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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

JANUARY, 1979No. 307FROM THE VESTRYLift up your heads!

Christians upon entering a New Year do well to remember that all TIME is in God's hands, and as subordinate to His purposes as earth is subordinate to the power of Heaven. He Reigns! And God would continue to reign were the whole earth at war with Him, since the Eternal Victory has been won in Jesus Christ.

Meditate upon this when your own strength fails, or your faith burns low - and remember as you value your soul and your sanity, that "The Lord God omnipotent Reigns". Give thanks to God that through your faith in the Grace of Jesus Christ you are living "on the victory side".

The coming year will bring many interesting opportunities for the churches in the District to share in the lives of our new friends who are coming to live in West Durrington. We welcome them to Worthing, and, together with churches of all denominations, invite them to call upon our services in whatever way they think we can help. Later on in the year we hope to be busy with visitations - sharing this with friends from other churches - and still more important plans may be afoot! Do remember this work in your prayers. It is hoped soon to introduce the Rev. R.C. Christopher who has come to live in Heene Road to the Church Meeting. Mr. Christopher has intimated his willingness to help in the Ministry of the Church and with his background, we are sure he will be of great help to us. We bid Mr. & Mrs. Christopher welcome, and thank them for their willingness to serve with us.

A number of young married couples have been preparing for membership of the Church and we hope to receive them very soon. Do not hesitate to discuss the question of Church Membership with the Minister.

Mr. & Mrs. Wally Kimber have kindly accepted my invitation to become secretaries of the proposed Family Church Weekend. We are grateful to them. Do make an early response to their letter in this issue of the Chronicle!

A Very Happy New Year,

Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

Quiet Please We do realise that welcoming one another to Worship has an important part to play in Christian Fellowship. At the same time we urge friends to remember the need for silence which belongs to preparation for Worship. Please remember this when you come to Church.

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple  
Let all the earth keep silence  
before Him".

#### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Our warmest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Amos in the birth of their son James. Many will remember Mary Amos as the daughter of Norman and Margaret Dobson.

#### MARRIAGE

Henry Knowles	25.11.78
Janet Pickles	

#### IN MEMORIAM

Major Vivian Smith	24.11.78
Gwyneth Mary Taylor	27.11.78
Rachel Eleanor Brunton	9.12.78

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down.

We remember the sick in our prayers. Maurice Jenkins is very ill and we send blessings to Mrs. D. Jenkins and her family. Miss E.G. Harding is now feeling settled at her new address - 9 Grand Avenue. The Johnsons - all of them are missed from the fellowship, and we hope they will settle within their new surroundings. To all friends in nursing homes and hospitals we send our love. We are always glad to receive and to share your news. Make this page "News of the Fellowship" a true sharing of our joys and sorrows. The Minister or Editor will always be glad to include your news.

### THE HYMNS WE SING

#### No. 1 of a series

#### Hark! The herald angels sing C.P. 84

We begin with a Christmas hymn, or is it a carol? There is a difference of course - and put simply, the carol is the folksong of Christmas whose origins belong more to a religious impulse that is simple, hilarious, popular or modern - whose message sounds more like a ballad than a sermon. The word carol is related to the idea of dancing and is of course a thing of joy, e.g. In the "wassail Song" a true carol with the chorus:

Love and joy come to you  
 And to you your wassail too,  
 And God bless you, and send you  
 A Happy new year.

you can see and sing and hear the CAROL at its best - and many more examples might be added to the list.

The Hymn "Hark! the herald angels sing" exhibits more the Christmas hymn than Carol style, and in it the author

Charles Wesley (1707-88) proclaims his evangelical and scriptural message. At the same time, the tune "Mendelssohn (or Bethlehem) by F. Mendelssohn - Batholdy has given the hymn a remarkable charm and grace. Mendelssohn himself objected to the use of this tune for the purpose of a hymn! and yet how popular and effective has it become.

The present writer would conclude this hymn to be perhaps the most complete English Christmas hymn, and rejoices with the author in its evangelical truth.

"TAPTON"

Change of Address      for your Handbook

\* Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Richards now at 68 Lincoln Road.  
Tel: 60486

#### BIBLE VERSES

The late Dr. William Barclay once wrote: For a happy life, three things are necessary:

Something to hope for,  
Something to do,  
Someone to love.

Let us see how this squares up to Biblical teaching.

1. Hope Psalm 146 v.5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Romans 15 v. 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Titus 2 v. 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

2. Activity Colossians 3 v.17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

3. Love 1st Epistle John 4 vv. 10/11 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I wish to thank all kind friends in the Church for their prayers, flowers and the visitors including our Minister, during my recent stay in hospital. The experience I felt was of peace, joy and rest in the Lord. God bless you all,

SYLVIA CANE

#### "TOGETHER IN MISSION"

On January 7th at 18.30h our Evening Worship will take the form of a Missionary Service. Instead of a sermon we look forward to Mr. Richard Allon Smith, of Rustington, showing slides of his recent visit to India, in connection with a U.R.C. holiday/work project there.

At the close of the Service tea and biscuits will be served in the Cornwall Room.

It is a privilege to be a member of Christ's world-wide family, so we ask everyone to make a special effort to be present on this first Sunday evening of a New Year, to worship to the praise of His name, and to link ourselves in thought with others of His international family.

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no North or South,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth."

DORA NEWELL

WORLD CHURCH PAGEWAIT FOR IT!

