again on April 25th for "Play Reading" - a warm and friendly welcome awaits members and newcomers, so do join us in the Church Hall on alternate Mondays at EIGHT.

BOOK THIS DATE.

Monday 23rd May at 8 p.m. - a welcome to all the congregation to join us for "Any Questions" in aid of the Home Churches Fund - full details in next month's Chronicle.

J. L.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

In a very lively talk, richly blended with humour and pathos Mrs. Gordon Phillips, General Manager and Secretary of the Cecil Houses in London, told us on March 15th of their beginnings, aims and expansion. She brought the words of an American poet to mind:-

"Large streams from little Fountains flow,
Tall Oaks from little Acorns grow."

for her account of achievements up to the present show they have far out-distanced the early dreams of the movement's pioneer.

She was Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, sister-in-law of G. K. Chesterton. A friend told her one evening that he had been asked by a poor woman for a few coppers so that she could get a bed somewhere. This weighed on Mrs. Chesterton's mind and she lived the life of a destitute woman in London for two weeks to see how the women fared and how she could supply at least their simplest needs, a cheap clean bed and washing facilities, for she found that when they had barely any money, they chose food before cleanliness.

Mrs. Phillips helped Mrs. Chesterton to start her work in 1926. First it was one lodging house for which women paid 1/-d a night, which included bread and margerine for supper and breakfast, a clean bed and hot water, soap and a towel.

TODAY there are Night Shelters, a Residential home for 72 girls, and a residential club with two wards for the sick, for 90 old-age pensioners. These old ladies, mostly over 80 and many over 90, pay £3.4.0d a week, leaving them 16/-d pocket money. The actual cost of keeping each one is £7 per week, the balar e being made up by grants from some County Councils, onations and gifts from the public, thus making the c tinuance of this wonderful work possible. We were ad to be able to help with a retiring collection ounting to over £8.

ril 12th being Easter Tuesday there will be no meeti .

ril 26th Mrs. Somerset will be telling us how many ' ld customs' originated and we look forward to a mos interesting talk.

L. B. R.
B. E.

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MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

The present session closes with our Easter Meeting on April 5th at 2.45 for 3 p.m. Our Minister will speak on the "Language of the Cross". We extend a warm welcome to all men of the Church and Congregation to join us in this annual Easter devotional hour.

On Feb. 22nd our Deputy Chairman Mr. A. E. Pearn spoke on Immortality or Extinction. Life beyond the present is a matter on which most people today spare little thought but a revival of interest in the teaching of Jesus on this subject and in the witness of the early Christians after His resurrection is vital for the uplifting of the moral standards of our times. A lively discussion followed the address ranging over the expanding universe, the life cycle of the butterfly, scientific evidence of survival and the happy promise in the Christian fervour of youth assembly delegates recently shewn on television.

On March 8th we accompanied Mr. Reynolds on a "German Journey", sailing up the Rhine with its castles and folk-lore, we visited Bavaria and the haunts of the mad musical Ludwig, the Passion Play village of Oberammergau and show-capped Zugspitze. In Austria we had a quick look at Saltzburg and Innsbruck, finishing our journey over the Gross Glockner Pass. A delightful afternoon illustrated with some excellent colour slides.

P. W. H.

STOP PRESS. We have just heard that Mr. H. Spence was elected yesterday afternoon as the new Secretary of the Men's Afternoon Fellowship. We wish him well in this new responsibility and congratulate Mr. Pepperdine on the excellent work he has done over the past seven years. Full particulars of the A.G.M. will be reported in the May "Chronicle".

From the SECRETARY'S DESK. Many matters are reported elsewhere in this issue emanating from our Secretary's pen so that we have little from him here.

Weddings. On Mar.1st, Edgar Ernest Tatchell to Gladys Letitia Sales.

On Mar 8th, Alan Henry Saunders to Margaret Ann Clark.

Death. On Mar. 4th, Miss F. M. Bolt.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1966.

1st Fri.	JUMBLE SALE 2.30 p.m.
3rd SUN.	11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Cantata by Choir at evening Service. The Last Supper by Eric Thiman.
5th Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Men's Afternoon Fellowship, 2.45 for 3 p.m. Devotional Hour "The Language of the Cross" Speaker - our Minister.
7th Thurs.	Maundy Service 7.30 p.m. at West Worthing Baptist Church, South Street, Tarring.
8th FRI.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 11 a.m.
	EASTER DAY. Communion 8.0 a.m.
10th SUN.	11 a.m. morning worship, Communion follows. 6.30 p.m. evening worship do.
13th Wed.	Missionary Committee, 6.30 p.m. Choir Committee 7.45 p.m.
14th Thurs.	Day of Prayer - 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Teacher's Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
17th SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
19th Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
20th Wed.	Free Church Federal Council Rally, St. Columba's Presbyterian Church at 7.0 p.m. Induction of Mr. A. E. Pearn as President.
24th SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m
25th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship 8.0 p.m. - Play Reading.
26th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship, "Old Customs" by Mrs. M. Somerset.
28th Thurs.	Annual Church Business Meeting 7.30 p.m. Election of Officers, Deacons, Delegates and Representatives.
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1st SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
8th SUN.	Junior Church Anniversary - Preacher Rev. C. C. Franks of Purley.

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My dear Friends,

Writing this letter in Easter Week I am still full of thankfulness for our Passiontide and Easter Services and grateful to all who contributed to them. To the organist and choir for "The Last Supper" which was very moving and for the music of all our services, to the Minister and friends of West Worthing Baptist Church for a very beautiful service on Maundy Thursday, to those who decorated the Church for Easter Day - in fact to all who served in any way.

This reminds me that we ought sometimes to express our appreciation of the weekly printing of the Order of Service, the use of which adds dignity to our worship; and for the selection of so wide and varied a range of prayers for the front of the Order; these often enable us to share even more fully in the act of praying.

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There are two events of special importance this month to which I want to draw your attention. The first is the Junior Church Anniversary on May 8th, when the visiting preacher will be the Rev. C. C. Franks of Purley. There are two reasons why both these services should receive the fullest support of the whole Church. The first is because we want to let the children know that they belong to the Church and the Church to them, that we and they together make Christ's family; we want also to give practical assurance to the leaders and teachers of our constant and prayerful support of their work. The second thing that makes this a red letter day indeed is the return to the Church of Rev. Cyril Franks to whom we all owe more than we can adequately say for his ministry here. I have heard that Mrs. Franks and the children will be accompanying Mr. Franks, and we want them to feel our welcome just as surely. I wonder if we could, as a Church manage to give the children a perfectly happy day by not one of us saying to any of them "How you have grown" - "I remember you when you were so high", or "I used to look after you when you were a baby". The truth is that all children hate this sort of remark which makes them feel like natural history specimens.

The other occasion of importance is the Free Church Council Festival of Praise at the Assembly Hall on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 p.m. Our own choir will be sharing in this Festival, there will be a collection for Christian Aid, and of course we must support this year's Council President, our own Mr. A. E. Pearn.

I promised a few weeks ago that I would occasionally give a list of paperbacks which folks might like to obtain and read. The first list is in this issue of the magazine; I hope it will prove useful.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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BOOK LIST.

Two excellent commentaries, both arranged in sections which facilitate devotional reading.

St. Luke by G. B. Caird (Pelican 6/-).
The Revelation by T. F. Glasson (Cambridge Bible Commentary - 8/6d).

"A Religion for Agnostics", Nathaniel Micklem (S. C. M. 7/6d).
A splendid little book looking at modern theological thought and simply written.

"The Plain Man looks at the Lord's Prayer", William Barclay (Fontana 2/6d).
Excellent devotional reading.

"With Love to the Church", Monica Furlong (Hodder 4/6d).
An impatient and occasionallly unjust criticism of the Church born out of love, challenging reading.

"The Forgotten People", Norman S. Power (Arthur James, Ltd., 7/6d).
The heart cry of a vicar in a working-class district of Birmingham for slum clearance with compassion. This book ought to be read by comfortable people.

Miss Ford wishes to convey her grateful thanks to all friends for their prayers and kind enquiries during her period in hospital.

Ed.

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THE FAMILY.

Miss Ford is out of hospital and Mr. Ford has moved to a nursing home; they both look forward to getting home soon and trust they may both now enjoy a spell of good health.

Miss Huckle, Mrs. Thomson of Angus Road, Mrs. Epps, Mrs. Sawtell and Mr. Stredwick are all home from hospital and making progress.

Mrs. Emery is slowly improving.

Miss Dymott has had a slight set-back, we hope she will quickly improve.

Hearty congratulations to both Mr. & Mrs. Peter Thomson and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker on their recent marriage.

We also congratulate Miss Christine Dobson on her engagement to Mr. Michael Sproule.

The Minister.

CHRISTIAN AID.

May I remind you that our special week for Christian Aid is from May 15th to May 21st. Will you remember this week in your prayers?

Our total of gifts for April was

£13. 14. 0.

for which many thanks.

Marjorie Hayward.

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COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH, 1966.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
6th March	£35. 18. 0.	£19. 16. 10.
13th do.	35. 10. 6.	14. 8. 9.
20th do.	35. 2. 6.	17. 6. 6.
27th do.	36. 19. 6.	13. 7. 7.
	£143. 10. 6.	£64. 19. 8.

Total for the month - £208. 10. 2d.

R. O. P.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for May.

May 1st - Mrs. E. Townsend.
8th - Junior Church Anniversary.
15th - Mr. & Mrs. T. Howe.
22nd - Mr. & Mrs. L. Boyce.
29th - Misses H. & M. Grey.

Mrs. E. Bond,
Secretary.

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GROUP NOTES.

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

"Never cast a clout 'til May is out", so goes the old saying, but we are sure you won't heed the warning if you know you will be helping our annual Jumble Sale on Friday May 20th. Proceeds this year are for the purchase of new uniforms.

So - come on folks, 'get with it' and help us to make this a bumper sale and so look forward to a smart company turn-out.

For collection please phone Miss Ragan at W. 41180 or Swandean 1593.

We thank you for your support at our Coffee Evening which was very successful - we made just over £10.

M. S. Dobson.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On Sunday 8th May we shall be celebrating our twenty-second Anniversary and this year our services will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Franks of Purley Congregational Church. We are looking forward to having Mr. Franks to lead our worship on this day, and hope that all our friends will join us in our thanks-giving.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

We are pleased to say the Jumble Sale realised approximately £64, and on behalf of the Working Party I would like to thank all the ladies and

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gentlemen who helped in any way whatsoever, with a special word for our caretaker Mr. James who is always so helpful on these occasions.

Mrs. Edmonds wishes a note under the Working Party heading, that a Coffee Morning will be held at 122, Palatine Road on Wednesday May 18th at 10.30 to 12 noon. Funds to supply wool for Bazaar knitting.

The Guild Working Party gives a warm welcome to members of the Church and Congregation to an "AT HOME" in the Church Hall on Tuesday May 3rd at 3.0 o'clock. We hope you will enjoy the tea and light entertainment which will be provided.

E. Townsend.

THE CHOIR.

On Sunday evening, April 3rd, "The Last Supper", a cantata by Eric Thiman, was performed by the Choir. During recent years we have become gradually attuned to the modern musical idiom so Thiman's music did not fall too strangely on the majority of ears.

The cantata was rendered with sympathy and understanding, and the organ, the solos and the choir singing were deeply pleasing and much enjoyed by the congregation.

We should like to express our thanks and appreciation to the organist and the choir, not only for special performances like this one on Palm Sunday, but also for the faithful and helpful leading of the singing of the congregation Sunday by Sunday.

Anon.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

This last month the Fellowship has certainly been learning what ordinary women can accomplish if only they have the courage to work out their ideals. After the story of Mrs. Cecil Chesterton's achievements in London, a fortnight later we were told the story of four Canadian housewives. Fired by the idea that women ought to share in International Co-operation Year and that that share should be towards a greater understanding between women of all lands - they set out to do just that. The four set off across the Pacific to Australasia and the Far East meeting women of all creeds and classes and no classes at all, just to discuss each others needs and problems and above all to make friends.

Everywhere they met with genuine interest and approval of their aims. On their way they were joined by women of other nationalities who travelled with them for at least part of the journey. In Ceylon our speaker, Mrs. S. Cookson - a Sussex lady - joined them, and her story, illustrated with her beautiful colour pictures, gave us a fresh viewpoint of the women in Ceylon, India and Pakistan. It was a humbling thought for Western women that it is in the East that men have first entrusted women with the tremendous task of leading their country's affairs.

D. W.

On May 10th we have our Annual General Meeting when we hope for a very good attendance as we have had in the past few years. To mix pleasure with business, Mrs. Cozens-Walker is to be our soloist. The title of our programme for May 24th is "I was there", when we hope various friends will tell us some of their experiences. Up to the time of writing this report members have been shy in coming forward: please ladies, peep into your past and decide to tell us about some interesting event. I shall be glad to hear from you.

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May 24th is our last meeting before the summer recess. We hope to welcome you again on Sept. 13th.

L. B. R.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

At the business Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March Mr. Pepperdine gave up his position as Secretary and Mr. Percy West resigned as Treasurer.

The elections resulted in the following positions being filled:-

President and Chairman	Rev. Wallis Hayward.
Deputy Chairman	Mr. A. E. Pearn.
Secretary	Mr. H. Spence.
Treasurer	Mr. A. E. Edmonds.
Registrar	Mr. R. Pepperdine.

The Committee would include all of the foregoing plus Mr. F. Dearsley and Mr. R. O. Parker. The Committee would thus consist of seven members but other members of the Fellowship could be co-opted for special occasions.

Now that the Men's Afternoon Fellowship has been placed on a business-like footing, it is interesting to note the progress that has been made.

Formed in the late Autumn of 1954 this Fellowship had to struggle for existence in early days since only ten or twelve attended. For this reason earlier secretaries were hard put to it to arrange attractive programmes, this for obvious reasons. But with the growth of the Church, and starting some seven years ago, Mr. Robert Pepperdine was enabled to gradually get speakers of note, and his efforts in this direction have now built up a membership of 60; and this efficient work has been doubly appreciated since, in later time, he was handicapped with eyesight trouble, and an operation.

So in welcoming Mr. H. Spence as our new Secretary and Mr. A. E. Edmonds as our Treasurer, we re-

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cord our grateful thanks to Mr. Pepperdine and to Mr. P. West for all they have done in these official positions.

C. H. C.

At the Men's Fellowship meeting on the 22nd March, Mr. James Dearsley, speaking on "An Industry that is not well known", revealed some of the mysteries of the work of a "hide merchant and fellmonger", A DEALER IN HIDES AND SHEEPSKINS. The cleansing and grading of the skins and the pulling and classification of the hair and wool and general principles of the trade formed an interesting story added to by a large group of samples.

The Easter meeting on April 5th took the form of a devotional service, conducted by Mr. Pearn, at which Mr. Hayward spoke on the "Language of the Cross". Of the many words descriptive of the Cross, the supreme word is Love. Man's sin creates a barrier separating us from the pure and holy God, and it is the wonderful love of Jesus who lived our life and died on the Cross which breaks down the barrier and unites us with the all-loving Father.

P. W. H.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

On May 9th the opportunity to get yourselves into shape for the summer holidays - a "Keep Fit" demonstration and, for those who wish, an opportunity to participate.

On May 23rd at 8 p.m. an invitation to all the congregation to join us for "ANY QUESTIONS" - Light refreshments free of charge. Retiring collection in aid of the Home Churches Fund. Questions to be submitted to Mrs. J. Lester, 32, Walpole Ave., not later than Monday May 16th.

Thank you.

J. L.

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FREE CHURCH CHOIRS FESTIVAL.

The seventh Annual Free Church Choirs Festival of Praise will be held in the Assembly Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25th May. The theme of the Festival this year is "Praise" and the combined choirs will be singing some bright and tuneful anthems.

In addition the organisers have been very fortunate to secure the well-known contralto Marjorie Thomas as soloist. Our Church Choir is one of the participating choirs and it is hoped that Church Members and friends will support the festival and help to make it an inspiring service.

Choir Members will have programmes shortly and a collection for Christian Aid will be taken. The Secretary hopes to be able to send at least £100 to the Council of Churches.

Our own Mr. A. E. Pearn is the President of the Worthing and District Free Church Federal Council which is responsible for arranging the Festival - another reason why we should attend.

THE BIBLE SAYS:-

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs, chapter 12, v. 24.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before Kings, he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs, chapter 22, v. 29.

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A sermon from the Minister.

Forgive us our Trespasses
As we forgive them that trespass against us.

Why is the second clause of this phrase of the Lord's Prayer necessary? Why is it not enough for us simply to pray to be forgiven? Not only here, but elsewhere in His teaching Jesus insisted that it is no good our asking for forgiveness unless we are already ourselves, forgiving. Are we to understand that God refuses to forgive us unless we forgive others? This cannot be true for if it were it would be possible for a human being to be more forgiving than God. Let us imagine that A sins against B, B refuses to forgive A, therefore God refuses to forgive B. If B refuses to forgive A then he has ill-will in his heart against A. Let us imagine they meet again, A tries to patch up the breach between himself and B but B rejects A's advances and shows his ill-will. A however, forgives B and refuses to entertain ill-will towards him. Now we have the situation in which God refuses to forgive B because he is unforgiving but A does forgive him, thus A is more forgiving than God, which is absurd. In the same way we could show the absurdity of suggesting that God's forgiveness is in proportion to our forgiveness.