On Advent Sunday, at Morning Prayer, I realised for the first time how much we evangelicals and Free Churchmen have lost by starting to celebrate Christmas long before the event (just like the secular world) and virtually squeezing out the consideration of Advent altogether. We need surely to spend time reminding ourselves of the state of the world into which Christ came and still comes with redemptive power; and then to celebrate His coming with explosive joy. There was a time when the stricter nonconformists would denounce the celebration of the major church festivals, even on the appropriate dates, as 'Popery'. We seem to have reacted much too far in the opposite direction and we have something to learn from the attitude of the High Anglicans and the Catholics in this matter.

We should still be celebrating Christmas when this Chronicle appears and for days afterwards. Will we?

THE VANDALS

We have been hearing a lot about vandals in our town lately - even having exhibitions on the subject. Like everyone else I am naturally against the sort of vandalism portrayed there. But what about the other kinds of vandals, who seem to abound in our locality, who do far more permanent and expensive damage, usually for profit, and yet on the whole escape the same sort of criticism?

For example:- owners of historic buildings, whether they be private citizens or town councils, who deliberately allow the buildings to get into disrepair so that they can be 'delisted' and destroyed;

Church authorities who do the same thing (fortunately not so much in our immediate area);

The vandals who used the Dutch elm disaster not only to destroy the affected elms but every tree in sight;

The multiple traders who have gradually torn much of the heart out of old Worthing in order to build new and unnecessary stores and car parks;

The perpetrators of the hideous telephone exchange in the very shadow of Chichester Cathedral.

When you see a shattered litter-bin by all means criticise the louts who destroyed it - but also look around you and think of the appalling example they have been set by town and country councillors, farmers and managing directors, public corporations and even church authorities.

#### JANUARY FILM EVENING

Please see elsewhere in this edition a notice relating to the film evening on 7th.

R.F.B.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with joy and thanks giving for their past services to our Church in the gift of music, that we share in the celebration of the Golden Wedding on 22nd December, 1978, of John and Paddy Rathbone. Many of us remember these dear friends with much affection and we all wish them well in their future years of retirement.

EDITOR

#### CHURCH FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

7th Mrs. Gregory	21st Mr. M.E. Jones
14th Mr. & Mrs. Goodchild	28th Mrs. E. Dearsley

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CALENDAR .Weekly Meetings & Activities:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade (Session Starts on 8th)
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Session Starts on 9th)
Wednesdays:	17.30h	Anchor Boys ( " " " 10th)
	18.15h	Youth Choir Practice
	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
Thursdays:	19.30h	Badminton Club
Fridays:	19.15h	Boys Brigade (Session Starts on 12th)
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	21.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Little Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

Other Meetings and Services: The Minister will preach  
unless otherwise stated.

7th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Missionary Service with Slides followed by Refreshments in the Cornwall Room.
8th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "Make-up Demonstration" Mrs. Beasley
9th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - New Year Party
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship "Gardens round the World" - Mr. Hobbs
	20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
11th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
14th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel)
	11.00h	Divine Worship) The Rev.
	18.30h	Divine Worship) R.C. Christopher

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16th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 37 Ashurst Drive & at 1 Arun Close
21st	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
22nd	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Bring & Buy, & Favourite Recipes
23rd	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild } "Mexico" Illus. Men's Fellowship } Mrs. D. Turner
		20.00h	Bible Study at 56 Bolsover Road
25th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
28th	Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship
30th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst Drive and 1 Arun Close



The Closing Date for material to be submitted for the  
February Magazine will be Sunday, 14th Jan.



A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR READERS.

Flower Fund

A flower fund is to be started from 1st January, to enable any who feel so led to contribute towards the cost of providing flowers in the Church throughout the year, particularly when no one has expressed a wish to donate flowers for a special date or event.

A very generous donation to launch the fund has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Green who have worshipped with us whilst staying with their daughter, Geraldine and if you wish to contribute to the fund, please place your gift in an envelope and mark it "flower fund" and put in the collection.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Deputy  
Flower Secretary

HERBS

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 1 v. 29

The word 'herb' is used to describe a non-woody flowering plant, which can be used as a flavouring or a medicine. Throughout the ages there has always been a belief in the magical properties of herbs, and in the middle ages the healing properties attributed to certain plants was largely dependant on its appearance. Thus toothwort, whose flowers closely resemble teeth, was used as a cure for toothache, and saffron used in the cure and prevention of jaundice. Today, we are rediscovering the valuable properties to be found in these plants, as well as using them increasingly to enhance the flavour of other foods.

Borage is a pretty plant which often grows wild in hedgerows here in southern England. During July and August it bears dainty blue star-shaped flowers which hang from frail stems bearing hairy, grey-green leaves.



effects of less public spending on the purchase of good literature. Her conducted tour of the Library on 28th November was an education in itself. How lucky we are to have such a library and how many of us wished we were ten or twenty years younger to take full advantage of all it offered.

21st November. It is not often we meet one of our English Lady Cricketers and one who has toured and played with them for England. Miss McEvoy, trained as a teacher, delighted us with her cricket experiences in England and Australia, experiences which led to her appointment as Physical Education Inspector in London. All her success she owed to the help and encouragement from a teacher at school - a convent in the poorer part of Liverpool - where her religious teaching laid the foundations for her life.