There cannot be any sin that God does not forgive. God must be utterly forgiving of all sins of all people or He would not be God. But Jesus spoke of the unforgiveable sin - what about that? The unforgiveable sin is not what God will not forgive but what He cannot forgive, even though He is forgiving.

Sin breaks the relationship between God and man. Forgiveness restores the broken relationship, but a relationship can only be created or restored by two persons, it cannot be done by one person by himself. God forgives our sin even before it is committed, God's nature is eternal forgiveness, love can do no else, but when the relationship between man and God

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is broken by sin, God although forgiving, cannot restore that relationship because He cannot enter into a relationship with a heart in which there is evil. Let us illustrate this with the story of the Prodigal. As soon as the son broke his relationship with the father by going into the far country the father was forgiving towards the son, but his forgiveness could not restore the relationship as long as the son was happy without the father, the relationship was only restored when the son came back and accepted the father's forgiveness. When the younger brother came back the elder sinned because he was unforgiving, immediately the father forgave him and went out to him, but the elder brother had ill-will and resentment in his heart and would not accept the father's forgiveness, therefore the broken relationship could not be restored.

Next we must ask ourselves 'what do we have to forgive anyway?' We recognise that God has a great deal to forgive us, but isn't it true that we usually have nothing to forgive others, at most we only have to forgive petty irritations or quite minor offences - unless of course we magnify such offences, and when we do, ours is the greater sin. Can you remember the last occasion on which you felt the need to show the spirit of forgiveness?

Here we must remind ourselves that this is a universal prayer, we are praying with the world and for the world, and when we remind ourselves of this we may really find ourselves up against the question of forgiveness. Have we really forgiven the cruelties of war and concentration camps? Have we forgiven Dr. Verwoerd and the people who practice apartheid? Can we think of such things without any bitterness or ill-will whatsoever? We would all agree that child murder, accompanied as it so often is by what we might call worse than murder, is a hideous crime, but is it not dreadfully sad that in the recent election, in at least one constituency, the demand for a return of hanging was one of the major issues. We are all angered at some time by senseless rowdyism and vandalism,

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does this make us who preach the Gospel of love demand a return of the birch. But, you may say, forgiveness does not necessarily mean that there shall be no punishment, no, but it must be punishment of which the only purpose is the salvation of the punished. Yet some people who demand a return of hanging and birching pray "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive". This morning we have prayed this prayer together - are you sure that your heart is free from all resentment, ill-will or bitterness against your fellow-men?

WORTHING FREE CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Annual Rally was held this year on Wednesday April 20th at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church. There was quite a good assembly despite the weather, and our own Church was well represented.

After a very comprehensive report from the Secretary we had the induction of the new President for 1966/7. This was our own Mr. A. E. Pearn, who subsequently preached the sermon. This was entitled "Our Free Church Heritage" and, as can be imagined, covered many subjects of importance and interest.

The main theme, however, was that we are in danger of forgetting and losing many of the ideals and purposes for which our forefathers fought and suffered.

We came away with a deep sense of gratitude and privilege in being able to take part in this Service and in such a beautiful setting as St. Columba's.

H. S.

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From the Secretary's desk.

WEDDING.

On April 2nd Peter Jocelyn Thomson to Margaret Pauline Mercer.

Change of address.

Mrs. V. Nuttall, Flat 3, Rylstone House, 6, Chaucer Road, Worthing. Telephone W. 9334

Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Thomson, 14, Boxgrove, Goring Green, Worthing.

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Appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Bond and helpers for the beautiful way in which the Church was decorated for their daughter's wedding. Also, their thanks to Mr. Rathbone for arranging that Margaret's uncle, Mr. Peter Mercer should be the organist, and the many friends who joined with us in the service.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for MAY, 1966.

1st SUN.	Divine Worship, 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
3rd Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party "At Home", 3 pm.
8th SUN.	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Preacher: Rev. C. C. Franks of Purley.
9th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship. A "Keep Fit" demonstration.
10th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship. Annual General Meeting, 3 p.m.
12th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER, 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. British & Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting of Worthing Auxiliary.
15th SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p,m.
16th to 19th	Assembly of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, Westminster Chapel.
18th Wed.	Coffee Morn. 10.30 - 12 at 122, Palatine Rd. to provide funds for Bazaar knitting.
20th Fri.	Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale.
22nd SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
23rd Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship, 8.0 p.m. "Any Questions". Colln. for Home Churches Fund.
24th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship "Members' Tales".
25th Wed.	Free Church Choirs Rally, Assembly Hall,
26th Thurs.	Deacons' Meeting, 7.30 p.m. (7.30 pm.
29th SUN.	Whitsunday. Divine Worship 11 am. & 6.30 pm.
June	
1st Wed.	Missionary Committee.
2nd Thurs.	Church Meeting.
11th Sat.	Missionary Rally.
19th SUN.	Church Anniversary. Preacher: Dr.C.Duthrie, Principal of New College.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

What a happy day we had for the Junior Church Anniversary. It was a great joy to very many to have the Rev. Cyril Franks and family at Goring again. The children did splendidly and all in any way responsible for the day are to be congratulated. More about all this I must not say or I shall be stealing somebody else's thunder, but I must add two personal thoughts - I was overjoyed that the children were so well supported by the Church, and I greatly enjoyed sitting in the congregation and worshipping with you all. It is a very good thing for a minister to worship as a member of the congregation in his own church sometimes.

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I shall be out of the pulpit on two consecutive Sundays in June. On June 12th I have accepted an invitation to exchange pulpits with the Rev. Stanley Shepherd for the Portslade Church Anniversary. Mr. Shepherd needs no introduction to Goring to which Church he has been a good friend; he has also been a personal friend of mine since we were at College together. June 19th is our own Church Anniversary when our special preacher will be Dr. Charles Duthie, Principal of New College. This will be Dr. Duthie's first visit to us, and we are privileged that he is able to come. On this Sunday I shall be with the Bible Class for morning worship and in the congregation in the evening.

On Saturday 11th June the District London Missionary Society Rally will be held in our own Church from 3.15 to 6.30 p.m. I hope we shall, as a Church give this rally very strong support.

Saturday June 25th will be Gift Day, as last year, Mrs. Hayward and I would like to make this the occasion for an "At Home" at the Manse from 10.30 - 12.30 in the morning and 4 - 6 o'clock in the afternoon. This arrangement is, of course, dependent upon the weather being suitable for us to use the garden. If it should be wet the Gift Day will be at the Church. This Gift Day marks the launching of our Development Fund for the building of our new premises, the first phase of which we hope to complete this year. I know that this task seems to be so large as to be almost frightening, but let us have both courage and faith to go forward. I hope this first step will give us great encouragement. Hoping for a fine day Mrs. Hayward and I look forward to the pleasure of greeting you in our home.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

It came as a great shock to many of us to hear of the sudden serious illness of Miss Appelbee so shortly to be followed by news of her passing. In the constant companionship of her sister, Mrs. F. M. James, this gracious lady had seemed so full of vigour. She had faithfully supported many of the Church's activities and will be much missed from our fellowship. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. James.

At the Church Meeting on June 30th the members will be invited to accept a tender for Phase 1 of the Development Plan. The Architect, Mr. Lionel Cleverly will be in attendance to answer questions.

NEW MEMBERS:

Misses A. & F. Wharhirst.

H. A. Winterton.

Collections for April, 1966.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
3rd April	£44. 13. 0.	£21. 12. 7.
10th " Easter	39. 14. 0.	33. 9. 5.
17th "	31. 19. 0.	14. 19. 7.
24th "	31. 13. 6.	14. 14. 0.
	£147. 19. 6.	£84. 15. 7.

Total for the month - £232. 15. 1d.

R. O. Parker,
Church Treasurer.

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THE FAMILY.

We record, with thought and prayers for Mrs. James, the passing of Miss Appelbee. Miss Appelbee was a faithful and devoted member of our Church and greatly loved by all who knew her.

Our thoughts have also been with Miss Good in the loss of her sister, and Miss Sexton in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. Pinder has undergone a serious operation and we hope will make good progress.

Miss Ashton has been off work for a fortnight but is now better.

Mrs. Duff is now in a nursing home as the result of the illness of Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. Emery continues to get stronger.

The latest news we have of Miss Huckle is that she has gone to London again to see her specialist, we hope she will return with good news.

The Minister.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Let thine eyes look right on and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Proverbs, Chap. 4, Verses 23 - 25.

P. S. W.

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From the Editor.

I have received two requests to express appreciation - one from Mrs. Emery who "wishes to convey her grateful thanks to all friends for their prayers, kind enquiries and visits" during her illness. And from Mrs. Edmonds, who wishes to thank all who supported the Coffee morning held on the 18th May at her home. The sum of £5.14. 0. was realized, which will be used to supply wool for knitting for the Bazaar.

Then I must comment on the news that Rev. Stanley Shepherd will be visiting us on the 12th June to lead us in worship on that day. As Secretary of the Sussex Congregational Union we receive from him news of the Churches in our County and his newsletter is now a regular feature contained in our own "Chronicle" quarterly. To this it also seems the occasion to add something about The Home Churches, to which our Minister referred in an impressive sermon delivered following the momentous May Meetings. As we congregationalists are members of an independent Church but are also dependent on each other, the Home Churches Fund serves to aid the smaller and less favoured (financially) fellowships throughout England and Wales. As Editor, I am taking this opportunity to stress the need for our Church in its wealth, to remember this dependence of others.

MISSIONARY RALLY.

This will take place on Saturday June 11th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. and closing at 6.15 p.m. The principal speakers will be the Rev. G. M. Ward, B.D., and Mrs. Ward, who are home on furlough from Daru Island.

We need your prayers and support for this important meeting which will be a farewell to the

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L. M. S. and C. M. S. and to welcome the commencement of the Congregational Council for World Mission (C. C. W. M.).

F. D.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - 1966.

A meeting of the Bazaar Committee will be held in the Hut on Friday 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. Will all organisations of the Church who wish to be identified with the Bazaar please arrange to be represented.

J. M. J.

BAZAAR GIFT STALL.

Stall members are arranging Garden Coffee mornings and the first will be by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Dobson at Skyline, Chute Ave., High Salvington on June 22nd, 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. "Skyline" is in a beautiful setting and one can look down from the "Heights" to our beautiful church.

On July 20th the second coffee morning will be by invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds of 97, Littlehampton Road from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. This is a lovely garden and will delight all. Cars must be parked in Lindrum Road.

Then on Saturday August 6th a Garden Party will be held at 5, Parklands Avenue, the home of Mrs. Nodes from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This has proved a happy annual feature of our "gardens" meetings.

On August 17th Mr. and Mrs. Hite ask us to their new home at 17, Elgin Road for coffee at 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.

On Wednesday August 31st Mr. and Mrs. Bond will entertain us for coffee at 20, Warnham Road at 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. We remember we enjoyed an hour with them two years ago.

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The final coffee morning will be held on Sept, 14th at Minstead, 11, Arlington Close, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley West, where our Editor prepares the Chronicle month by month.

There will be no sideshows at these coffee mornings.

We hope you will support all these efforts and all money taken will be divided between the stalls for the Bazaar.

Any car owners who can assist intending visitors to the coffee mornings will be warmly welcomed.

C. M. Nodes.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

ROTA FOR JUNE.

June 5th - Mr. & Mrs. S. Grew.
12th - Mr. & Mrs. N. Gregory.
19th - Mr. & Mrs. E. Bond. } Church
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hite. } Anniversary.
Mr. & Mrs. Wills. }
26th - Mr. & Mrs. H. Winterton.

E. Bond.
Secretary.

Our old friend Mr. C. H. Cornwall says that our Church Chronicle should make some reference to a former friend of our Church who is soon to leave this country. So Mr. Wood has written as follows:-

Another break with the past.

Links with the past are often broken in a growing church, and all who knew Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Iveson, formerly of "Reedley", 38, The Strand, Goring, will be sorry to say farewell to Mrs. Iveson, now temporarily living at Hove, this prior to sailing to

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New Zealand in September next to live with her brother whom she has not seen for 40 years!

Mr. and Mrs. Iveson came to Worthing about 1953 and both became active workers in our Church life, giving valued help in many of our Bazaars. Mr. Iveson gave loyal support to the Men's Stalls, and overexertion in this way led to a breakdown in health, and for over seven years he was devotedly nursed by his wife until his passing in 1965.

Mrs. Iveson, known to many at that time, also helped with the Ladies' Working Party Stalls and she will be missed by all who knew her. She will take with her our love, and leave behind happy memories. May God bless and guide her in her travels as she sets out on her new life.

C. S. C. Wood.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. E. W. J. West who celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Friday, 27th May. Mr. West was Church Treasurer for six years until 1st January, 1951, when he was succeeded by the late Mr. G. L. Nodes. Mr. West was a valued member of the Building Committee for the Church Hall and he remembers the tremendous enthusiasm for this development in the life of Goring. He enjoys morning attendance at Church when he is accompanied by his daughter Miss M. A. West. Many who were "in the know" were privileged to wish him a happy birthday on THE DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We are happy to say that Mr. Edward Hite and Mr. Colin Redman both have passed the Intermediate examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. In congratulating them we also extend our best wishes for the next two years while they study for the Finals.

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A SERMON FROM OUR MINISTER.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all they soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself."

In the gospel according to St. Luke, when Jesus had accepted these words as being the very heart both of the Jewish law and of this Gospel, His questioner asked 'and who is my neighbour?', to which Jesus replied with what we call the parable of the Good Samaritan.

We often remind ourselves that a parable is intended to say one thing and that it is mistaken to try to draw more out of it. Here we can quite simply say that what Jesus meant by loving your neighbour was caring for any man who is in need, no matter who or what he may be. There is of course, no question of loving in which you love those who are dear to you, but of feeling a person's need so that you begin to bear it yourself.

This is of course a very popular parable and contains a very popular conception, it is so well known that anybody, with little or no knowledge of the Gospel, may speak of one who does an act of kindness as a good Samaritan! It is the parable that is seized upon by those who, though they have no regard for God at all, are nonetheless devoted, sometimes even sacrificially, to the service of their fellowmen, and some of these are not slow to point out that the men who passed by were the men of religion - they may even have been on their way to serve God in the Temple and have left the sufferer by the wayside, not because they lacked pity, but either because to have stopped would have made them too late for worship, or unclean so that they could not partake in it.

Despite all this, whoever may imagine that the teaching of Jesus can be entirely fulfilled by living

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in the spirit of the parable of the Good Samaritan is mistaken. Too many imagine that by living up to the common standards of decency, by being kind, or even by sacrificial service of their fellows, they are being Christian. This is not so. The heart of the Gospel is "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind". Yes, alright, but what on earth do we mean by loving God? We have already said that loving your fellow men does not mean feeling about them as you feel about your dearest - what does it mean to love God?

What I want to suggest is that when we talk about loving God, we are talking about entering into a relationship with Him. Indeed, that the whole of life is a question of relationships, that is, its meaning and purpose. Relationships, however, are of many different degrees. A person goes out to do some shopping and walking along the road passes many people whom he does not know and with whom he has no relationship at all, he accidently bumps into somebody, they each smile and apologise - they have a momentary relationship, but each is influenced by it because each has been pleasant to the other; he meets the man up the road, and chats for a few minutes - he goes into a shop and enters into a relationship with the shop assistant, a relationship which may be pleasant or unpleasant to either or both of them - he gets home and tells his wife all about it. All these are degrees of relationship and each has some influence on each of the persons concerned.since something passes between the two. We go from this to think of the fuller degrees of relationship, parents and children, husband and wife, such relationships have so great an influence on every one of us that we know they can be and are decisive in influencing our lives.

To love God is to enter into a relationship with God so that the spirit of God has its impact upon and influence in our life, to love God with all our heart and all our mind is to enter into so perfect a relationship with God that life becomes filled with His

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spirit. As our relationship with God grows so the influence of God in our life must touch all our contacts with our fellows and we shall minister to their needs, not because we are kind and good, but because of His spirit within us. The Christian Life must be a life of constant growth in relationship with God and therefore of His spirit within, but this cannot be achieved by our own will, but only as we seek God through Worship and Prayer.

SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.
1st - 3rd April, 1966.

THE END OF THE BEGINNING.

The three of us who were fortunate enough to be sent by the Church to the Sussex Congregational Youth Conference held at Eastbourne in April this year, were Valerie Armstrong, Mary Dobson and Hilary Stephens.

There were approximately 120 people thereand our Chairman was the Rev. Norman Jones - Chairman of the Sussex Congregational Union, who kept a "Fatherly eye on things". We were very fortunate to have the Rev. Eric Burton as our speaker. He gave us three conference talks -

(1) "The Big Story Breaking" - emphasizing Christ as the "Victor" and not the "Victim". At this session we were shewn a film "The News on Good Friday". This is a contemporary News Bulletin, including interviews of the people concerned with the Crucifixion.

(11) "The Greatest Drama ever staged". This talk concerned Pilate and his attitude towards his controversial situation. During this session we were shown a film "A Man Dies". This is the story of the Crucifixion as contemporized by a Bristol Youth Group. This was to be an example for us to follow in the work of the conference.

(111) "Let Loose in the World". This was designed to prove to us the truth of the resurrection, and to show us that we meet Christ everyday in

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our fellow men - the poor, the sick, the needy etc.

These talks punctuated the group activities of the Conferance. We were divided into seven groups, each of which was given part of the Passion Story to contemporize. We had just Saturday and Sunday to produce between us a programme of worship for the evening service at Upperton Congregational Church and time for only one brief rehearsal.

Most of the groups dramatized their parts, but group one, opened the worship by singing their own composition of a "spiritual" accompanied by a guitar. We were able to use the whole of the Church as our stage thus including the congregation in the act of worship. They, in fact, represented the crowd, and at the prescribed moments, violent shouts of "we want Barabas" and "crucify him" came from the pews.

This was the climax of the week-end, and the three of us are very grateful to the Church for enabling us to attend.

GROUP NOTES.

The Girls' Brigade.

IN THANKS.

The 5th Worthing Girls Brigade would like to express their deep gratitude for the service, encouragement and leadership of Captain Stratton during her many years of service in the Company.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Heather Garrett, Sgt.
Susan Robinson, Cpl.

At the time of going to press the amount made at our annual jumble sale was £45.16.2d. I would like to thank all parents and friends who helped to make this a worthwhile and successful event.

M. S. Dobson.

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The Boys' Brigade.

A big thank you to those who gave us their support at our Display recently at West Park Junior School. The boys did particularly well when you take into consideration that this was the first display for most of them. The floor was rather too highly polished for our liking and made it difficult for the boys to keep their feet during the P.T. & Drill items!

The parallel bars were used to good purpose and now probably to the relief of some have been laid to rest for the summer season. This piece of equipment has been very important to the boys and has given them much enjoyment and good exercise. We look forward to obtaining new equipment for use next session and possibly the use of another hall for our physical activities.

Whitsun weekend will find us camping with the Crusaders at Steyning. Over 20 boys will be going from the Team and Company and we look to having an enjoyable and profitable time, both physically and spiritually. Even though the camp will be over by the time you read these notes we would ask your prayers in our work amongst the boys. We hope they will learn more about their Lord and Saviour. We pray that their youthful energies and enthusiasm may not be curbed by our criticisms but guided aright by our example.

The Boys have been promised a Summer Camp at Jersey but so far, despite every effort, we have not obtained a camp site on the island. If anyone has any useful information that would help us in our endeavours we would be very grateful.

Material for our Jumble Sale, possibly June 22nd will be very welcome - phone 43787 for collection. Let us clean out your attic, loft or garage for those unneeded what-nots!

D. W. Stewart.

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The Monday Evening Fellowship.

Our "Keep Fit" evening was a great success and in spite of a few aches here and there I think quite a few of our members will be signing on with Miss Edwards next September. We are to have another activity evening on June 6th when the Grasshoppers Folk Dance Group will be giving a demonstration and some instruction. On June 20th we shall be combining an "American Supper" with the A. G. M. All members are earnestly requested to attend this meeting as we have much business to discuss and finalise, including final arrangements for our outing on July 4th.

J. L.

Womens' Guild Fellowship.

It was most interesting to hear from Mrs Somerset how many of our customs originated, many of them, from Roman times and some before that. Our speaker took us through the year, picking out the special days in our calendar; for instance December when we celebrate Christmas - the Romans had the idea of reindeer in the sky dropping gifts; carols were originally dances before the words were added. We associate Hot Cross Buns with Easter, but fossilised cross buns have been found which were made in a pre-Christian era. It was a most interesting and sometimes amusing talk.

At the Annual General Meeting all the officers were re-elected with the exception of one of our vice-presidents who, in accordance with our constitution must retire after two years service. Mrs. Spence was elected in place of Mrs. Evans. The reports showed we are a healthy meeting and we certainly are a happy one with our much loved Mrs. Hayward to lead us. Mrs. Cozens Walker gave us two delightful solos reminding us of "Old London" and the days when strawberries were a penny a pound!

Our next meeting will be September 13th when we hope to greet old and new members to hear Mr. Hayward speak to us.

L. B. R.

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JUNIOR CHURCH.

Large congregations attended both morning and evening services on Sunday May 8th to make the 22nd Anniversary of the Junior Church a most memorable occasion. Both services were conducted by our old friend the Rev. Cyril C. Franks and we are all indebted to him for the manner in which he led and inspired our worship on this our Anniversary Day.

It was very evident that Mr. Franks had lost none of his ability to impart a message to children and young people - they were obviously deeply interested in all he said to them.

We were pleased too, that Mrs. Franks and the family were able to be with us and we wish them all a happy and rewarding visit to Hartford, Connecticut in the United States of America. Members from all departments participated and we are grateful to all who contributed in any way at the services. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. Ethel Dearsley for training the Junior Church Choir who ably led the singing and to our organist Mr. J. Rathbone for his helpful cooperation.

This month we have been very glad to welcome Miss Hilary Stephens to the Junior Department teaching staff and sincerely hope that her period of service with us will be a long and happy one.

E. C. Bond.

The Next Issue of the Chronicle will be on July 3rd and the Editor will be pleased to receive contributions, which should include items for August, not later than June 19th.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for JUNE.

2nd Thurs.	Monthly Business Church Meeting
5th SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
6th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship.
9th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER. 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
11th Sat.	District Missionary Rally 3.15 to 6.30 p.m. Speakers - Rev. G. M. Ward, B.D., and Mrs. Ward.
12th SUN.	Rev. S. A. Shepherd of Portslade. Secy. of Sussex Congregational Union. Services at 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
14th Tues.	Womens Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
19th SUN.	CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Preacher - Principal Charles Duthie, M.A., D.D. of New College.
20th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - A. G. M.
23rd Thurs.	Development Committee 7 p.m. Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.
25th Sat.	GIFT DAY.
26th SUN.	Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
27th Mon.	Deacons Meeting 7.30 p.m.
28th Tues.	Womens' Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
30th Thurs.	Monthly Church Meeting.
July	
3rd SUN.	Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
6th Wed.	United Communion Service.

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My dear Friends,

There have been two occasions this month, of a totally different nature, when we have had the privilege of being a host Church. Our Women's Fellowship entertained for the day a group of old people from Paddington. I hope a full report of this occasion will be given elsewhere in this magazine, but as one who worked for 12 years in a not dissimilar district I could realise, from my own experience, what this day meant to them. The second occasion was last Saturday when we were host Church to the District Missionary Rally. We who are so privileged in having so beautiful a Church for our weekly worship should rejoice at every opportunity of sharing

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it with others.

Will those who are "road wardens" for the inter-church visiting scheme please note that there will be a meeting for them at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. on July 5th.

We shall have another opportunity of sharing our Church with others on July 6th at 7 p.m. when there will be a United Free Church Service and Communion Service. This will, I hope, be an occasion strongly supported by our own Church.

At our last Church Meeting it was agreed to dissolve the present Care Committee, Finance Committee and Publicity Committee with very warm thanks to all those who served on them. The reason for this is that we have reformed the work of the Diaconate with a view to distributing the work of the Deacons more evenly and thereby relieving the very heavy pressure on some, and also in the hope that, when the scheme really gets working, it will save the diaconate time spent on detailed discussion and thereby give more time for thought about the spiritual side of our life and work. We have therefore set up four diaconate committees, each with the power to co-opt, so that the Deacons may have the advice of members who are perhaps expert in a subject but are not on the Diaconate. Each committee has a Convener responsible for calling the committee and reporting to the Diaconate, and seeing that final decisions are carried out. Each member of the Diaconate serves on one committee.

The Committees are as follows:-

The Pastoral Committee will care for all personal matters and operate the visiting scheme. Convener - Mr. H. A. Winterton.

The Fabric Committee will be responsible for buildings, fixtures and fittings and Grounds. Convener - Mr. Jenkins.

The House Committee will be responsible for all equipment, also the cleaning and caretaking. Convener - Mrs. Cozens Walker.

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The Finance Committee to guide our finances. Convener - Mr. Parker.

If you have any matter that should eventually come before the Diaconate or anything which needs immediate attention, will you please contact the appropriate Committee Convener.

One of the first duties of the Pastoral Committee will be to appoint a liason Deacon to every organisation in the Church; it will be the duty of liason Deacons to visit occasionally the organisation to which they are appointed (unless of course they are already a member of the organisation concered) and to be the means of communication between the organisation and the Diaconate. This we hope, will make such communications personal and informal and give organisations both the feeling of the Church's care and also an easy means of access to the Diaconate.

Mr. Winstanley will act as Publicity Officer in place of the Publicity Committee and an Ad Hoc committee will be appointed to deal with the production of any publicity material whenever the need arises.

All this will take a little getting used to, but I am quite sure that once it is working well it will increase our efficiency and enrich our work. I hope everybody will willingly cooperate.

Best wishes to all who will be going on holiday before next issue.

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

THE FAMILY.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Mrs. Cobb who has lost her husband. Mrs. McDonald, of the Monday Evening Fellowship has also lost her husband and we sympathise with her and her family.

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Mrs. Pinder is home from the nursing home after a wonderful recovery but must still be kept quiet.

Mr. De Pury has not been so well lately and we hope will soon be able to get out again.

Mr. Kitto is waiting to go to another hospital for further treatment which we hope and pray will be completely successful.

Miss Wiseman has been very poorly and is now staying with her sister; we hope she will soon be quite fit again.

Our thoughts are with the Misses Goy, Miss M. Goy is seriously ill and we assure them of our prayers.

Mrs. Shilston has not been at all well, we hope she will soon make progress.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. & Mrs. Jeppson were involved in a motor accident. Mrs. Jeppson is in hospital for treatment which we hope will put her right.

Mrs. Brand has had another heart attack and is confined to bed.

Mr. Grew has been poorly again and finds it hard to regain strength.

Mrs. Fox has had a fall which has shaken her confidence, we hope she will soon feel better.

Mr. Richardson had a breakdown in health and is ordered to live life less strenuously. He has moved to a flat at 13, Shakespeare Road.

P.S. The day after writing the above we heard of Mr. Ford's passing of which the Church Secretary has kindly written. We also heard that Mr. Dunn is seriously ill, but we have now heard, this (Wednesday) morning that he too has passed on.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

The beginning of July marks the end of Mr. Hayward's second year among us and the completion of thirty years in the Ministry. Many members will

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have regarded the Gift Day as an opportunity of expressing their appreciation to the Minister and Mrs. Hayward. The money contributed will be devoted to Phase 1 of the Development Plan, the scheme very dear to Mr. Hayward's heart. We pray God's blessing on his continuing ministry.

The death has occurred of Mr. S. A. Ford, one of our Foundation Members, who until his sight and hearing failed was a regular worshipper. For some months he has been in very poor health but the end came suddenly. Our sympathy is extended to his daughter, Miss B. J. Ford.

H. A. Winterton.

Collections for May, 1966.

	Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
1st May	£42. 6. 0.	£17. 13. 11.
8th " (Easter)	38. 13. 0.	36. 5. 0.
15th May	37. 15. 6.	17. 12. 0.
22nd "	37. 8. 0.	18. 1. 9.
29th "	35. 4. 0.	18. 1. 3.
	£191. 6. 6.	£107. 13. 11.

Total for the month - £299. 0. 5d.

R. O. Parker.

The Bible says:-

There are many devices in a man's heart: nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

Proverbs, chap. 19, verse 21.

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs, chap. 23, verse 26.

P.S.M.

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APPRECIATION.

THANK YOU - May I use the medium of the"Chronicle" to express my humble and sincere thanks to Almighty God for His Grace and Goodness in bringing me safely and happily to my 90th birthday.

I would also like to offer my gratitude and thanks for the goodwill messages received from the congregation and my many friends, which I have greatly appreciated.

E. W. J. WEST.

Then we can but copy the note in the Argus of a few days ago -

"LONG-SERVICE AWARD

Captain Norman Dobson, Commanding Officer of No.9 (Worthing) Independent Cadet Battery of the Royal Artillery, was last night presented with his 12 years' long service medal.

The presentation was made by Col. Foster, County Commandant of the Sussex Army Cadet Force, at the Drill Hall, Little High Street, Worthing.

Capt. Dobson, who lives at Chute Avenue, High Salvington, has been C. O. at Worthing for nine years and altogether has served 14 years with the Army Cadet Force."

We congratulate Mr. Norman Dobson on this well-merited award, and we know too, of his excellent work as a deacon of our Church and the Leader of the band of stewards who serve the congregation Sunday by Sunday.

Editor.

United Nations Association Garden Party.

The Garden Party will be held at the Friends' Meeting House, 34, Mill Road, on Saturday, August 13th from 3 - 5.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Rosalie Higgins.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, and teas will be served.

Come, and bring your friends.

M. M. R.

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A SERMON BY OUR MINISTER.

> For my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken the fountains of living waters and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Jeremiah 2, 13.

This verse is a graphic picture in a few words of a city faced with the prospect of siege. In the city is a babbling spring of water which has always supplied sufficient water for the whole needs of the city and which has never been known to run dry, even in the longest drought. Now, daily reports tell of a large and all conquering army moving steadily nearer the city. The city is almost impregnable, but a siege presents many problems, chief of which are food and water supplies. Despite the spring within the city it is decided to hew great cisterns out of the rock to ensure a supply of water for as long as possible, but when the cisterns are done the rock is found to be porous so that the water rapidly soaks away. In the process of digging out the cisterns the very spring on which life could have depended has become choked up so that its course is diverted and it no longer bubbles up within the city at all.

This is the parable by which Jeremiah denounces the sins of his people in forsaking the true way of God and putting in its place the worthless expedients of men, he accuses his people of two sins. First, they have acknowledged and accepted other gods but the true God, and we must remind ourselves why they have done this. When they were in the wilderness their God was sufficient for all their needs, but when they settled in Canaan, they found that they had entered the domain of other gods. These gods had given the people who worked the land their harvests, thus the Israelites imagined that they themselves must worship these gods in order to ensure their harvests - but these gods were no gods - empty useless cisterns.

The other effect of the people's change from a nomadic to an agricultural or town-dwelling life, was that some quickly found that it was easy to accumulate

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wealth, the more they accumulated the easier and pleasanter they could make life, and the more they wanted. It mattered not at all that the more the wealth accumulated by some, the greater the poverty of others - they set up the golden calf and to this gave the worship of their hearts, whilst they gave only formal worship to God.

Thus human expedients took the place of God, men put their trust in useless cisterns whilst the spring of life was choked up. As we look at the world today we can see precisely the same thing happening.

We have all come to believe that war is wrong, but if our nation were involved in war tomorrow, how many of us would find reason for calling it a just war by the day after tomorrow? We live with the horror of Vietnam and call America right. By what right does one powerful nation decide that aweak nation shall suffer, that they shall have their families broken, their children maimed or orphaned, their loved ones killed and their homes burned, rather than come under communist rule? Of course we believe that communism is wrong, but why won't we admit that the masses of Russia and China are better off under communism than they have ever been before?

We call apartheid wrong, but part of the Church has called this unbrotherliness right. A hewn cistern that will hold no water but must sooner or later be paid for in human blood. Supposing a large and noisy coloured family came to live in Goring or Ferring, wanted to come to live in your nice select road or close, would you join in the outcry about the value of property going down? This is the modern standard, we point the finger at the days of slavery when a man was of less value than a cow, but accept the idea that the well-being of a family is of less importance than the value of a house.

Perhaps it is easy for us to talk about Vietnam and apartheid, they are a long way from us, but are we sure that we are not guilty of the other sin of Judah, that we put the empty cistern of money in the place of

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God - of course we still pay God lip service, but has He first and supreme place in our life?

A useless cistern or a bubbling stream, which would you choose as the forces of evil close in to besiege your soul? "Come to me" said Jesus, "whosoever drinketh the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life". Let us see what they really are, the empty expedients of men - outwardly attractive - outwardly promising to give what we want and what we need, but all deceit and emptiness, and let us come again to Jesus - who giveth life - life abundant - life as a living stream.

CHRISTIAN AID.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our gift for May (Christian Aid Special Month) such a wonderful amount. I was so thrilled as the money kept coming in and when I counted the final sum and found it to be £50.13.0d I was really quite overcome. I am afraid the need to feed the hungry and help the distressed throughout the world will go on long after I have passed on but I am sure that there is far more concern and care for the less fortunate now than there was when I was young, and this is real Christian progress. One day may see everyone well fed and cared for and meanwhile we may help towards this end.

Our total for June was £9.15.6d. I would like also to thank all the helpers who so kindly came to my aid and "manned" the churn in the Goring Rd. I do not know the result but I understand the job was well worth doing.

Marjorie Hayward.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS - JULY/AUGUST.

Rota for July.

3rd - Mr. H. A. Dobson.
10th - Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Pearn.
17th - Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Edmonds.
24th - Mr. & Mrs. S. Arnold.
31st - Mr. & Mrs. F. Dearsley.

Rota for August.

7th - Mr. & Mrs. N. Lord.
14th - Mr. & Mrs. J. Dearsley.
21st - Mr. E. W. J. West & Miss M. A. West.
28th - Mr. & Mrs. S. E. West.

If there are still members and friends who are not on the Flower Rota but wish to supply flowers for the Church, would they please contact me.

Mrs. E. Bond,
Flower Secretary.