5th December. As a preparation for Christmas - "A Journey of a Lifetime" by Miss Ella Robertson. She took us on a pilgrimage to the land of Palestine. With her we trod in the steps of Jesus and his disciples, visiting the places which the majority of us can only visualize in our imagination. It was truly a pilgrimage and a great spiritual experience for we caught in Ella's talk, the emotion that must have been shared by all on that journey. Thank you, Ella, for a truly wonderful afternoon.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A Happy New Year to all our members! We open our Spring Session on 9th January with a slide tour of "Gardens of the World" presented by Reg Hobbs with, we hope, a commentary by his wife, Jill. On 25th January we join the Women's Guild to have a look at "Mexico" through the slides of Dorothy Turner. An exciting prospect. We very much enjoyed Marjorie Morris' talk on the Introduction of Street Lighting in Worthing, on 5th December.

REG GOODCHILD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Since my last article in the Chronicle we have enjoyed a most interesting evening seeing slides of birds in our countryside and learning of the part they have to play in our ecology. Then Sergeant Thomas gave us an interesting evening teaching us the importance of Crime Prevention.

Our last meeting of the year was our Christmas evening, when we enjoyed, poems, readings, carols and mincepies by candlelight, a beautifully way to get into the mood for this most blessed festival.

We shall start the New Year with a make-up demonstration by Mrs. Mary Beasley of Boots, so if any ladies would like to put on a fresh face for the coming year, please join us on 8th January, you will be most welcome!

A Happy New Year to you all,

ROBIN BRADLEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

When you read this the New Year will be upon us, but as I write, our Jubilee Display has just taken place and I must stay in 1978 for just a few lines.

Bless you for coming to the Display. What a grand evening it was. I did so want an evening of celebration and to go out of Jubilee year with a bang! and that certainly did happen. 1978 has been a wonderful year and I thank God daily for the privilege that is mine in looking after such a super company.

Thank you girls for my lovely picture of The Praying Hands. Thank you Brigaders for my lovely flowers. Thank you Explorers for my plant and thank you all for gifts and cards - so many tokens of love.

May we all go on together into 1979 with praise on our lips and joy and love in our hearts and together may we

ever seek to serve and follow Christ. May He bless each and every one of us. A Happy New Year,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

On 9th December, the dear Lord called one of our Explorers to be an angel in His Kingdom. We give thanks for the short life of Rachel whom we loved dearly, and pray that the love of the Lord will surround and strengthen Brenda and Gordon, Caroline, Alison and Margaret.

JEAN WEBB

#### BOYS' BRIGADE

God's Blessing be yours in the New Year. We look forward to a time of progress in the work for the Lord and we pray for a closer fellowship in the life and work of our Church. If we do have our failures in dealing with the young people is it because we did not pray hard enough?

Our Boys' Brigade Week fund raising effort in November was not the financial success we had hoped, but we are very thankful for the support received from parents and friends. A big 'thank you' to those Church Members who managed to slip a 'fiver' in their envelopes. Contributions varied from 2p to £20, we are indeed grateful for the last mentioned figure! With the funds raised we are one step nearer to replacing our bent and battered bugles.

The Fabric Committee has served us an eviction notice on the Hut expiring on 1st May! So this means we must soon find somewhere else to store our equipment. If you know of a garage or suchlike going for rent please let me know. Thank you,

DONALD STEWART

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

Did you have lots of Christmas cards this year? And did some have pretty 'olde Worlde' scenes, - 'Dickensian' some people call them? Yes, Charles Dickens was a good writer, who could describe scenes - good, bad, beautiful and ugly, so that you could almost imagine yourself there! In 1837-9 he lived in a house in Doughty Street, W.C.1., where he completed Pickwick Papers and wrote Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby. This is the only London house still standing in which he lived. It is now a museum and library containing manuscripts, letters and personal relics.

It is sometimes difficult to believe that Dickens is dead when you walk around some of the streets in this area of central London. Big tenement houses loom darkly on each side - larger upon larger families living in overcrowded conditions, other smaller houses in little streets, black and crumbling. Blocks of flats ready for demolition taken over by squatters, driving to distraction the more decent people who still have to live there, by their fighting, drunkenness, thieving and many worse things.

It may be hard for you to imagine what it would be like to live in flats where you cannot go to sleep at night because of the noise of people fighting, shouting, throwing bottles, smashing windows and doors - perhaps because your neighbours were from Bangladesh. The Bengalis are still being harassed and intimidated, and mothers with children, afraid to go out in case something dreadful happens to them. You can't go to sleep, so you are tired and irritable when you get up. Your parents too, are tired and irritable. Perhaps they even fight - perhaps Dad beats up Mum - and you see this happen and you hide, you cry. You don't know what's going to happen next.

You have to go to school, though. So you go through the streets. Perhaps through very busy traffic, buses, taxis, cars, all zooming past in the rush-hour! The playground is a bit quieter, but even in school you can hear the trains in the underground as they rumble along underneath. The school was built in 1870, a tall building on three floors, made as bright and welcoming as possible, with teachers who care about you.

In your class you may find children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, China, Iran, Arabia, Africa, West Indies, Portugal, Italy, Turkey - like to mention some more? You have to learn to get on with them, and help them to understand what is like to live in England - or should be like to live in England!!

"Violence shall no more be heard in,  
thy land, wasting nor destruction  
within thy borders ....."                      Isaiah

Say your prayers, and when you do, pray for these children who do not often have a warm bath before bed and a quiet night's sleep; perhaps do not have kind and loving parents and have to wear dirty clothes week after week. Pray for those families who are trying to overcome their difficulties and to have a clean and happy home.