GROUP NOTES.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. Our final meeting before the summer recess will be on July 4th. This will also be the occasion for our 'outing' and we are looking forward to a meal in the town, followed by a visit to the Pier Pavilion. The "Any Questions" evening held last month was most entertaining. The lively panel provided us with many amusing and thought provoking answers. Our only disappointment was that the audience was far smaller than had been anticipated and consequently we only raised £2 for the Home Churches Fund. However we realise that it is not always possible to fix a date that suits everyone and we can only hope to do better next time, especially as we have only recently, as a Church, covenanted together to help one another. Meanwhile we wish one

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and all happy holidays and look forward to meeting both old and new friends again on Monday evening, September 12th.

J. L.

The Bazaar Gift Stall.

The members are arranging FOUR more Garden Coffee mornings and hope many of our friends will do their best to come to these.

Wed. July 20th from 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds invite us to their home at No. 97, Littlehampton Rd. They have a lovely garden you will enjoy. PLEASE park your cars in Lindum Rd.

Sat. August 6th from 3 - 5 p.m. A GARDEN PARTY at 5, Parklands Avenue. This will be the 16th party at the home of Mrs. Nodes. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and various games and competitions.

Teas 1/6d. Ices and Soft Drinks.

Wed. August 17th from 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hite invite us to coffee at their new home No. 17. Elgin Road.

Another Coffee Morning we will enjoy is on

Wed. 31st August at 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Bond at 20, Warnham Road.

The final Coffee Morning will be held at Minstead, 11, Arlington Close, Goring, 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. on

Wed. September 14th. This is the home of our Editor and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley West.

We thank you for helping to raise money for the various stalls at the November Bazaar.

C. M. Nodes.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE. Hot on the heels of our successful Jumble Sale, and with tape measure working overtime, plans are going ahead for new uniforms.

Whit-Tuesday a few of the girls took the first part of their elementary cycling badge, destination - Arundel, where on arrival they cooled off in the Fitzalan pool. A less energetic Captain who preferred four wheels joined them for tea at [illegible] Lake and the journey home completed a su[illegible]ternoon.

The Seniors and Brigaders have sta[illegible]ed voluntary

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work at Fairfield House, the new Old Peoples' Home at Tarring where in turn they spend a couple of hours each week working amongst the elderly. The last meeting of the session is on July 26th, which is the annual District Church Parade, held this year at West Worthing Baptist Church.

M. S. Dobson, Capt.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

What a beautiful day we had for our Old People's Outing!, and how thankful we were for it. One had only to see their happy smiles to know how they had enjoyed it all. I just wish that more of you who contributed in so many ways to their happiness had come along after their tea and joined them for the hour's entertainment and community singing, and waved goodbye when they left. You would have seen how well worth while it had been. We were doubtful whether we should have enough flowers to give some to everyone; we certainly need not have worried! Some folks must have stripped their gardens it seemed. We had so many that we were able to give a good bunch to all. Cakes too, arrived in their plenty and after tea we had enough for all to have a few in a bag for their homeward journey, and also a quantity were given to the Old Peoples' Association helper, who came with them, to distribute to others. Our guests also had 2/6d each in a little envelope to pay for their refreshments en route, and to crown everything, the Monday Evening Fellowship gave each a ½lb packet of Quality Street, a most kind thought which was much appreciated. We should like to thank those who helped with the entertainment and community singing - Mr. & Mrs. Seabrook, Mrs. Flawn and Mr Jones. Also Rev. Kenneth French of Paddington Chapel for making the arrangements at their end, and the Old People's Association for preparing the picnic lunches for which we were able to contribute 1/6d per head. After paying everything we still have 11/-d in hand and the £5 note which a very generous anonymous donor gave in case we needed to buy extra flowers or anything else

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for the old people. This amount will be put to good use on some future occasion to help the old and needy.

At the last meeting of our Spring Session we were interested in hearing a variety of experiences and coincidences which had happened to several members; all of which would make good reading, but space will not allow.

L. B. R.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On Sunday 19th June it was our pleasure to have Mr. Hayward visit our Bible Class when he gave an address on "Making decisions and the attendant responsibilities". We are indebted to the Church for making this visit possible.

During the past month we have been fortunate to obtain the services of Miss Pelling and Miss A. R. Green as pianists, and we are grateful to them for coming forward when our need arose.

As a result of special offertories taken at the end of May, we were able to pass to the Church Treasurer the sum of £6.3.6d for Christian Aid. Members will be interested to know that during the year ending 31st March, 1966, our children and young people made donations from their offertories for Missionary Work and Christian Aid as follows:-

L.M.S. (General Fund & Medical Missions)	£30. 2. 2.
C.M.S.	1. 5. 6.
S.U.M.	17. 12. 9.
Christian Aid	1. 16. 0.
Save the Children Fund	8. 8. 0.

By the time this issue of the "Chronicle" reaches you the summer vacation period will have started and the children, young people and staff send to all members and friends, best wishes for a happy holiday.

E. C. Bond.

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From the Secretary's desk.

New Members.	Accepted June 2nd - received on June 5th Miss I. R. Grice.
Deaths.	Mr. S. A. Ford.
	Mr. W. A. Dunn. The beautiful photograph of the old Goring Lane which faces the title page of "Twixt Downs and the Sea" was provided by the courtesy of Mr. W. A. Dunn.
Deleted June 2nd.	Mr. P. C. Baker, Mrs. Coote, Miss Searle, Mr. D. Webb, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hodge, Mrs. Jarvis.

A Small Girl's Version of an Old Testament Story.

An examiner in a Sunday School Scripture Examination read the following account of the story of Abraham and Isaac:-

> "One day God told Abraham he was to make a burnt sacrifice and the sacrifice was to be his own son Isaac.
> So they went out into the country and Isaac helped his father to make an altar and collect some wood for a fire ..... Then Abraham put Isaac on the altar and was just going to stab him with his knife. Then God said 'don't'. Abraham was jolly glad --------- and so was Isaac."

The examiner commented "I gave her full marks - I felt that she had entered into the spirit of the story.

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From the Editor.

My first and foremost task must be to express a sincere apology to our friend Mr. Stanley Sheppard for having, in our last issue of this "Chronicle", misspelt his name THREE times, namely as a "shepherd". He tells me he has been called all kinds of things and has I think forgiven me! However you will have with this issue, the quarterly news-letter from him, which he brought to me personally when he preached here on the 12th June.

You will see from this news-letter that our Moderator Rev. W. Andrew James suffered a severe heart attack in early May, but we are glad to hear he is about again and is convalescing in Hampshire.

This quarterly letter is of greater importance than ever since we have covenanted together for the "forward looking" of our Churches.

I have just been told the collection at the Garden Coffee Morning at "Skyline", Chute Ave., High Salvington on 22nd June amounted to £6.5.6d.

S. E. W.

Cricket Without Tears.

Italian visitors to England, according to Rivista, the journal of the British-Italian Society, are frequently curious about our strange national game. For their benefit it prints an easy explanation provided by an English schoolboy:

> "You have two sides: one out in the field and one in. Each man on the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's been out in the field comes in, and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out. Then when both sides have been in and out - including not-outs - that's the end of the game".

SUNDAY EVENING, 26th June.

The "Gift Day" total to date is - £820.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for JULY and AUGUST.

July	
3rd SUN.	Divine Worship - The Minister. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
4th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - Summer Outing.
6th Wed.	United Communion Service, conducted by our Minister - 7 p.m. Preacher Rev. J. Farrar.
10th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
14th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
17th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
20th Wed.	Garden Coffee Morning - 10.15 to 11.30 p.m. at 97, Littlehampton Road by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds. Cars must park in Lindum Road.
24th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
31st SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
August	
6th Sat.	Garden Party at 5, Parklands Ave., at 3 to 5.50 p.m. by kind invitation of Mrs. Nodes.
7th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
11th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER.
14th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
17th Wed.	Garden Coffee Morning at 17, Elgin Rd. by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Hite - 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.
21st SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Ronald Batt of Eastbourne.
28th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. G. K. Hawes, B.D.
31st Wed.	Garden Coffee Morning at 20, Warnham Rd. by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Bond at 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be on Sept. 4th and the editor will be pleased to receive contributions not later than Sunday 21st August.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

Our Service on the morning of the 11th September will be of particular interest for it will begin with the Baptismal Service followed by the Junior Church Promotion Service. Each year the oldest members of each department of Junior Church are promoted to the next department and memories of your own childhood will remind you that this is a significant little ceremony for the children. This year this ceremony will take place in the Church itself because it should also be recognised as a significant occasion in the life of the Church. One of the most important things we have to do to-day is to make the children feel that they are as truly a part of the Church as is any one else, thus playing an important part in their growing up into the full fellowship of the Church which, of course, is the end at which we are aiming.

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At the last Church Meeting I gave notice that at the Church Meeting on September 29th I would be asking the Church to decide whether the monthly Parade Service should be held in the morning or in the evening. I personally feel very keenly that, when we have boys and girls in the Church, the greater part of the Service should be such that they are able to understand, so that the crux of the matter is whether folk are prepared to accept a Young Peoples' Service once a month at morning worship. I shall endeavour to set out the pros and cons of this question at the Church Meeting and shall ask for the Church's decision.

September sees the Church's work starting up again and getting ready for the full steam ahead in October. Please remember to pray for those who are planning the winter's work.

In October the Bible Study Groups will make a new start, working on the second half of the Gospel according to St. Luke. I shall be very glad to have the names of any who would wish to join a group - don't be put off by the fear that Bible Study involves being highbrow, what we do in these groups is first to try to decide what a passage means and then to try to apply it to our Christian living to-day. Most of our discussions are essentially practical.

I am concerned about the attendance at the Day of Prayer. The morning congregation has considerably diminished during the last year, whilst the evening attendance has shrunk to seven or eight. I believe the Day of Prayer should play an important part in our Church Life, but for a Church of our size - to produce for any meeting a response of seven or eight is ridiculous and would seem very plainly to indicate that the Church does not want it. I do not propose to foist on to the Church something it does not want, nor to spend time in preparation for it.

At a recent Deacon's Meeting it was reported that somebody had said that it was difficult to get to speak to me because of the numbers of people about on a Sunday, and had requested that I should have a vestry hour each week. I have tried this in two previous

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Churches and found that sometimes it was a complete waste of time and that, on occasions when, because of another engagement the vestry hour had to be put off, despite announcements to this effect, somebody invariably turned up and was disappointed that I was not there. I am always happy to make appointments to see folk either in the vestry or the Manse, and if it is difficult to get hold of me on a Sunday, it is simple to phone to make an appointment.

I am having to write my share of this edition of the Chronicle before going on holiday, and I am grateful to Mr. Winterton for writing the news of the Family.

With best wishes to all,

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for September.

4th - Misses G. & M. Stevenson.
11th - Mr. & Mrs. L. Winstanley.
18th - (Miss L. Ball,
(Mr. C. Cornwall.
25th - Harvest Festival.

E. Bond,
Flower Secy.

CHRISTIAN AID. Once again I would like to thank all who have given to Christian Aid this month and to assure them that every gift given to help forward this work of Christ amongst the needy, homeless and hungry of the world is used in the best possible way.

Our total for the month of August is £24.0.0d.

Marjorie Hayward.

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Collections for June and July, 1966.

		Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
June	5th	£35. 18. 6.	£20. 9. 11.
"	12th	31. 13. 0.	17. 6. 0.
"	19th	36. 17. 6.	16. 18. 9.
"	26th	40. 18. 0.	19. 5. 7.
		£145. 7. 0.	£74. 0. 3.
	Total for month -	£219. 7. 3.	
July	3rd	37. 9. 0.	20. 10. 5.
"	10th	38. 0. 6.	17. 16. 2.
"	17th	40. 10. 0.	18. 8. 4.
"	24th	32. 10. 6.	14. 6. 9.
"	31st	42. 3. 6.	18. 13. 10.
		£190. 13. 6.	£89. 15. 6.
	Total for month --	£280. 9. 0.	

R. O. Parker,
Treasurer.

Holiday Recollections.

In a Congregational Church in Torquay in the early summer a group of about ten girls of between 10 and 12 years of age joined the choir before the service began.

They were suitably and attractively dressed, I thought, in pale blue skirts and ties and white blouses and hair nicely dressed.

In one part of the service an anthem was announced.

These young people came forward and sang a hymn about racial integration which combined well with the service. They left after having sung.

I noticed they had their own junior Choir practice.

It seemed to me such an experiment might be made with some of our young people, and the two at present in the choir might feel encouraged and less lonely!

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A less happy recollection was the great number of wine shops, with attractive windows, and betting shops.

Are we fully alive to these growing dangers to the moral health of our young people?

Hilda Grey.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dunn and the Misses A. & E. Gay who have lost their sisters, and to Mr. Jones in the passing of his mother.

Mrs. Hite's father, Mr. Elliott is very ill.

Miss Huckle is making slow progress.

Mrs. Morse has a severely strained back.

Mr. Kitto has completed a course of treatment and is much better - and is hoping for a good report in three months' time.

Mrs. Rees is in hospital for an operation.

Mr. Cornwall and Miss Ball are still in the Nursing Home.

Mr. & Mrs. Williams have celebrated their Golden Wedding - warm congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Carolyn Virrels has obtained a teaching appointment near Reading.

H. A. Winterton.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

Preliminary notice - All friends, whether Church Members or not who have joined the congregation during the past twelve months or so are asked to keep free Saturday, October 15th for a new members' social.

Details and invitations will follow later.

NEW MEMBERS. Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Hickson, accepted July 28th and received at Communion, August 7th.

For the HANDBOOK.

3. Mr. & Mrs. Asher, 125, Limbrick Lane.
6. Miss Clinch, 21a, Rose Walk.
0. Instead of 6 - Mr. Cobbett.
7. Miss A. Ellis, 30, Stanley Road.
0. Mrs. Lowes, 3, Antrim Rd., Henleaze, Bristol 6.
5. Mrs. J. Maclean, Flat 1, 24, Parklands Avenue.

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For the Handbook (contd.)

5. Mr. Rushley, 53, Fernhurst Drive.
5. Mrs. Sales, Jasmine Cottage, Jeffries Lane.
1. Mrs. Southey, 94, Barrington Road.
7. Mr. & Mrs. & Miss P. N. E. Terry, 9, Cradock Place, Durrington Hill.
7. Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Turner, 7, Loxwood, E. Preston.

H. A. Winterton.

FROM THE EDITOR.

I have pleasure in appending several notes of appreciation from some of our members.

Mr. & Mrs. Kitto would like to express their deep appreciation for the comfort afforded by the prayers offered on their behalf during Mr. Kitto's recent illness, and an extra "thank you" for all the many acts of kindness and offers of help which made the constant travelling to and from Guildford so much easier.

Mr. Cornwall and Miss Ball wish to express their thanks to all friends who have remembered them in their prayers, visited them, or sent them fruit and flowers since they have been at the Nursing Home.

Mrs. A. E. Stewart gives thanks for the interest in the Sudan United Mission, and you will be pleased to know that members of our Church are now invited to a time of prayer and fellowship for the Sudan United Mission every last Wednesday of the month at 8.0 p.m. for one hour at 29, Palatine Road, Goring-by-Sea.

Mr. & Mrs. Williams take this opportunity of thanking members of the Church for their congratulations, lovely cards and flowers.

Notice of the wedding appeared as follows:-

"WILLIAMS : HALLS - August 21st 1916 at Longbridge Deveril Church, Warminster, Wilts."

Shortly after the wedding Reg Williams was posted overseas with H. M. Forces.

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"BON VOYAGE".

On Sept. 8th our friend Mrs. Iveson leaves England on the ship"Ceraine" and will land at Auckland, New Zealand, on October 10th.

A "Goodbye Party" was held at 5, Parklands Ave., on August 23rd and there we went back over the last 12 years recalling the many ways in which Mrs. Iveson so willingly helped in building up our lovely Church. We have much to thank her for.

Mr. Colin Nodes took coloured photos of a group of friends and one of these will be taken to New Zealand. We are sure that members of the Church who do not know Mrs. Iveson will join us in wishing her "happiness all the way" and a grand re-union with her brother whom she has not seen for forty years.

C. M. Nodes.

"ONE FOR THE ROAD".

The advice given in the above title would normally be the last that the writer would give, neither would it appear in its usual connotation in this magazine; but when, as in the present case, it is the title of a booklet containing some of the best advice to young people on the threshold of working life that I have ever come across, I make no excuse for advocating it.

The author of the booklet, Peter Bander, is Lecturer in Religious Education at Wall Hall College, and its material began as a one term course for school leavers in a large London secondary school: and his colleagues and others thought so highly of it that they persuaded him to put it into book form. 'Using as his parallel a Car Manual, he presents Christ's teaching on standards of values and morals in terms which are clear and logical to young people' - so reads the excellent little advertising leaflet which good as it is, can only fall far short of describing a book, which once commenced will not readily be put down, of whatever age or sex the reader.

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The young reader will be much safer on the road on his - or her - new motor cycle or car, having read the booklet; and will certainly be enabled to meet all hazards as a 'Learner' on the Road of Life with greater confidence in the assurance that they are well equipped and have a source of courage and strength beyond the physical if they have put into daily practice some at least of the helpful advice to be found in this Five Shilling Paperback. The chapters devoted to 'Maintenance' alone, which tackles such important subjects as Private Devotion and Corporate Worship, suggest a means by which the Young Christian can set a pattern of living which will assure him of an Inward Strength which will help him face whatever his business and social life may bring in the way of difficulties, temptations and dangers.