A Happy New Year,

MARY CONNELL

### Who loves Ya?

Last Sunday the Minister just got to the end of a prayer before Concorde thundered overhead. He paused until the noise died down before continuing: "O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord...." He had to struggle to keep his face straight!

No. 308February, 1979.FROM THE VESTRYA YEAR OF GRACE

What a year 1979 is going to be for our Church! And this is not just an optimistic assessment of our hopes for the year, rather it is grounded both in our faith in God and in our faith in God's People.

During the past few days more than one person has come up to me and said, as though they had a word from the Lord, why do you not ask us to GIVE more? In one case it is the hope that we shall give more of our time and talents putting them to practical use within the Church and Community, in another case it is the hope that we shall give our treasure so that no hope for the expansion of God's work will fail for want of money. Within these offers of service lies an increasing awareness of all that we owe to God's Grace - which is His Freely Given Friendship through Jesus Christ to those who do not deserve or cannot of their merit earn it. "Freely you have received - freely give".

We are most grateful to you for cards, letters and gifts that have greeted us in the Manse this past Christmas, and thank you for your kind thoughts in the birth of our second grandchild - Steven. May I make my own thanksgiving to all whose loving skills - flowers - music - beauty and drama, were offered in our Advent and Christmas worship. The Church was a joy to behold. To those who have given their time in visiting the aged and ill at a time of great hardship for them, again - our thanks - and our young people were prominent in their response to the needs of others.

As I write these words on a year of grace, it seems fitting to join together in thanksgiving for our oldest member of the household of faith at Goring - Mrs. L.M.Cuff who will celebrate her 101st birthday on 15th January, and Sarah Jane Archer, born today, our youngest member.

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The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with  
us all,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

MARRIAGE

Keith David Baber	}	30.12.78
Debra Syphas		

IN MEMORIAM

Elsie Kirk	6.12.78
Maud Elizabeth Paddy Jinks	15.12.78
Pauline Hufton	22.12.78
Philip Wallis Saffery	25.12.78
Keith Evans	31.12.78
Robert Flashman	2.1.79
Winifred May Bedford	6.1.79

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

Do please remember that names of your loved ones will gladly be written in the Book of Remembrance in the Little Chapel: enquiries to the Vestry.

During this month (11th) Mr. & Mrs. "Pop" Edmonds look forward to celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. God bless them.

Congratulations to Helen Bruford and Brian Easey on their recent engagement.

Please use this column "News of the Fellowship" to share your joys and sorrows with us who care in the Spirit of Him who cares for us all.

HANDBOOK ADDITIONSNew Members

- \* Mrs. D. Clay, 15 Melbourne Avenue.
- \* Mr. & Mrs. B. White, 11 St. Andrews Road.

THE HYMNS WE SINGNo. 2 of a series by "TAPTON"

Two hymns, one for Christmas and one for Epiphany this month - and firstly an "old" favourite - C.P. 717, "Love came down at Christmas" words by Christina G. Rossetti 1830-94. I say "old" because the truth is that this hymn became known to us set to "Yule Tide" by Sidney Hann as recently as 1915 when first it appeared in The Congregational Hymnary. The prevailing popularity of "Yule Tide" very probably owes more to its sentimental associations with those war-time days than to its musical excellence. Nonetheless, Rossetti by Eric Thiman was sung at least once over the Christmas period and some find it the better setting, tho' it is difficult to be objective in these things. One suggestion choirs may find interesting, is that a look should be taken at the setting of this hymn to "Hermitage" by R.O. Morris, and certainly on the few occasions when this hymn is sung outside U.R.C. circles this tune from the Methodist Hymn Book is the one most often chosen, whether by B.B.C. or in schools.

"Brightest & Best of the sons of the morning" C.P. 94.

Words by R. Heber 1783-1826 and one of the finest Epiphany Hymns we have to sing. But by which tune? The old Congregational Hymnary included three! - J.F. Thrupp's "Epiphany Hymn" - so popular today, "Epiphany" by E.J. Hopkins, which still has pride of place in "Ancient & Modern" and J.S. Bach's "Liebster Immanuel" a setting that is simply too good for most congregational singing. Perhaps the Choir will sing it to us next Christmas!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank the many Church members for the messages of sympathy and many kindnesses which supported us on the death of our daughter Rachel.

Rachel was only five years old and it is some consolation for us to know that in her small world of Sunday School, Girls' Brigade, school, home and hospital she was surrounded by love. We give thanks for this and especially to the leaders of Girls' Brigade and Junior Church.

GORDON & BRENDA BRUNTON

Once again our hearts have been warmed by all the kindly greetings for Christmas and the New Year which we have received from Goring friends. Thank you very much. Our kind thoughts and prayers are constantly with you and the monthly magazine is eagerly awaited each month. The opportunity to meet with you and join with you in worship is one of the highlights of any year and we hope we may have such an opportunity in the summer.

May God bless you and all your worship, work and witness through 1979.

Sincerely yours,

WALLIS & MARJORIE HAYWARD

BIBLE VERSES

PRAISE Psalm 9 vv. 4/5 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with a harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

Psalm 100 vv. 4/5 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Hebrews 13 vv. 14/15 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the voice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks in his name.