This booklet, published by Colin Smythe, Ltd., of St. Peter's Vicarage, de Beauvoir Road, London, N. 1, is the first of a series; and the writer looks forward, not only to "Two for the Road", but all subsequent titles.

Clifford H. Powell.

GROUP NOTES.

THE GIFT STALL.

The "Garden Party" that turned into a "House and Garage Party" at Parklands Avenue on August 6th was a huge success and in spite of the "crush" all appeared to enjoy it, and the sum realised was £51.12.2d.

The last Garden Coffee morning will be held at "Minstead", 11 Arlington Close, on Wednesday, September 14th from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. and there will be a "Bring and Buy" grocery and cake stall. Please come and enjoy the garden and the friendship.

C. M. Nodes.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Owing to the possibility of moving from the district in the near future, Mrs. June Lester has resigned as Secretary. June has served us well during her term of office being efficient and thorough in everything she did, and giving us all a prod now and then to keep us on our toes, (including the Editor)! We thank her for all the hard work she has done for the Fellowship and send our best wishes to her and her family for the future.

We offer to Mrs. Edith Garrett, our new secretary, our good wishes and loyal support.

M. S. Dobson.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE.

On July 12th the Juniors and Seniors played Rounders against the Life Boys and Boys' Brigade. The Life Boys just won by one rounder, but the Seniors were well beaten by the Boys' Brigade, however a happy evening was spent by all.

We held a parents' evening on July 19th. After devotions conducted by the Minister Sgt. Heather Garrett and Cpl. Susan Robinson presented Mrs. Stratton with a Picnic Set on behalf of the Company and the Church in appreciation of her long service to the company. Mrs. Stratton came to the Company as Cadet Leader twelve years ago, the Company having been started in October 1952 by Mrs. Blackman who is now in charge of Cadets and also leader of the Beginners' Department in the Junior Church. The next meeting is on Tuesday September 6th.

M. S. Dobson.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The new session will start on Tuesday Sept. 20th at 2.45 p.m. for 3.0 p.m. The opening speaker is the Rev. J. Logan Armour B.A., the new minister at

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the Presbyterian Church in Worthing. Our speaker has travelled quite a lot and the subject of his talk "Real People" has interesting possibilities.

A very cordial invitation is extended to all men of our Church and Congregation who are able to do so to join us on alternate Tuesday afternoons during the winter months.

There have been a few changes in the Committee this year. Mr. Robert Pepperdine is no longer the Secretary but continues as Registrar, so we are not losing the benefit of his experience. Despite these changes we are hoping that the spirit of fellowship will be the same and that we shall continue to observe the only rule of our society - "Be friendly".

H. Spence.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Will all lady readers please accept a very warm invitation to join us at the commencement of our new session on Tuesday September 13th when our speaker will be Mr. Hayward and of course, at any or all of our fortnightly meetings.

On September 27th Mr. North and his guide dog Kate will be visiting us. Needless to say his subject is "Guide dogs for the Blind". When you see our full programme for the Autumn I hope you will think it interesting and wish to hear all our speakers. Do come, and if possible, bring a friend with you.

L. B. R.

THE BIBLE SAYS:-

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

Micah, Chap. 7, verse 18.

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A SERMON BY OUR MINISTER.

Hebrews 12, 2. Jesus, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It is sometimes said, and truly, that Christians should be happy people. The term "long faced Christian" is a contradiction and is an epithet that should never have to be used. People who in the name of Jesus have condemned many harmless forms of pleasure have given a false picture of the Master, who was a happy man. Jesus went about telling people to cheer up - many of His sayings reveal His humour and indeed He talked about the true way of life as the way of happiness. Certainly a true Christian must be a happy man, but even for a Christian happiness must be a variable state since being a Christian does not save one from the ups and downs of life. There can be no guarantee that the Christian will not know unhappiness; if a Christian has toothache he is conscious of the same sensation as anyone else, and he does not enjoy it; if the Christian experiences trouble or sorrow he again feels as anyone else must, and it is true for the Christian as for anyone else that happiness can very quickly turn into unhappiness. It must have been like this with Jesus, He cannot have been happy when people rejected His Gospel, or when His disciples quarrelled amongst themselves, and yet, sometimes when He is speaking we feel that in what He says there is a deep abiding quality which nothing can disturb or destroy. "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" - here Jesus was not talking about something subject to sudden change, but something which was abiding - even more is this true of these words as the Gospel according to St. John suggests, were spoken in the very shadow of the cross. I believe that it is true that however fierce the storm that lashes the surface of the sea, below the surface the deep waters are still. So there is a happiness which may come and go, and there is a happiness that nothing

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can disturb or destroy. I think it is somewhat of a mis-use of words but for convenience we shall now call "happiness" the happiness that may be fleeting and "joy" that which abides. This brings us to our text, "Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God". We do not for a moment imagine that Jesus found joy in the humiliation and suffering of crucifixion. What the author of the letter to the Hebrews is saying is that Jesus knew a joy that even the cross could not destroy, indeed a joy that made all the anguish and misery of the cross worth it, that joy was in the confidence that everything was in the hands of God and that therefore in the end all would be well. When we study what Jesus meant by joy we find that it is in the recognition and acceptance of eternal values, for only these put all life into perspective.

What we are now calling happiness is variable, and may change suddenly. In Jesus we see joy which abides through happiness and unhappiness, and when we ask how we may possess this joy, the only answer is that we must know what Jesus knew, and that is that life must never be looked at in terms of the horizon we call death, but in its eternal setting.

We may have, in life, to face physical weakness or illness, to accept the fact that for the rest of our days we must endure handicap or pain or both - how then could we be happy? The truth is that such people do know times of happiness, and even more, some of them know joy - in the belief that though they must endure for the rest of their earthly life, earthly life is an insignificant fraction - a flash when set against eternity. It may be that a bereavement comes into life and makes us feel that we can never be happy again, but we are happy at times though our happiness is broken by times of sorrow and sense of loneliness which may be with us for the rest of our days - how then can we know joy? Joy is in the knowledge that our parting is but for a moment, our re-union will be for ever. Happiness then is associated with the ups and downs of life,

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joy belongs to the knowledge of the eternal value of real things, and this we can possess by faith in God through Jesus Christ.

A PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE - AGED.

Lord, Thou knowest better than I do myself that I am growing older, and one day shall be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject - and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody else's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful but not over-powering. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to give advice to everyone but Lord, Thou knowest that I want friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give my tongue wings to get to the end of my story. Seal my lips on my own aches andpains. They are increasing, Thou knowest O Lord, and the love of rehearsing them grows sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of the pains of others, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory. I pray for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that perhaps occasionally even I may be mistaken. And, Lord, keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - some saints are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil himself. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and unexpected talents and graces of character in other people. And give me O Lord, the wisdom to praise and thank them while they are still living.

This prayer has been heard from our pulpit on more than one occasion and provides much food for thought.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER, 1966.

4th SUN.	Rev. D. G. Wensley, B.A., of Purley at Divine Worship, 11.0 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
8th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
11th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
12th Mon.	Group Meeting of Ministers and Deacons - 7.30 p.m.
	Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
13th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m.
14th Wed.	Garden Coffee Morning - 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. By kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley West, 11, Arlington Close, Goring-by-Sea.
15th Thurs.	Teachers' Meeting - 8.0 p.m.
18th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
19th Mon.	Deacons' Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
20th Tues.	Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3.0 p.m.
	Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
24th Sat.	Harvest Supper.
25th SUN.	HARVEST FESTIVAL
27th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship - 3.0 p.m.
29th Thurs.	Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

This letter will, I hope, be in your hands on Dedication Sunday, when we shall unite in an act of renewal as the winter's work gets into full swing. May I remind you however, that one day of dedication will not get us very far, those who are called to a particular office or piece of work must be constantly re-dedicating themselves to that work and seeking God's guidance and spirit in it. Since every piece of work is the responsibility of the whole Church and not just of the chosen few, let us determine that we will all constantly rededicate ourselves to our own calling to sustain all our work by ceaselessness in our prayer and care.

In the last magazine our Church Secretary spoke of the social on Saturday 15th October for those who have joined the Church or Congregation during the past year. The object of this occasion is to give opportunity for

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folk to meet each other and to get to know the Church officers and deacons and something of the Church to which they now belong. I do hope that, if this concerns you, you will make every effort to be present; our earnest desire is to do everything possible to help you to feel at home in this Church.

On October 9th I am exchanging pulpits with the Rev. Roy Currie of Buckland, Portsmouth and I am sure that you will be anxious to give to Mr. Currie a very warm welcome.

On October 8th our friends at St. Mary's Church will be holding the service of dedication for their new Church of St. Richard on the Maybridge Estate. Please remember this occasion in your prayers and the work of this Church in this area.

So, again we go forward, may God grant that our work and witness may always truly seek above all the glory of His Name and the building of His Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

THE FAMILY.

None can mourn the passing of Mr. Charles Cornwall since he himself so welcomed it, elsewhere suitable tribute is paid to his life and work in this Church. Here, we simply give thanks for him.

Our thoughts have been very much with Miss Ball at this time, she herself seems a little better.

We also record the passing of Mrs. L. O. Deuchar, who for some time has been a worshipper with us.

Mr. Elliott, Mrs. Hite's father, is now in Swandene Hospital.

We have remembered Mrs. H. T. Clark in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. Nuttall is home again and making good progress but must go slowly.

Mr. Wood has a bad attack of shingles.

Mrs. P. S. West is in hospital for tests and we hope there will soon be satisfactory news of her.

Our good wishes go to Miss Irene Challis as she goes to take a course in midwifery at Southampton Hospital.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for October.

2nd - Mr. E. and Miss M. A. West.
9th - Miss J. White)
Mrs. F. Fox.)
16th - Miss M. Curtis.
23rd - Mrs. C. Nodes and family.
30th - Girls Brigade.

E. Bond,
Flower Secretary.

Collections for August, 1966.

		Envelopes.	Loose Cash.
August 7th	-	£35. 14. 0.	£14. 12. 10.
" 14th	-	45. 19. 6.	19. 18. 6.
" 21st	-	31. 18. 0.	14. 6. 7.
" 28th	-	32. 18. 0.	16. 12. 11.
		£146. 9. 6.	£65. 10. 10.

Total for the month - £212. 0. 4.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION and BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP.

I shall be pleased to receive the names of any new members who care to join either of the above societies and so take part each day in Bible reading with a World Wide Fellowship.

Orders for 1967 have to be placed by the beginning of November so names as soon as possible please to:-

P. M. Parker, Hon. Treas. - 1, Clive Avenue.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

DEATHS: On Sept. 9th - Mr. C. H. Cornwall.
" " " - Mrs. E. O. Deuchar.

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WEDDING: On September 10th - June Lynda Mary Winstanley to Gerald William Woods.
Present address:- 36, Kilnmead, Northgate, Crawley.

ADDITION FOR HANDBOOK: Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Martland, 118, Singleton Crescent.
Mrs. F. Fox, 54 Compton Ave., Tel. W. 41923.

MR. C. H. CORNWALL.

"Barnabas" is dead. Mr. Charles H. Cornwall, our beloved Life Deacon passed into the Higher Service on September 9th. Well into his ninetieth year this gaunt stooping figure was to be seen regularly in his seat worshipping in the Church which he loved so dearly. For some time his face had been ashen and it had seemed as though the sands of time were running out, and yet strength and beauty, to quote Mr. Frank's so apt words, were in that countenance. After service with what patient serenity he awaited the "chariot" of "Elijah" to take him home! Despite his apparent frailty it did come as a shock to realise he really was sick nigh unto death, and in the end, after lingering for an unespectedly long time, Death came as a Friend to take him home to where assuredly the trumpets have sounded on the other side and the Master's voice has welcomed to His side that good and faithful servant.

Mr. Cornwall was an art teacher in East London and retired (ironically it now seems) on a breakdown pension to Worthing. A member of Shelley Road Church, he was one of those who, in the dark days of the war, came to worship in the Elm Grove School Hall in 1940, forming the nucleus of our present Church membership. He became a member of the Committee of Management and one reads in many minutes of those days of varied services which he rendered. He inaugurated and edited the Newsletter which has grown into the present "Chronicle" and when he retired from this office after ten years he was appointed a Life Deacon, the first member to be so honoured, by unanimous acclamation of the Church Members.

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It was inevitably Mr. Cornwall to whom the Church turned for the compilation of a history in preparation for the opening of the present Church in 1961. Unfortunately this brochure is now out of print, but it remains a permanent memorial of his devotion to the Church he served so well.

For most of us, however, the memory of Mr. Cornwall is less of what he accomplished than of the man he was. In Deacon's Meeting and in Church Meeting he would bide his time and let others have their say, and then with a few well-chosen words out of his wisdom and experience he would not only clinch an argument, but often lift our thoughts on to a higher, more spiritual place. Others will tell of his love of birds and cats. His kindness was shown by the frequency with which he went out of his way to express appreciation in writing of other people's services, and to give encouragement. If any man earned the soubriquet "Son of Encouragement" it was Charles Cornwall, so I end as I began - "Barnabas" is dead, but the inspiration of his life will long live on in many other lives. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. "Sing the Doxology, don't mourn for me" were among his own last words.

H. A. Winterton.

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND PRAYERFULLY.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE L. M. S.

On 30th June, after 171 years of history, The London Missionary Society ceased to have a separate existence. It was founded in 1795, two years after the Baptist Missionary Society and was thus one of the oldest of modern missionary societies. Most people, outside as well as inside the Congregational churches, used to think of the L.M.S. as the Congregational missionary society, but that was not strictly true. Originally it was a society of Christians of various denominations, the one concern of which was to spread the knowledge of Christ through the world. They considered denominations unimportant compared with the Gospel and they embodied that belief in a fundamental principle, which

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read:

"It is declared to be a Fundamental Principle of the London Missionary Society that its design is to send out, not Presbyterianism, Independency, Episcopacy, or any other form of Church Order and Government, but the Glorious Gospel of the blessed God, and that it shall be left to the minds of the persons whom God may call into the fellowship of His Son to assume for themselves such form of Church Government as to them shall appear most agreeable to the Word of God".

THE C.C.W.M. Now the L.M.S. has merged with the smaller Commonwealth Missionary Society (a definitely Congregational society) and become the Congregational Council for World Mission. To ensure that the valuable insight expressed in the L.M.S. fundamental principle is preserved it has been rewritten in twentieth century terms and adopted as the fundamental principle of the C.C.W.M. The L.M.S. fundamental principle reflected an age when the main job of the missionary societies was to send out missionaries to where the name of Christ was unknown. Now the missionary task of the Church is to help the churches which have resulted from the earlier missionary efforts by meeting their requests for men and money. And so the C.C.W.M. fundamental principle reads:

"The Council shall encourage the churches with which it is associated to assume for themselves such form of Church Order as to them shall appear most agreeable to the Word of God".

MORE THAN A CHANGE OF NAME. Why then is it the Congregational Council for World Mission? Quite simply because it can call upon Congregational Churches for support. And that is the difference between the L.M.S. and the C.C.W.M. Most of the churches looked on the L.M.S. as their missionary society, but they were not formally pledged to it: in most churches the support came from a small band of enthusiasts and not the whole membership, and the denomination as a whole had no missionary department. Missionary work was a sort of optional sideshow for those who liked that sort of thing!

But now it is no longer. For many years now Christians have been coming to see that mission is an

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essential part of the life of the Church. A church that is not missionary-minded is not really a church in the full sense of the word. And so an attempt has been made at all levels to put the responsibility for mission where it belongs - on the church itself. In London, that meant taking the Metropolitan Auxiliary of the L.M.S. into the London Congregational Union; hereat the Goring Congregational Church it meant taking the concerns of the Missionary Committee into the centre of the church's structure. And now, at a national level, the Congregational Church has taken upon itself the responsibility of enlisting support in the form of prayer, people and money.

It must also be made clear that the Home Churches Fund is now also the responsibility of the C.C.W.M. and therefore becomes more than ever our responsibility. Your Missionary Committee is meeting on October 6th after which a further announcement will be made with regard to the collectors for donations up to the end of this financial year which, under the new arrangement finishes at the 31st December.

F. A. Dearsley,
Missionary Secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL MONTHLY & MISSIONARY CHRONICLE for 1967.

It may seem a litte early to think about supplies for 1967, but I should be most grateful if any new subscribers would let me know their requirements as soon as possible as I have to order magazines for 1967 early in December 1966.

I hope there will be no cancellations, but if there are, I would like to be advised.

M. L. Hawke,
Magazine Secretary.

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CHARLES H. CORNWALL, 8th

The death of Mr. Cornwall takes from our Church Fellowship one who was honoured and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a man of varied gifts and accomplishments, including the possession of considerable artistic and literary ability. But with it all he was a humble man, never seeking the limelight or recognition for his long and devoted service to his Master and his Church.

For long Mr. Cornwall had the appearance of physical frailty, but he never seemed to let this take precedence in his way of life; he was a good and loyal friend, and was unswerving in his devotion to those things which the nonconformist conscience represented. He would accept no compromise on such issues as drink and gambling, and it was a source of sorrow to him that there was no longer in our Free Churches the enthusiasm for fighting these twin evils which he had known in his younger days.