Praise my soul the King of heaven:  
 To His feet thy tribute bring,  
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 Who like thee His praise should sing?  
 Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
 Praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

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### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### FULL MARX FOR WCC

At the beginning of January the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches met in Kingston, Jamaica. With its usual arrogance it condemned those who had dared to criticise its support for African terrorist groups - A Kenyan bishop said that only Africans had the right to say when or not violence was justified. In the light of the WCC's continued intransigence and the revelations about its other pernicious activities by Dr. Edward Norman in his Reith Lectures it is to be hoped that more and more churches will sever their links with this body whose leaders look for political rather than spiritual revolution (though only in non-marxist societies, of course).

Failing this, we may reach the ironic position where the reunification of many Christians and churches with the Church of Rome is brought about as the alternative to their

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being dragged into a world marxist movement by the 'leaders' of their churches. The Catholic Church has not by any means remained free of marxist influences but, thank God, we have a Pope who has had to live with the brutal reality of communist power rather than the idealistic visions purveyed by the WCC and who therefore will not meekly allow his Church to go the way of the WCC revolutionaries.

### ARITHMETIC - ODD?

Figures fascinate me! From the Free Church membership figures recently published by the FC Federal Council I observe that, although the Baptist and United Reformed Churches have about the same membership, the Baptists have twice the URC's number of children and young people attached to them. Any theories?

### ENGLISH - WEAK?

A summary (I have not seen the original) of the article introducing this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity contains a very odd, and I hope erroneous, inference. It says that "there is a danger of the church in Britain failing to meet present challenges because of anarchy (sic) developing through local advances in ecumenical co-operation outpacing what is given national approval". This appears to mean that if, for example, finding that we get on very well with the local Anglicans and RCs we arrange some combined venture the bureaucratic bigwigs at URC HQ, Lambeth and Westminster will be terribly upset if they haven't approved it first. How sad!

### GEOGRAPHY & RE -GOOD

At evening service on 7 January some 60 of us were privileged to hear Mr. Richard Allon-Smith's account of last summer's URC young people's tour and

work camp in India, where they made a good start on building a village church. Mr. Allon-Smith, who obviously keeps his eyes and his ears open on his travels, was able, both in his talk and in the question session afterwards, to raise points which made us think about the task of the church in this country as well as in India.

You will find on another page an invitation to our next World Church event, an austerity lunch after morning service on 18 March. See you there.

R.F.B.

### GIFFORD HOUSE

At 11.00hrs. on Wednesday, 11th November I entered for a fortnight's stay, the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, known as Gifford House, Boundary Road, Worthing, a Home accommodating about 64 severely disabled ex-service men, roughly 50 on a permanent and 14 on a temporary basis. Approximately 50% of the permanent men are in wheel chairs. I was placed in a section of Ward I where there were thirteen patients, only two of whom could walk. Between 6.0 and 7.30hrs. eight patients were helped by orderlies to dress, shave and get into wheel chairs. Three remained in bed. The food was good and varied. A member of the Staff at about 8.0hrs. went round with the day's menu and enquired of each patient what he would like for lunch and evening meal.

Concerts are given from time to time by various associations such as Drama Groups, whilst Film Shows too, figure among the entertainments. The Home possesses a first class coach and the seats for tours into the countryside at appropriate times of the year, are eagerly taken up.

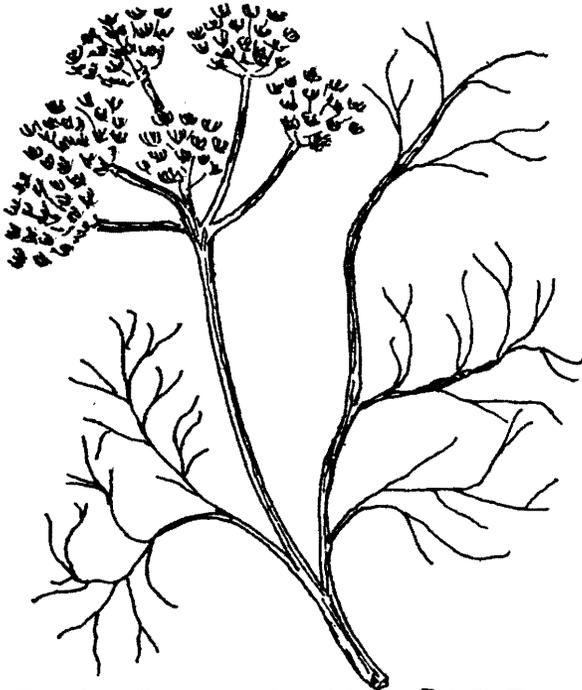
The Occupation Therapy is very well equipped and continuously used. I suggest that all connected with the munificent work carried on at Gifford House, including, of course, the patients, should find a place in the thoughts and prayers of our Church members and adherents. G.W.

FENNEL

This herb can be found growing wild all over the southern part of Britain, but is most commonly seen on clifftops and exposed waste land near the coast.

The plant is a perennial growing in large bushy clumps. Its stems are straight and shiny, and the leaves extremely divided. The tiny yellow flowers grow in clusters and have a delicate perfume.

Added to sauces or cooked with fish the young chopped leaves give a distinctive flavour, and it is said to aid digestion. Florence Fennel is a cultivated plant which can be bought and used as a vegetable. The roots look not unlike garlic. They can be braised as a separate vegetable, or try adding to a herring, add seasoning and a knob of butter, wrap in foil and cook in the oven.