His strong faith upheld him in the trying months of his last illness; he had no fear of death, being sustained by the great promise of Jesus, and by the hope of resurrection. He would not have us mourn for him, and we should rather rejoice at the memory of a long, useful and happy life. It was so fitting that, as he had wished, at the funeral service, the Doxology should be sung. In his hymn "All as God wills Whittier expresses the conviction in which Charles lived and died. "I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care".

A. E. P.

And two tributes from personal friends - Mr. Horsfall and Mr. Wood.

Was there ever a more kindly, more gentle, or a more gentlemanly gentleman than Charles Cornwall? As a neighbour for many years and honoured to be his friend,

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M E M O R I A M .

MAY, 1877 --- 9th September, 1966.

I find it very difficult to pay a just tribute to his memory and his many fine qualities.

I suppose most of us have a sort of "Pin-up" person, someone who we should like to emulate in his way of life, and Mr. Cornwall's standard was such that one might be forgiven for failing to reach that standard.

His love of nature was a wonderful gift, birds especially being very close to his heart. He always carried small tit-bits in a little case in his pocket for them. He fed and watered them every day, and I have known a robin follow him from his home as far as the Goring Road, and also enter his kitchen quite fearlessly for a dainty morsel.

And his work for the Church? A foundation member, a Life Deacon, the founder and for many years a most efficient and conscientious Editor of the "Chronicle", an active participant in any work that was to forward the work of the Church, and a happy memory for me was when he was able to attend Church Meetings, and after a number of speakers had held forth, would just add a few words of real wisdom that went right to the spot.

He had the precious gift of toleration, and I never heard him say anything derogatory about anything or anyone, he tried to see both sides. He had a lovely quiet gift of humour, a love of sport which, in later years, forced him to enjoy it on T.V. when he found it too great an effort to travel to matches.

He has left behind a very fragrant memory, and the compiling of "Twixt Downs and the Sea", the story of Goring Congregational Church 1940 - 1961, printed on the occasion of the building and opening of the present Church must remain a permanent record of his love for the Church and its work.

Harry Horsfall.

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In October 1947, after the morning service at Elm Grove, Mr. Cornwall welcomed my wife and me and said "May I ask where you come from?" I told him we were members of Seaton Congregational Church and his face lit up at once and he asked if we knew Miss Norton. I told him she was a great friend of ours and he at once said, "and you will be a great friend of mine", and so he was.

In 1949 when our Church Hall was opened I had the privilege of serving on the Diaconate with him for seven years; we also worked in the garden with the help of Mr. Deslands and the late Mr. S. Ford.

He was an Arts Master in London; an expert on book-binding, engraving etc. He also had a great show of paintings which he did to perfection.

He was a lover of sport - providing it was played to the rules of the game. He loved children, also birds for which he carried tit-bits for those he passed on the way and a biscuit for a special dog.

He will be missed by many, especially Miss Ball.

Cyril S. Wood.

G R O U P N O T E S.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. We made a very good start to our Autumn Session when our Minister spoke to us on "Fellowship". We were led from thinking of "Companionship" which means so much to us all and can be an end in itself, to think of Christian Fellowship as being not an end in itself, but an essential part of worship. Our meetings for fellowship, sharing our experiences and getting to know each other have a real place in the Church.

On 11th October we shall be hearing about "St. John of the Cross" from Col. F. Dines. The talk, which will be illustrated, will include interesting pictures of Malta.

The highlight of the month, and of the year, will

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be our Anniversary Service in the Church on October 25th when the Rev. Florence Frost-Mee, B.D. will give the address and we are looking forward to her visit. The service will be followed by tea in the Hall. We give a warm welcome to all women to join us on this special day.

M. S.

HALL BOOKINGS. Now that winter activities are beginning, will all secretaries of Organisations and anyone wishing to book one or more of the Church Halls, please do so through our Church Halls Booking Steward - Mr. S. D. Jaques.

House Committee.

UNITED NATIONS DAY. October 24th, 1966, is the 21st Anniversary of the signing of the U.N. Charter. On Sunday 23rd there will be a special service at Shelley Road Congregational Church at 6.30 p.m. This has been arranged by the Worthing Council of Churches. The Rev. J. Farrar will conduct the Service and the Preacher will be the Rev. J. E. Marshall of Holy Trinity Church, the vice-chairman of the Council.

On Monday the 24th October there will be a celebration of U.N. and U.N.A.'s 21st Birthday at 7.30 p.m. in the Richmond Room. A collection will be taken and refreshments can be obtained.

It is hoped that both these meetings will be well supported.

M. M. Redman.

BRIGADE WEEK - October 2nd - 9th. This is the one occasion of the year when we make a general appeal to all friends for donations to help with the work of the GIRLS' BRIGADE. Gifts received benefit both our own Company and International Headquarters so may we count on your support?

Congratulations to Sgt. Heather Garrett on her appointment as Head Girl of Worthing County Secondary School, and to Cpl. Susan Robinson, who is her deputy - our best wishes to them both.

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We have started on our winter programme and are preparing for our stall at the Bazaar so we are looking forward to a busy time ahead. The senior girls are being instructed in flower arrangement by Mrs. Wraight and on October 30th they are providing and arranging the flowers for Church.

M. S. Dobson.

BADMINTON CLUB. We recommence activities on Saturday 1st October at 8 p.m. and thereafter there will be play on most Thursdays and Saturday evenings during the winter months (details will be given on each Sunday's Order of Service paper). Table tennis is also available to fill in the time when the court is occupied.

We are hoping this season to form, with five or six other Worthing Churches, a Church Badminton League. We played a number of friendly matches last year which were a great success and we are looking forward to the additional opportunities this proposed League will give to us of meeting in fellowship with friends from other denominational Churches.

On Thursday 6th Oct. we are holding an Open Evening, and we extend a very warm invitation to all those who feel they might be interested to come along and see for themselves what an enjoyable recreation this can be. Never mind if you haven't played before, or don't know the rules or haven't a racket. All you need is a pair of plimsolls - we will supply the equipment, and the advice!

We hope that all existing members will also come on this date so that we can make this a really enjoyable evening.

E. A. W.

The members of the "Gift Stall" wish to thank all who so kindly supported the Coffee Mornings and the "Garden-House Party". The proceeds from these events will go to the various stalls at the "Yuletide Fair" in November.

We will gladly accept any articles, new or otherwise for our stall.

C. M. Nodes.

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MOTORING NEWS.

I came across the following prayer recently which seems most appropriate at this time.

Lord grant me a steady hand and watchful eye
That no man be hurt when I pass by.
Thou givest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away, or mar, this act of Thine.
Save those, dear Lord, who bear me company
From shock or pain, and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for other's need
Nor miss through love of speed
The Beauty of this world, that so I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

Each month we hope to publish "Hints and Do's & Don'ts for the information of our greater motoring members.

B.M.C. 1100.

Y U L E T I D E B A Z A A R .

SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1966 - at 10.30 a.m.

To be opened by - Mrs. J. E. Farrar.

Put this date in your diary N O W ! !

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Teas available.

STALLS OF - Gifts, Flowers, Cakes, Sweets, Groceries, Needlework, Knitting and a Christmas Tree.

Gifts for any of these stalls will be gratefully accepted.

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A SERMON BY OUR MINISTER.

The Parable of the "Labourers in the Vineyard" - Matthew 20, verses 1-16.

This is one of the more difficult of the stories which Jesus told. We have all of us at some time felt sympathy for the men who worked all day and were only paid as much as those who had worked one hour. It was of course, bad luck for the men who only got one hour's work, but if they were paid a penny, then those who worked more should have got more. The owner of the vineyard would not be able to get away with that sort of thing today - what would the unions say? - We can be quite sure that, if anything of this sort occurred today there would be a strike at once.

The usual explanation of this parable is that the sum of a penny was the accepted day wage for a labourer. If a man earned a penny, then he could just maintain himself and his family; if he earned less, suffering must result both for himself and his dependents. Those who only worked one hour were given a penny in order that they and their families should not suffer.

I fear that, even with this explanation, most of us would still have a sneaking sympathy with the men who worked all day - even though we might not admit it and the non-Christian, even with this explanation, would probably call the action of the owner of the vineyard quite unjust. Jesus said "the first shall be last and the last first" and that we cannot accept either, the first shall be first and the last last - try anything else in a bus queue and see what happens, expecially if it is doubtful whether all the queue will get on to the bus. But who said anything about first and last? This is not the sort of judgment God makes, this is man's judgment, the first in the queue is the first to come, the first in a business is the man at the top, men judge their fellows first according to position or power or possession, but not God. Look at the Gospel - the only time Jesus talked about men being first was when he said that those who would be first must be servant of all, neither position nor possession nor power but service. That is another thought which we find

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very hard to accept.

So perhaps we have looked at this parable in the wrong way, it is not meant to illustrate the way men should deal with men, it shows how the Father deals with us, His children. In the eyes of God there is not a first and last amongst His children, God does not bless us according to what we have earned or what we deserve, God blesses us according to His love for us.

From this we must draw certain conclusions. Sometimes we might think of people who are ill or in need trouble as being "not so blessed as we are". We do well to give thanks to God for life's blessings, but ill if we attribute life's adversities to Him. It does often appear to be true that some are more blessed than others, but the sorrows and sufferings of men can be largely attributed to the ignorance or sin of men and even when we can offer no reasonable explanation for man's suffering it is blasphemy to attribute it to God and thereby suggest that He cares more for some than for others.

Next we must guard ourselves against the false judgment of men. Some people treat some of their fellows as if they were altogether a lower species because they are those who serve, as for instance a hotel porter or waitor or waitress. Some people speak to their fellowmen and address them by their surname without any courtesy title whilst they themselves expect to be addressed as "sir". How careful we must be if we ever find ourselves in the position of being recognised as rst amongst our fellows - what temptation to selfishness and pride. The fruit of the judgment of God is grace, love in activity, but the fruit of men's judgment, pride, is deadly sin.

The parable then is not concerned with men's dealing with his fellow men, but with God's dealing with man - true! Yet there is no escape for the Christian must certainly face the further truth that, if that is how God deals with men, that is how God calls us to deal with our fellows. Anyone may say what he likes, from the Christian view the owner of the vineyard was right because of his care for his fellows.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 1966.

2nd SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
4th Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m. Men's Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m. Mr. F. Dearsley - "MY JOB" continued.
6th Thurs.	Missionary Committee Meeting - 6.30 p.m.
9th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Rev. Roy Currie of Buckland Congregational Church, Portsmouth.
10th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
11th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship - "St. John of the Cross" - Col. F. Dines.
13th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER.
15th Sat.	Social for New Members of Church and Congregation.
16th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
18th Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m. Men's Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m. Mrs. R. A. Black - "New Zealand" (Illus'd.)
23rd SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
24th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
25th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship.
27th Thurs.	Deacons' Meeting.
30th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
NOV. 3rd Thurs.	Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be on November 6th and the Editor will be glad to have contributions not later than 23rd October, please.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

You will have heard, or you will be hearing, something about the "People Next Door", this is a short series of seven group meetings to take place in Lent next year and is sponsored by the British Council of Churches and the Conference of British Missionary Societies. The idea is to set up a number of groups in a district, each group numbering about ten persons and consisting of people from more than one Church. The first and last meetings will be for all these groups together and the five intermediate meetings will be in the separate groups, possibly meeting in the home of a member of the group. Members of the groups will be asked to discuss some of the subjects for discussion with a non-church-goer before two or three of the group meetings so that the views of non-Christians can be ascertained. This is a very sketchy idea of what the groups will do

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but it seems to me that this plan is refreshingly different from anything that has been attempted in our Churches. The Worthing Council of Churches has reluctantly cometo the conclusion that it would be difficult to carry this through in Worthing at present and may consider doing it at a later date, but I feel that this may prove so worth while that I am determined that we will have a go at it as a church; I hope very much that the other Goring Churches will join in but shall not know about this yet awhile. In any case I hope to find twenty people who will take this course, including two group leaders from this Church, and would remind you that all that is required is one meeting a week for seven weeks in Lent.

At the time of writing I am aware that some slight adjustment is necessary to our new sound reinforcement system, this I hope may be completed by the time this magazine is in your hands but part of the difficulty is the difference between the size of our morning and evening congregations. I am however, quite confident that when the adjustment is satisfactory it will be of great benefit to the congregation and will reduce the strain on the speaker.

I have asked for the names of those who would like to attend a series of Church Membership Classes, if anyone has intended to give their name and failed to do so, please contact me immediately, the first class will be next week.

Finally a reminder that Nov. 13th will be Remembrance Sunday and our Morning Service will start at 10.50.

With warmest greetings,

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

THE FAMILY.

We have just heard that Mrs. Duff has passed into the fuller life. Mrs. Duff recently had an accident and has for some time been blind and frail but she was remarkably patient and good humoured and was always in-

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terested to hear about theChurch. We rejoice in her release.

Miss Huckle has been not as well again and we hope she will soon improve.

Miss Ball seems a little stronger.

Mrs. Gregory will shortly be going to hospital.

Mr. de Pury is having trouble with his balance and this makes it very difficult for him to get about.

Mr. Woods is a little better, we hope he will soon have less pain.

Mrs. Rees has been undergoing treatment which we hope is entirely successful.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dobson on their recent marriage.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY:

DEATH. On October 21st - Mrs. J. H. Duff.

By the passing of Mrs. Duff the Church has lost yet another Foundation Member. Like Mr. Cornwall she had recently entered her ninetieth year. Handicapped by near blindness, she had not been able recently to attend worship, but she retained a keen interest in the Church. Older members will recall that her husband was knocked down by a bicycle outside the Church some years ago and received fatal injuries; the Rev. Martin Preston is his grandson. Our sympathy is with her step-daughter Mrs. Marshall and other members of the family.

NEW MEMBERS. Misses B. and E. Gentry - accepted Sept. 29th, received Oct. 2nd.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee realises how many financial calls will be made on you all between now and Christmas, but we ask that, owing to special needs of the Missionary cause this year, you will give this your earnest consideration.

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The financial year for the L.M.S. and C.M.S. always ended on the 31st March, but this year the accounts will be closed on the 31st December and we are making a special effort to collect three quarters of our normal annual amount by that date and the C.C.W.M. will really commence their financial year on 1st January 1967.

Those who have given regularly in the past to the L.M.S. and C.M.S. will be called on by the usual collectors and these same collectors have kindly volunteered to collect from subscribers to the Home Churches Fund (This method of collecting will of course end on the 31st Dec this year when the envelope collecting will commence).

In a letter we have just received from the Secretary of the C.C.W.M. it says "At the moment contributions from our Churches are £8,000 behind what they were to the L.M.S. last year". Will you PLEASE give as generously as possible, our Missionaries need your support and your prayers.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for November.

6th - Mr. G. Brockis.
13th - Mr. & Mrs. R. Pepperdine.
20th - Mr. P. Shaw.
27th - Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday.

E. Bond, Flower Secretary.

CHRISTIAN AID.

Every month I receive your very generous gifts for the above fund and pass it on to the Bank Account of the Christian Aid Fund in Worthing from whence it goes to help, in a multitude of ways to relieve distress, hunger and want. In the month of December I would like, with your permission, to send the total amount collected (in this month only) to a special cause about which I will tell you. Miss Susie Younger, a young English lady of 29 has become an institution in Korea. She speaks fluent and colloquial Korean, lives alongside those for

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whom she works on a diet of rice or grain, pickled cabbage and an occasional meal of fish, and is inured to privation of every kind. The success of her projects, despite all the financial and bureaucratic problems involved, has persuaded Korean officials and other older Missionaries to take her seriously. Yet she remains essentially a gay and attractive English girl. In 1964 Miss Younger was asked by the Archbishop of Taegu to take joint responsibility with the local parish priest for the development of 200 acres of hitherto uncultivated hillside 15 miles from Taegu, as a dairy farm. This was launched and is now the heart of her work. Korea is traditionally a rice growing country and since dairy farming is only just beginning to be known the supply of milk is lagging behind the growing demand for milk. A hillside farm is real pioneering work and when fully working will be a self-sufficient unit, producing milk, beef and pork, reared on the farm on its own fodder. Employment will be given to local peasants. It is also hoped to establish an agricultural school to provide skilled labour and teachers. These two projects will require a total investment of £80,000. A minimum net annual profit of £6,000 from the farm is envisaged and this will be devoted to improving the farm, training courses, purchasing live stock, digging and fertilizing new fields, setting up co-operative marketing facilities for peasants and supporting a vocational girls school (A boys' school is now wholly supported by an Austrian Organisation). An investment of this sort is, pound for pound, a most effective form of direct aid. £55,000 has already been raised by all sorts of Churches and organisations. Miss Younger is touring all over this country trying to interest people in her wonderful project. I heard her speak in October at St. Paul's Church and felt that I would like our Church to help in this really first class piece of Christian Aid.

Our total for September was - £16.10. 0.
and for October - £14.11. 0.

for which many thanks.

Marjorie Hayward.

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4th - -	£34.14. 6.	£16.15. 1.
11th - -	39. 6. 6.	18.12. 9.
18th - -	34. 9. 0.	14.19.11.
25th - -	39.17. 6.	- - -
	£148. 7. 6.	£50. 7. 9.