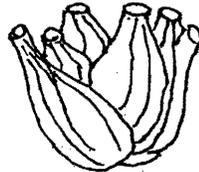


FOENICULUM VULGARE

Compresses of the leaves are said to be good for bathing eyes, and the oil from the seeds used as a disinfectant.

"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man."

Psalm 105 v. 14



CULTIVATED FENNEL.

ROBIN BRADLEY

## THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

During January our G.B. Treasurer made up the accounts for last year, and in time the statement will be available for all members to see. We knew you had all been very generous during our Silver Jubilee year, but we did not quite know "how much" until the accounts were finalized. Some £414 was donated to us which we take as your way of saying "thank you" and encouraging us in all we try to do. This is a lot of money and we want once again to say "bless you and thank you" and to assure you that, some of this has been, and the rest will be, wisely used in our continuing work, and because of your generosity we can keep our weekly subscriptions at 10p per girl per week for the remainder of this year at least.

This year is International Year of the Child and our 1p. collection will go towards the cost of a much needed mini bus for the Highdown School and hostel.

4th - 11th February is Girls' Brigade week and this year, because of the Year of the Child, we are asking all our G.B. girls to give up a part of their pocket money towards Brigade work overseas. We shall have an exhibition in the East Transept during Brigade week and we hope you will find it interesting.

We are glad to have Lt. Cakes (née Luckin) back with us and now working in the Company Section and we are happy to have Mrs. Hayden working with Mrs. Brunton in the Explorer Section.

Once again Captain finds herself free on a Tuesday evening to visit all sections whilst staff and girls work so happily together. We do indeed praise the Lord for all his mercies and ask Him to bless you all.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

### A special date for your diary

An Austerity Lunch will be held in the Church Hall, after the morning service, on Sunday, 18th March, after which a film will be shown by the Rev. Norman Outlaw, Area Organizer of the Leprosy Mission on the work of the Mission. Further details next month.

REPORTS - NOTICES - ANNOUNCEMENTSWOMEN'S GUILD

It was cold outside but one felt the warmth of welcome when we entered the Church Hall for our Christmas afternoon. The programme had been devised by our indefatigable Secretary, Mrs. Dearsley. The afternoon opened with a reading by Mr. Goodchild followed by a carol "What child is this?" by the visiting Goring Marine T.W.G. Choir. Then the programme continued with readings and poems all beautifully spoken by members of the Guild, interspersed with carols by the Choir and audience.

All the items were linked by short talks by Mrs. Dearsley and it was realised the deep thought that had gone into the preparation. Shall we ever forget the last reading regarding "simple" Wally and his part in his School Nativity Play. He played the part of the Inn Keeper and only had to say the words "No room at the Inn" at the right time, but when the Holy Family asked for shelter, he was so overcome, he stammered "You can have my bed". The Spirit of Christmas, as the afternoon's programme was called, was really brought home to us..

We were then regaled with Christmas cake and tea, and wended our way home with the words of the last carol - "We wish you a merry Christmas" ringing in our ears.

FREDA CALSTERED

Despite the severe weather, petrol shortage and sickness among members, about 50 members came to the Guild's New Year Party on 9th January. Our Secretary was among those who had fallen victim to the prevailing severe cold and her presence was greatly missed, but

she had faithfully prepared a programme of amusing games and our Vice-President, Caroline Mann, led these in such fashion that they were much enjoyed, and the group competition was keen!

After all this activity the appetising tea, organised by Vi Beamish (in the regrettable absence of Dulcie Jenkins), was most acceptable, and the buzz of conversation and sound of laughter once more showed that wonderful atmosphere of fellowship which pervades our Guild.

Absent members were remembered in a short opening prayer in which also we dedicated ourselves to another session of useful service. We look forward to our next meeting on 23rd January, when our fellow-member, Dorothy Turner, will entertain us with an illustrated talk on her visit to Mexico.

We also look forward to our February meetings when on 6th Mr. Butler will talk to us about Worthing Post Office, and on 20th Miss Hillis will share her experiences of Nursing in Uganda.

ETHEL GILBY

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our first meeting this year on 9th January we enjoyed a grand tour of many parts of the world with excellent slides of beautiful gardens and other natural features, projected by Reg Hobbs with commentary by his wife, Jill. Many thanks to you both! In February we have two talks which should be of varying interest. On 6th, Father Eric Flood speaks on "The Changing Church" and on 20th, John Nicholls explains how "The Face Can Tell". We send our sympathy and best wishes to those of our members who are at present out of action and hope they will soon be back with us again.

REG GOODCHILD

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FAMILY CIRCLE

A reminder about the Photographic Competition which is to be held on 12th February. Slides and Prints acceptable including a Junior Section. Our friend, Mr. Chester Fromm, will be the Judge.

Full details on entry form, obtainable in the Vestibule.

REG GOODEHILD

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

In spite of wintry conditions and petrol shortages a large number of our members enjoyed learning all about skin care and make up, from Miss Lander Boyce, for our first meeting of the year. On 20th January, we saw Junior Church members enjoying the results of our catering. 22nd was our members' evening, when we raised money at a bring & Buy stall, as well as sampling each others' favourite recipes. Mmm - delicious!