Total for the month - £198. 15. 3.

The loose collection at the Harvest Festival Services on 25th September, with some additional gifts, amounted to £51. 8. 5. and was for the Home Churches Fund.

The profit on the Harvest Supper and the retiring collection for the United Nations Association amounted to £25 and the local Treasurer of the Association expressed his deep gratitude for the donation.

R. O. P.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY - 20th November, 1966.

WHY NOT HAVE A DRINK?

The third Sunday in November has for a very good many years been widely observed, particularly in our Free Churches, as Temperance Sunday, and this serves to remind us that in days not so very far distant it was almost taken for granted that nonconformists were total abstainers, and this applied to ministers and church members alike. It is interesting to recall that a survey made just prior to the 1914/1918 war revealed no known case of a non-abstaining Congregational Minister in England and Wales.

The change which has taken place since those days cannot be better illustrated than by referring to a report issued a year or two ago by the Christian Economic and Social Research Foundation. This showed that while among the older Congregational Ministers total abstinence was observed by a high proportion of them, among the Ministers up to the age of 30 who replied to a questionaire sent to them, over two-thirds stated they were non-

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abstainers.

Why, it is reasonable to ask, has so drastic a change occurred in the ministerial attitude to the drinking of intoxicants? Has the nature of alcohol changed? Is it no longer a narcotic drug of addiction? Has it ceased to bring in its train much misery, crime and degradation? Does the moderate drinker no longer run the risk of becoming an addict? Does the duty of example to the younger or weaker brother no longer apply?

What does the non-abstaining minister have to say to the young person of his congregation who seeks his guidance on the matter of his or her attitude towards social drinking? If he advises total abstinence, but has to admit that he does not himself abstain, then his advice can carry little in the way of conviction. If, on the other hand he recommends so-called "moderation" (which incidentally in regard to alcohol no one can define) then he may be setting some boy or girl on the road to becoming a drink addict, the inevitable fate of 1 in 15 of all who commence to drink. Now does he resolve the dilemma in which his non-abstinence has placed him?

The attitude of these young ministers is reflected in many congregations today, such is the hold which social drinking has acquired. The case in favour of total abstinence still appears to me to be as unanswerable as it was when I signed the pledge well over 60 years ago. Am I wrong in holding as strongly as ever to the view put to me as a youngster in the Congregational Church which I then attended, the view that the professing Christian cannot justify by his moderate or social drinking helping to keep in being a trade which is directly responsible for such untold harm to the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of the people?

A. E. Pearn.

Worthing and District Council of Social Service.

Caer Gwent Old People's Residential Club,
Wykeham Road, Worthing.

A Coffee Morning is to be held at St. Paul's Church Hall on Friday 11th Nov. from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Come and give us your support. There will be a number

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of well stocked stalls.

Special Guests - His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress Councillor E. J. W. Cuer, M.P.S., J.P. & Mrs. Cuer.

I.B.R.A. Mrs. Parker thanks all readers of the I.B.R.A. who gave to the September Appeal, as a result of which £2.15.0. was sent to the Association.

Y U L E T I D E B A Z A A R.

Sat. 19th November, 1966.

To be opened at 10.30 a.m. by : -

MRS. J. E. FARRAR.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Teas will be served.

Morning: 10.30 to 12.30. Afternoon: 2.30 to 5.

Gift Stall. - Members of the Gift Stall will be pleased to receive any articles, new or otherwise, for the stall. There will be a good selection of Stationery and Christmas wrapping paper etc. No Christmas cards.

The Men's Stall. "Market Garden". This will be as in previous years Gifts will be welcome: -

Garden produce, Flower cuttings, Garden Accessories, Dairy Produce and Groceries.

A. E. Edmonds.

IN MEMORIAM.

The passing of Mrs. Duff takes from our Church yet another of our Foundation Members. Between two and three years ago she went blind. A few months ago she was taken to a Nursing Home and whilst there she fell and broke her hip-bone. After an operation in hospital she passed quietly away, and we should all thank God for her release from pain and suffering.

C. S. C. Wood.

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Appreciation.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of my husband and myself to thank the kind friends for their enquiries. Also for the flowers fruit etc., and too, the many letters and prayers which have cheered us both throughout my husband's illness, and I am pleased to say he is improving slowly.

C. & L. Wood.

We are glad to hear from Mrs. Wood and, in thinking of them, we would add that Mr. Wood was concerned that the heading of his tribute to the late Mr. Cornwall was omitted from last month's Chronicle. This read as follows:- "The passing of a Loving, Loyal Friend". We are sorry this was omitted and express to Mr. Wood our sincere regrets.

Editor.

THE BIBLE SAYS:-

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.
Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.

Hebrews, chap. 13, vv. 5, 6 & 8.

P. S. West.

THANKS.

Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Dobson, having received a letter from Mr. Winterton expressing the congratulations of the Church Meeting on their recent marriage, wish to thank all members for their good wishes.

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A Sermon by our Minister - Luke 24, 16 - Their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.

Many people have wondered why the disciples did not at first recognise Jesus in His resurrection appearances. The wording of the text would suggest that God deliberately prevented them from recognising Jesus. If you look at the Old Testament you may well find reasons for believing that God does deal with His children in this sort of way, but if we look at all that we know of the experience of men of God's dealing with them, we shall find no evidence for believing that He deliberately interferes with their senses to gain His own end with them.

Some have suggested that the disciples failed to recognise Jesus because He was now a spiritual and not a physical being. Since this is a realm about which we know nothing it is idle to speculate. Perhaps the failure of the disciples to recognise Jesus has quite a simple explanation - it was due to lack of faith. If a friend of yours dies and you actually attended his funeral, or even knew somebody else who had and two days later when you were out for a walk in the country this friend joined you on the road, you would know perfectly well that it was not your friend at all. You would be struck by the similarity of this stranger with your friend saying that even his tone of voice sounded the same. You might say that the likeness was so strange that it was uncanny, even painful, but you would know that the stranger was not your friend because you friend was dead. The disciples knew that Jesus was dead even though He had told them over and again that He would rise from the dead; it was a failure in faith.

So far we have dealt with this problem because it is one that baffles peoples minds, what is far more important is to look at what it was by which the disciples did recognise Jesus.

If we take the story of Mary in the garden, she thought that Jesus was a gardener - until He spoke her name and the way He spoke her name revealed a care for her which she had not experienced from anyone else.

We know nothing of the private appearance of Jesus to Peter except that it meant to Peter the assurance of forgiveness and that it so changed Peter that the rest

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of the disciples were by this convinced that Jesus was risen.

To the disciples at Emmaus Jesus became known in a simple homely act, something which they had often seen Him do at the family table - "He took the bread, brake it, and gave thanks".

I suggest this gives to our minds two lines of thought. Jesus was recognised to His disciples by His care, His forgiveness, His homeliness. How is God recognised to us? Do we recognise Him in the beauty of the world round about us and in all its provision for our human needs? Do we see God in the operation of His spirit in our times, in the life of the Church, or in the goodness and devotion of some of the people that we know are His?

It is possible for us to fail to recognise the presence of God in the world today and to do so for the same reason that the disciples failed to recognise Jesus - lack of faith.

The other line of thought that may be suggested to our minds is to ask ourselves by what we imagine other people recognise us. We know the things that we regard as typical of some people - their irritability or their cheerfulness - their generosity or their meanness - we hear something good or bad said of somebody and we say "Yes, I can quite believe it, that is typical of him".

When the disciples were before the Sanhedrin we read in the Acts of the Apostles that its members "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus" - I wonder if anything that folk might believe to be true of Jesus is seen to be typical of any of us.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS.

Mr. & Mrs. Howe, insert No. 40 (Aldsworth Avenue).
Delete Mr. C. Garland Hughes (resigned).
Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Jones, 11, Dower Walk, Gossops Green, Crawley.
Miss E. Robinson, 32 Durrington Gdns., The Causeway.
Miss C. Steers, 46, Alfriston Road.
Miss J. S. Weedon, Linden House Hotel, 2, Tennyson Rd.
Miss M. Wiseman, 77, Huatoki Street, New Plymouth, N.Z.

Corrections. For Mr. Rushley, read Mr. Rushby.
Mr. & Mrs. N. E. & Miss P.M. Terry

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G R O U P N O T E S.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

The Fellowship re-opened on Sept. 12th after the summer break. Our meeting was well attended and we read the play "The Linden Tree". This was followed by a lively talk by Miss Thomas from the Selden Schook of Drama, her subject, The Art of Public Speaking, was dealt with efficiently in a lecture full of dry wit and mimicry, enjoyed by all.

We had a return visit from the Grasshoppers, who soon had us forgetting our day's labours as we tripped the light fantastic in the well tried favourites of Folk Dancing. On October 24th we shall be having a talk and Film show by Rev. J. White on his visit to Russia which will interest many of our members with daughters going on next year's trip by the Nevassa to Leningrad and Moscow. We look forward to meeting any newcomers who would like to join our meetings on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m.

Our programmes are varied and there are no age limits!

E. A. Garrett.

DRAMA GROUP.

The Drama Group will be presenting its next production on Saturday, December 10th at 7.30 p.m.

The play "The Soldier and the Woman" is a very unusual Christmas play and it is hoped that it will be well supported. Admission will be free, but a collection in aid of the Church Development Fund will be taken.

The Drama Group is still very short of members. Anybody who is interested in any aspect of Amateur Productions will be very welcome at our Wednesday evening meetings. Rehearsals take place in the Church Hall but other members not involved in the production meet in one of the other halls for play readings, for acting lessons, and instruction in movement etc. Please come along - you may be the very person we need!

I. Bentley, Secretary.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S RAMBLES.

A number of our young people went for a ramble organised by Littlehampton Church. When we reached the Church we were pleased to be joined by young people from other Churches.

We left Littlehampton for an eight mile walk, after which we had a very enjoyable bar-be-cue lunch. We then walked back to Littlehampton Church, where we were provided with refreshments and entertainment, the evening concluding with an epilogue.

Now that we have established the interest in our Church we hope our young people will continue to support these functions, which are going to be held throughout the year.

On the 6th November we are going to Pulborough Church for a Rally.

This ramble to Littlehampton and beyond happened some time ago and has been succeeded by a ramble on the 17th September.

Mary Dobson.

The September Ramble.

Brilliant sunshine greeted us on the morning of Saturday 17th September when, at 10 a.m. a group of our young people set off by bus in the direction of Storrington from where we were to ramble across the downland to Arundel. In the space of half an hour we climbed 500 feet, so found our orangeade refreshing. A couple of minutes and we were well on our way through cow fields and farmyards where a "friendly" dog did not approve of of our using his territory as a right of way.

After an hour's stop for lunch, we covered the nine mile journey to one of Arundel's tea rooms.

Feeling rather exhausted but having enjoyed ourselves we returned to Worthing in the evening where we could rest our legs and enjoy a social gathering and film show.

This was concluded with an epilogue.

G. E. R.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

On Sept. 27th Mrs. Nicholas, accompanied by "Brysia", a lovely honey-coloured labrador, came at short notice to speak on "Guide Dogs for the Blind" in place of Mr. North who we were sorry to hear had died three days earlier. Mrs. Nicholas told us of all the training a blind person has to have before she can become the owner of a guide dog. It is a great strain, including attending many lectures for a month, memorising walks, learning raised maps of a district, and of course training with the dog with the aid of the trainer, the dog already having had 3 or 4 months training. Brysia's intelligence is quite amazing. In addition to guiding her owner even in the present day hectic traffic, she knows just which shop to go to for a sweet shop, newsagent, chemist etc., even the difference between a chemists and Timothy Whites or Boots. Sometimes a dog does not even need vocal commands, and im some strange way can read it's owner's thoughts. A guide dog costs £250. Metal milk bottle tops help to raise this money. We should like to thank Miss Ball for collecting them at our meetings for some years. Miss Hawke has now undertaken to do this for us.

Amidst all the tensions of everyday living it was a joy on October 11th to be transported back through the centuries by Colonel F. Dines in his enthralling story of one of the oldest Orders of Chivalry - St. John of the Cross. The order had its origin in Jerusalem with a monastic hostel for the relief of pilgrims from all over Europe, but when Islam captured Jerusalem the order became a military one and its knights fought the Crusades. When the Holy Land was overrun the order moved its Head-Quarters to Rhodes and later to Malta and when expelled from there by Napoleon, settled finally in Rome. The English branch was dissolved at the same time as the monasteries but was revived in Victorian days and received Royal patronage.

The work of the English Order maintains the well-equipped Opthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem as well as its better known St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade in this country. The very lovely transparancies

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Colonel Dines had taken of these sites in his Mediterranean journeys added so much to our enjoyment and understanding of this great piece of social service through the ages.

We are looking forward to hearing Councillor Mrs. Peryer and seeing her pictures on "My Mayoral Year" on November 8th knowing it will be full of interest.

It is good to hear of the social work done in our district by some of our members and you will have this opportunity on November 22nd.

If you have not yet attended our meetings, start now and come as often as possible, we shall be pleased to see you.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

Since Promotion Sunday in September we have had a number of staff changes. After many years of faithful service Mrs. D. Stewart resigned from the teaching staff of the Junior Department. We are grateful for the work she has done with us and wish her and Mr. Stewart every happiness with their little daughter.

At the same time Miss Hilary Stephens ceased to serve as a full-time member of the Junior Department staff due to her taking up a teacher-training course at Eastbourne College of Education. We wish her every success and are glad that she will be coming back to see us and work with us from time to time.

The two resulting vacancies on our staff have been filled by two young people of the Church, namely Miss Ann Hill and Mr. Christopher Byerley, who kindly offered their services and who we feel sure will make a useful and worthwhile contribution to Junior Church work.

E. C. Bond.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be on 4th December, and the Editor will be glad to have contributions by the 20th November.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1966.

1st Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.
"Any Questions", Chairman Mr. J. Dearsley.

3rd Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting.

6th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
The Minister.

7th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.

8th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m.
Mrs. J. R. Peryer. Illustrated talk "My Mayoral Year".

10th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER.
Teachers' Meeting - 8 p.m.

13th SUN. Remembrance Sunday - 10.50 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
The Minister.

15th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.
Rev. Wallis Hayward, Chairman Mr. Reynolds.

19th Sat. CHURCH BAZAAR.- 10.30 am.to 12.30 pm. & 2.30 to 5 pm.
Opener - Mrs. J. E. Farrar.

20th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
The Minister.

21st Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
Deacons Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

22nd Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m.
Members' Social Services.

27th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
The Minister.

29th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.
"Our Gardens in Colour" (illus.)
Chairman, Mr. P. W. Hopkins.

30th Wed. Youth Committee - 8 p.m.

DEC.

1st Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting.

(2nd Fri. Girls' Brigade - Open Evening.
(3rd Sat.

10th Sat. Drama Group - Christmas Play.

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The Manse.

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible that it is time to write for the last magazine of the year. How quickly time seems to pass in these days; I often find myself thinking about this and wondering whether it is ing sufficiently well spent. Perhaps this is a very good reflection for us all this month in preparation for the beginning of a new year. But first, there is a busy month ahead, and the following items are already in the diary. On the 2nd and 3rd December the Girls' Brigade are presenting an evening in our own hall in which the main item is the Nativity Play. This is instead of their usual display in West Park School.

On Saturday 10th the Drama Group are presenting a Christmas Play in the Hall. This is not a nativity

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play as such, but it is related to the Christmas Story, and I am told, a very good play. I would like to see the Drama Group getting more support from the Church - we ought to encourage this sort of activity and this sort of play. On the evening of Wednesday 14th our own choir will be giving a Carol Concert in the Hall. Our choir is giving us excellent service, and this will be a really good evening. The Inland Revenue Christian Union will be holding their Annual Carol Service in Church on Thursday 15th at 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. and this too, will I hope be supported by some of our folk.

I know there is a strong inclination with many folk to stay indoors in the evenings in these days, but I think that those of us who are able should give serious thought to supporting the special efforts made by folk in connection with the Church. I know just now there are several all together, but after all, the demands made upon us are not very great.

I was delighted with the support which the Church gave to the Walk for the Aberfan Fund which was entirely organised by two or three of our own Young People. It was good to see that members of the Church had turned up to see the walk start and it was good too, to know how many had come forward as sponsors. The whole occasion was exceedingly well organised, one or two parents and Church members gave valuable help with cars on the day, and young walkers stuck it splendidly, most of them completing the 25 miles. I am told that when all is gathered in it is hoped to send about £100 to the Aberfan Fund.

I think we have now got the new sound reinforcement system about right, that is, operating to reinforce the sound without our being in fact conscious of it. One thing I think needs to be said. This sound reinforcement cannot be strong enough to enable people who use hearing aids to be without them, for if the volume were strong enough for that, the sound would be intolerable for those with normal hearing. It should reinforce the sound for those with slightly deficient hearing, whether they realise it or not.

May I say what a great help it has been to me at

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the last two Sunday evening services to have the congregation sitting forward. I know this means some leaving the seat in which they have sat since the Church opened, but I am sure that if you realised how much of a help it is to me, you would feel it to be worth while.