ROBIN BRADLEY

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL

Thanks be to God for all who so willingly shared in prayer in the Little Chapel and at home on New Year's Day from 08.00h - 11.00h. Every member of the Church and congregation was prayed for, as well as the life and witness of this Church in the neighbourhoods of Goring and Durrington. Thanksgiving was offered for the many answered prayers of the past year, so let us step out in faith and in confidence in God in 1979.

IRENE TULEY

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

4th Girls' Brigade	18th Mr. & Mrs. Young
11th Mr. & Mrs. Edmonds	25th The Connellys

Christmas Church Decoration

My sincere thanks to all who helped with the Church decoration for Christmas and to the Craghill family, who also came to my aid to take down the decorations.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Deputy  
Flower Secretary

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected for January - £17-70p.

received with thanks,  
HILDA HELE

RECENT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

For Fen place	£63.83
Pestalozzi Children's Village	£26.50
British & Foreign Bible Society	£31.75

Letters have been received from all recipients expressing their appreciation and grateful thanks for our continued interest and support.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

PLEASE NOTE

The Choir Committee is becoming increasingly concerned about the number of music books that are missing from their places in the Vestry cupboards. For about three months now we have been trying to trace the whereabouts of the following:

Two red anthem books, numbered respectively 12 & 13 in blue at the bottom of the spine of detachable cover,

Three tune books (Congregational Praise) - one in a blue cover numbered 19 in white; the other two may be numbered 3 & 12 in red, but the covers have been removed

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and only the books taken.

A number of copies of the Oxford Book of Carols. No-one is quite sure now how many there should be, as there is no proper catalogue (this we hope to remedy in the not too distant future), but at least six are missing, and there could be up to ten. They were numbered in a less permanent way and the numbers may have come off, but they should all be stamped inside "Goring Congregational Church".

The Anthem books are totally irreplaceable, as they have been out of print for some years, and the cost of reprinting is prohibitive.

We would not wish to suggest that anyone connected with the Church has been responsible for these losses, but if anyone can help in any way at all to trace and recover them we should be most grateful. All music is extremely expensive now to replace.

CHOIR SECRETARY

USEFUL DATES - 1979

25.1.79	Elders' Meeting	24.5.79	Elders' Meeting
1.2.79	Church Meeting	31.5.79	Church Meeting
3.2.79	1979 Elders' Conference at St. Columba's led by Rev. J. Logan Armour	21.6.79	Elders' Meeting
		28.6.79	Church Meeting
22.2.79	Elders' Meeting	23.8.79	Elders' Meeting
1.3.79	Church Meeting	30.8.79	Church Meeting
22.3.79	Elders' Meeting	27.9.79	Elders' Meeting
29.3.79	Church Meeting	4.10.79	Church Meeting
13.4.79	Good Friday	25.10.79	Elders' Meeting
15.4.79	Easter Sunday	1.11.79	Church Meeting
26.4.79	Elders' Meeting	22.11.79	Elders' Meeting
3.5.79	Church Meeting	29.11.79	Church Meeting
5-6.5.79	Family Church Festival & Gift Day	25.12.79	Christmas Day

No. 309March, 1979.FROM THE VESTRYON MAKING A GOOD LENT

Another title for this article might be "On Making a Good Spring". Since the meaning of the word Lent is SPRING!

Now after one of the worst winters we have had for a number of years, which together with problems at home and abroad, has been a testing time for many, we are all looking forward with hope and anticipation to the Spring; and in part at least, we share that same hope which is at the heart of all creation. The 'lifeless' fields awaken with the lengthening sun, and birds begin to nest. Morning by morning the 'voice of the turtle' is heard as creation breaks into spring song and we too rejoice, in hope of April, whose virgin beauty is sung by the poet:-

O to be in England  
 Now that April's there,  
 And whoever wakes in England  
 Sees, some morning, unaware,  
 That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
 Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
 While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
 In England - now!

And yet, beyond the beauty and resurrection scene of nature, we look to that hope of which the Apostle writes in Romans 8 vv. 18-25 "For the created universe waits with eager expectation for God's Sons to be revealed - the universe itself is to be freed and enter upon the liberty and splendour of the children of God".

This hope of a true and final resurrection for the whole of creation is to be celebrated in Lent's disciplines and in our Easter joy. As Christ is creator of all things in earth and heaven, so also

is He the Redeemer of all that He has made. That last Spring for which all God's creatures yearn and groan in hope, is even now within us as we pass from death to life in Christ.

Keep a good Lent in Christ and He will give you an abiding Spring. Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

Yours with every blessing,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

THE REV. R.C. CHRISTOPHER

It is with thanksgiving and rejoicing that we announce that Church Meeting has given a unanimous call to the Rev. R.C. Christopher to serve the Church as Associate Minister for a period of not less than three years.

Ron Christopher has had a varied, successful and blessed Ministry over many years, including a period as a secretary with the Bible Society, and as Minister of several churches including Salford Central Mission, and in Sussex at Burgess Hill.

Now he comes to us with the blessing of Synod and District; and with special responsibility for our work within the West Dunnington Development. He is already making himself known to us in a most gracious way and we welcome him and his wife into membership of the Church on the first Sunday in March, at morning communion.

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher live at: flat 3, 136 Heene Road, Worthing, Tel: 30330, and he will be chiefly available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We hope later on to arrange an Induction Service and welcome for our new Associate Minister and his wife, and pray God's blessing upon them in this new venture of faith.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIPIN MEMORIAM

Ivy Gladys DVMOTT	10.1.79
Donald ROBINSON	20.1.79
Thomas William HARRIS	23.1.79

"Well done, Good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord".