Now Mrs. Hayward joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a New Year of rich blessing. It is impossible for us to send you each an individual token of our thoughts and wishes for you and your families, but we do assure you of our thoughts and prayers for you all and for all who are dear to you at this time. May God bless you and grant that in the New Year the reign of the Prince of Peace may be shed more and more abroad upon the earth.

Yours

WALLIS HAYWARD.

CHRISTIAN AID.

Thank you all for your contributions during November, to this Fund, the total of which was £22. 14. 0d.

Marjorie Hayward.

THE FAMILY.

Miss Huckle is again in the London Hospital for treatment and we hope she will return strengthened.

Mrs. Gregory has made a splendid recovery from her operation.

Mr. Wood seems a little better but still has a good deal of pain.

Miss Ball remains about the same and sends her greetings to all friends.

Jimmy Marshall has been in hospital but is home and quite fit again.

Mrs. Shilston is suffering with heart trouble, we hope she will soon feel stronger.

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Mrs. Hopkins has had a sharp attack of sciatica.

Mrs. Cozens-Walker has had a fall and broken a bone in her ankle.

Mrs. Kingswell is having treatment at Graylingwell.

Miss Morton has been unwell lately, we hope she will soon be feeling better.

Our sympathy has been with Mrs. Pearn in the sudden loss of her brother.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. C. S. Stephens who, in September, began two years as Chairman of the Governing Body of New College.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

December is always a busy month in the Church Calendar and it is hoped that as wide support as possible will be given to all the activities arranged during that month. Most of them will be directly or indirectly preparing our hearts and minds for the message of Christmas. Young and old may we echo the prayer in the well-loved hymn: "O, Come to my heart LORD JESUS. There is room in my heart for Thee".

At this season the Officers and Deacons would wish to extend very warm greetings to Mr. & Mrs. Hayward and their family, and to all members of the Church and Congregation. We would especially remember those who are laid aside by age and sickness, those whose memories are tinged with sadness, and particularly we would like those of our members living at a distance to know that they are not forgotten. Here then is a list of our distant members - God bless you wherever you are!

Mr. R. J. Harris, Bournemouth.
Sgt. J. Beckingham, Tangmere.
Miss M. Wiseman, New Zealand.
Mr. & Mrs. E. & R. Tilbury, Hastings.
Mrs. M. Baird, Midsomer Norton, Bath.
Miss E. V. Penwill, Sidmouth.
Mr. & Mrs. P. N. Rippon, Westbourne, Emsworth.
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. & Mr. M. Latham, Marlborough.
Flying Officer R. J. Grayson, Singapore.
Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Baker, Horsham.
Mr. & Mrs. D. Richardson, Richmond.

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NEW MEMBERS.

Miss E. F. Pelling & Mrs. H. A. Dobson accepted Nov. 3rd, received Nov. 6th.

BAPTISMS.

Oct. 16th - Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hull and grand-daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Wallis Hayward.

Nov. 20th - Simon Edward Heaney, son of Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Turner.

H. A. Winterton.

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23rd - -	27. 4. 6.	11. 10. 10.
30th - -	36. 5. 0.	19. 9. 6.
	£185. 0. 6.	£85. 11. 0.

Total for month - £270. 11. 6.

The collection at the Communion Service on the 6th November for the Schools for Missionaries' children amounted to £13.17.3. Thank you.

Collecting Boxes for New Development Fund. We thank those friends who have had boxes during the past year and who have given to the above Fund in this way and we are grateful to Miss Winnie Smith for organising the distribution and collection of the boxes. The total received through the scheme this year amounts to £42. 2. 3; a very useful sum.

Miss Smith will be re-issuing the boxes shortly and if there are any new friends who would be willing to take a box she will be very happy to furnish one. This is a convenient way of making small regular contributions or the box can be placed near the telephone if it is used by one's friends.

R. O. Parker.

Mrs. Edmonds thanks all those who have knitted for the stall all the year and those who sent gifts of knitted goods and all who helped to make such a good result for the "Working Party Knitting Stall".

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YULETIDE BAZAAR - 1966.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our Bazaar which was held on the 19th November, as a result of which the New Development Fund was augmented by nearly £580 after allowing for expenses.

The amounts raised by the individual stalls at the close of the day were as follows:-

Knitting Stall	£67.	0.	6.
Men's Stall	39.	12.	9.
Gift Stall	34.	1.	8.
Needlework Stall	118.	14.	4.
Junior Church Stall	26.	1.	7.
Sweet Stall	22.	1.	0.
Cake Stall	18.	4.	3.
Flower Stall	58.	10.	0.
Stationery	30.	14.	6.
Jewellery	56.	0.	0.
Christmas Tree	14.	5.	0.
Girls' Brigade Stall	17.	13.	8.
Cake Competition	6.	14.	0.
Treasure Island	4.	1.	6.
Morning Coffee	6.	16.	2.
Profit on lunches	-	11.	0.
Afternoon Teas	6.	11.	9.
Donations	63.	2.	0.
	£590.	15.	8.
Less expenses	12.	5.	0.
	£578.	10.	8.

You will see by the above report the final financial result of the Bazaar. Mr. Jenkins and I would like to express to Mr. & Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Farrar and to all who helped in any way our warm thanks and a special 'thank you' to our boys and girls who sang and helped in so many ways.

The result - a very happy day of fellowship and a fine financial uplift. Thank you all.

D. B. Jenkins,
Secretary.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Rota for December.

4th Dec. - Mrs. E. Watson.
11th " - Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Williams.
18th " - Miss D. Ward.
25th " - Church.

I am most grateful to all members who have either given flowers for the Church, helped to arrange them, or given donations to the Church Flower Fund. Any members of the Church who are not at present on the Flower Rota but who wish to provide flowers for the Church, or make a donation to the Flower Fund, would they please contact me.

Mrs. E. Bond,
Secretary.

The Bible says:-

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

11 Peter, chap. 3, v. 9.

P. S. W.

Appreciation.

I would like to thank all my friends at the Church for their expressions of love, good wishes, kind thoughts, and most important of all, for their prayers which have sustained me during my recent illness. I am glad to say that I am home again and am on the way to what I hope will be a complete recovery. Thank you all.

Betty Gregory.

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Weekly Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme.

Once again I appeal to old and new members of the Church to join the above scheme, as well as members of the congregation who are regular worshippers.

It is essential more than ever that our Treasurer, with the rebuilding that is taking place, should be able to count more and more on the contributions to the income of the Church, and rely less and less on the loose cash collections, which must, of necessity, be an unknown quantity.

As I am sure we would all wish to ease the burden which lies so heavily on the shoulders of our Treasurer as much as possible, I do ask every member to join thisscheme whereby a promise is given to contribute a certain sum each week in an envelope with which contributors are supplied; no amount being mentioned on the promise form, but the amount placed in the first envelope is regarded as the sum which will be given each week.

I shall be most happy to explain the system in more detail if anyone so desires, if you will kindly see me after any service, or if more convenient, please write to me at:- 4, Little Drive,
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The British & Foreign Bible Society.

The Worthing Auxiliary will hold a meeting on 7th DECEMBER, 1966 (Wednesday following Bible Sunday) in Christ Church, Grafton Road, Worthing, at 3.30 p.m.

Speaker: The Rev. Wilfred Crittle.
Chairman: The Rev. J. E. Farrar, M.A.

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A sermon by our Minister.
Mark 9, 4 - Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

We have all of us known times when we have felt a great sympathy with this father, when we have felt the need for a greater faith. Sometimes the challenge comes from outside, as the Christian who, after the Aberfan disaster was challenged with the question "now what about your Father of love?". We may be tackled with even more difficult problems and feel that if we had more faith we could bear a better witness to the truth of the gospel. Sometimes it may happen that we see in somebody else a fine piece of evidence of Christian faith and love and we feel that if only we had more faith we might succeed in living a more fully Christian life. And sometimes, no doubt, we experience doubts in our own hearts, whether there can really be a God at all, how God can possibly know and love all the millions of people there are, or how it can possibly be true that all human beings that ever have been can enter into eternal life. These things which it is beyond the capacity of our human minds to encompass, which we can only accept by faith, which make us pray "Lord increase our faith". How can our faith be increased?.

We know that there are some things which we can do for ourselves by our own strength of will, we may for instance have a difficulty and say "I will not let this beat me" and of course our strength of will can be a tremendous help to us. Can we face a problem of faith and say "I will make myself believe this?" Whilst it is true that we cannot believe anything without some effort of will, it is also true that we cannot believe anything by strength of will alone. We must also recognise that there are some doubts which we shall never succeed in finally and completely dispelling because there is no complete answer to them within the limits of this life, but the stronger our faith, the more easy we shall find it to deal with these persistent doubts.

Look at the father of the epileptic boy. When he brought the child to Jesus he must have had some

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faith that Jesus could heal him, and in the first place, he must have heard of Jesus because somebody told him about what Jesus had done or said. When he brought the boy and found Jesus missing and then when the disciples failed to heal the child, that faith must have been under a severe strain. When at last Jesus did come He seemed to demand of the father an absolute belief, "if thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth". How could this unhappy man reasonably be expected to have an absolute faith in Jesus, nobody else had been able to heal his son, the disciples had just miserably failed, wasn't this asking too much? The father felt he couldn't have such faith unless Jesus Himself helped him towards it - "Lord I believe, help Thou mine unbelief".

If we would increase our faith we must first recognise that the beginnings of our faith were derived from others, parents, teachers, friends. We might then ask ourselves whether we have derived as much faith as we could from the inspiration and example of others. Next, for the father of the boy it was the presence of Jesus Himself which strengthened his faith. The presence of Jesus for us of course, is through worship and prayer. Last of all, if we are to find that our faith grows stronger we shall have to put it into practice. Nobody can find the meaning of prayer, except by praying. If we face an anxiety or fear and believe that God can help us with it, it is no good our praying about it and then acting as though nothing were different, what we must do is to pray about it and then act as though we were absolutely confident that, come what may, God would be with us.

So we may increase our faith in the first place by profiting from the inspiration of fellow-Christians, but the whole truth is that God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves if we are prepared to come to Him in such faith as we have and then through prayer, know that that faith is already made stronger.

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G R O U P N O T E S .

HALL BOOKINGS.

Secretaries of organisations are reminded that notice of any bookings must be in writing a fortnight before the date required. It is regretted that no verbal notice will be considered, particularly on Sunday mornings, when records are not available.

In view of the occasional bookings which clash with the regular bookings, will secretaries please consult with one another, and come to an amicable arrangement. Also it is inevitable that some of the occasional bookings must take precedence over a regular booking.

S. D. Jaques,
Letting Secretary.

FROM THE CHOIR STALLS.

Worthing Music Festival.- The Church Choir will be taking part in a non-competitive class on Friday 2nd December in the Assembly Hall at 9.50 p.m. It would be very encouraging to the members of the Choir if some of our own congregation could be there in the audience on that occasion.

Covers for Hymn Books.- The Choir members have recently acquired new covers for their hymn books and anthem books with the result that there are quite a number of almost new plastic covers in hand. If any member of the congregation is interested in having one of these for his or her own book, please contact the Choir Secretary from whom they may be purchased for sixpence each.

CAROL CONCERT.- The Choir will be giving a Carol Concert on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30 p.m. and it is hoped that you will support our effort which will be to give you an enjoyable evening of music. A collection on behalf of the Home Churches Fund will be taken.

MAKE IT A DATE.

M. T.

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GIRLS BRIGADE.

Brigade Week this year amounted to £34. 2. 9d a disappointing result in comparison with last year's total of £50, but we do thank you for your support.

Just now we are preparing for our Annual Display or "At Home", which this year is in our own Church Hall, and as we are 'At Home' in the true sense of the word we look forward to more support from Church members.

We shall be going to Fairfield House on December 6th to entertain the residents.

We shall be out Carol Singing again this year. On December 13th we shall be "down your way" in Bolsover Road, Melrose Avenue and Strathmore Road. On December 14th we will be in Robson Road, Roseberry Ave., Elgin and Walpole Roads. Collection for Christian Aid.

A very Happy Christmas to all of you from all of us.

M. S. Dobson.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

At another part of the Chronicle it will be noted that our Village Store raised over £26 at the Yuletide Bazaar. We are grateful to all parents, children, young people and friends who, by their gifts, donations and efforts made this result possible.

One of the younger members of our teaching staff, Miss Susan Robinson, has found it necessary, through pressure of work to resign from the staff. Miss Robinson faithfully and diligently worked with the children in the Primary Dept. for over two years and in September of this year transferred to the Junior Department staff. We thank her for her valuable assistance and wish her success in her studies and future career. Before the next issue of the "Chronicle", 1966 will have drawn to a close and therefore the children, young people and staff of the Junior Church take this opportunity to send members of the

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Church and congregation their very best wishes for a happy Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.

E. C. Bond,
Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Our ANNIVERSARY SERVICE more than fulfilled our expectations. The Rev. Florence Frost-Mee preached a challenging sermon based on the passage in the New Testament where Jesus asks His disciples "who do you say that I am?" and Peter answers "Thou art the Christ". We were reminded of four other occasions when Jesus was really asking this question - the rich young man who, when Jesus told him to give away his wealth, replied "you are asking too much", then the father of the epileptic boy who, when Jesus said "all things are possible to him who believeth" replied, "I believe, help Thou my unbelief". Zaccheus, who responded by believing that Jesus could come into his life and change it, and Thomas, who had not been able to believe the other disciples' report that they had seen Jesus, but when he realised Jesus was with them on a later occasion said "My Lord and my God". In the light of this we were led to consider our own personal response of Jesus and to look beyond ourselves to the needs of other people.

We were very glad to have with us Mrs. Cynthia Brown whose beautiful rendering of two great solos was a real part of the service, and to welcome visitors from Churches from our own and other denominations in the neighbourhood. For some of our Anglican friends meeting a woman minister was a new experience.

On November 8th Mrs. Peryer came to us and spoke on "My Mayoral Year". It was a most interesting and entertaining afternoon and we learnt a lot about the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor of Worthing, as well as the more glamorous occasions. During her year, Mrs. Peryer attended 631 Mayoral functions, 52 meetings and was able to accept 171 of the 260 other invitations she received, making a total of 854. After Mrs. Peryer had told us of her experiences, Mr. Peryer showed us the excellent colour transparencies he had

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taken of the events and ceremonies and left us with a vivid picture of Mrs. Peryer's Mayoral Year.

On Dec. 6th Mr. Hayward will be telling us of his experiences in "Camping with boys". Members of the Men's Fellowship who have already heard this talk assure us it is most interesting. This will be our last meeting for this session, but we join the Working Party on the 13th for a Christmas Programme and tea.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers and we hope you will join us again on 10th January.

L. B. Reynolds.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

We wish to offer our grateful thanks to all members who worked so well during the year to bring in such rewarding results. Also to all members and friends who came to purchase and enjoy the day of the Yuletide Bazaar with us.

E. T.

MOTORING HINTS, etc.

Winter is here. Have you got your anti-freeze in your car yet? If not, why not? A car with a frozen engine is no use to you or to anybody else.

Have you looked at your tyres to see if there is enough tread to grip on the roads, because your life will depend on good tyres. If you require any help on the above two items, consult your local garage.

"You watch the fellow who drives ahead
and the fellow who drives behind, but the
fellow you really have to watch is the fellow
ahead of the fellow behind."

How true!

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FROM THE EDITOR.

In the December issue of 1952 reference was made to the turfing of the ground on the sides of the Church Approach, a delightful piece of work, well done. Looking through old magazines I found this too, told by the Rev. P Thomson (chaplain to the Worthing Hospital) at our evening service on Sunday August 3rd, 1952.

> "I recently visited a patient in the Men's Ward. He said, 'I go upstairs tomorrow (this for an operation), but I am not a bit afraid because 'underneath are the everlasting arms'. Mr. Thomson then added, "And yet there are people who say there is nothing in religion".

And so, at the end of my fourth year of arranging contributions from Church Members for our monthly "Chronicle of happenings" at the Congregational Church in Goring, I am grateful to the readers for their understanding so far as omissions etc., are concerned.

Whilst there are a number of Churches who still find it possible to have their magazines printed, many more I find, have the work duplicated either professionally or by a 'labour of love'. Our willing band of helpers do a magnificent job every month of the year and you with me, I am sure, would wish to accord to them your grateful thanks.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and
Health and Happiness in
the coming year.

Stanley E. West.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1966.

1st Thurs.	Monthly Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
2nd Fri.)	Girls' Brigade Annual Display in the
3rd Sat.)	Church Hall - 7.0 p.m.
4th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
5th Mon.	Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m. Meeting of Ministers and Deacons, Shelley Rd.
6th Tues.	Women's Guild Fellowship. Rev. Wallis Hayward on "Camping with boys".
8th Thurs.	DAY OF PRAYER.
10th Sat.	Drama Group present "The Soldier and the Woman". - 7.30 p.m.
11th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
12th Mon.	Meeting - Deacons and Visitors.
13th Tues.	Women's Guild Working Party - Joint Christmas meeting with Women's Guild Fellowship.
14th Wed.	Carol Concert - The Choir - 7.30 p.m.
15th Thurs.	Inland Revenue Carol Service - 1.0 p.m.
18th SUN.	Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
19th Mon.	Deacons Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS WEEK	- Look for notes in the "Order of Service" on Christmas arrangements.
29th Thurs.	Monthly Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be available on 1st January, 1967 and all contributions should be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 18th December.

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