We send blessings to the many sick among us. Mary Spence is now in St. Bernard's Nursing Home, Mill Road, and sends greetings. Joan Burrage has had treatment in St. Francis, Littlehampton, and many friends and among them many children, have suffered from colds and illnesses common among us at this season of the year.

Our greetings are sent especially to those who care for others - and do remember that a word to the Minister (Vestry Number - 48259) or to your Elder, is a sure way to receiving a visit. Our thanks to Dorothy Turner who has brought much joy to many in sadness or bereavement through her distribution of flowers.

THE MINISTER

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear friends,

My grateful thanks to all for the prayers and flowers I have received during my illness. Also, to the Minister for his visits. I am looking forward to coming to Church more often, as the weather brightens and gets warmer. My best wishes to all.,

FLORRIE MOODY

We should like to thank everyone for their attendance at the Coffee Morning on 8th February, for all their good wishes and for all those who sent us Anniversary cards etc. of which we've had 99, plus a telegram from the Queen! So we are on top of the world. Also a very special thank you to Mrs. Vi Beamish and her helpers for making the coffee etc. and which we appreciated very much. We hope she

... not unduly tired at the finish. So, with grateful thanks to you all from - E. & POP EDMONDS

May I thank all our friends and acquaintances for your messages of love and sympathy which I have received on the very sudden and unexpected death of my dear husband, John. Though we have only been connected with this Church for 16 months, my husband and I have gained a great deal of spiritual uplift, and he has been so happy to help in various ways. I have received a good deal of comfort in the knowledge that I have been in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

BETTY BARNETT

### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

#### NEW MEMBERS

\* Mr. & Mrs. R. Knowles, 17 Melbourne Avenue.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

\* Mr. M.A. Nicholls, to: 34 George V. Avenue . 48881

#### TELEPHONE NUMBER

Mrs. Pullinger - 501925

#### CORRECTION

Mr. & Mrs. F. Marsh, Tel: 66985

PLEASE NOTE: It is most important to alter your Handbooks NOW. Unfortunately, some inconvenience can be caused through wrong details. So, do let us know if your entry is in any way incorrect.

EDITOR

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(HANDBOOK SEC.) - MRS. BOND

### AN OCCASION TO BE REMEMBERED WITH JOY!

MR. & MRS. EDMONDS' DIAMOND JUBILEE

8th February, 1979

When I awoke on Thursday morning, 8th February, I gave a sigh of satisfaction and joy when the beautiful sunshine reminded me of the event of the

day to which I had been invited.

By the time I arrived at the Church the Hall was already buzzing with happy conversation, and amidst a garland of beautiful flowers and happy smiles, I greeted the Bride & Groom of 60 years ago. They are still full of the radiant spirit which must have been present at their Wedding Ceremony, when they first made those vows which have kept them closely together for all these years.

We all rejoice with Pop and Mrs. Pop in their achievement, not only of reaching such a wonderful goal, but also of gaining that crown of life, the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ within their hearts and home, and throughout their family.

Many preparations had been made to make us all welcome and I understand that among these was a flower decoration especially prepared and presented by our dear friend Vi Turton, who, as you all know, is our Flower Secretary. Our Minister, with his usual aplomb, reminded us of some of the problems which had confronted our happy couple during their years together, and of the courage and cheerfulness with which these problems had been overcome. Many a little laugh and many a smile were brought forth as he touched our hearts with amusing anecdotes from their store of experiences, all of which were characteristic of the Edmonds family.

Of course, the cake was the centre of the decorations, and a handsome cake it was too, with such soft and tasty icing. No problems here for those who find the usual wedding cake so crunchy and difficult to deal with! So, with love and affection we greeted these dear friends on their Diamond Jubilee, and we thank God for their example to us younger ones. May He bless them as they continue their journey together.

CHRONICLE  
REPORTER

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## JUNIOR CHURCH

The teachers in Junior Church have seen a great need to use a modern translation of the Bible. To this end we were supported at the November Church Meeting, and a fund has been set up to provide initially for about 50 Bibles for our children.

You are invited to donate to this fund, and if you feel so led, you may wish to provide a Bible for our children in memory of a loved one.

Anyone who wishes to take part should contact either the Minister or myself -

PAUL ARCHER  
Junior Church  
Secretary

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT  
ELDERS CONFERENCE AT ST. COLUMBA'S U.R. CHURCH  
3.2.79

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The Conference was opened by The Rev. Clifford Charlton from Sompting U.R. Church with a prayer and reading from the Letter to Titus I. The Rev. Logan Armour the main speaker, talked about the pastoral responsibility of the Elder, and in the morning, particularly about 'Being a Caring Person'. Four questions were posed to the assembled company of approx. 100 Elders:-

1. Are our churches sufficiently aware of their role as a caring community?
2. Is the Eldership the best means of exercising pastoral care?
3. What are our satisfactions and frustrations as Elders?
4. Why would you say younger people are not offering themselves as Elders?

After a short time of deliberation a discussion followed which was very enlightening.

After lunch a further talk 'Doing a Caring job' was given by Rev. Logan Armour and the Elders were divided into small groups to discuss the question:-

How does the function of the Elder relate to the function of the Minister within the body of Christ?

This was followed by further open discussion on the question. Finally, the day's deliberations were ably summed up and the Rev. C. Charlton closed the Conference with a reading from 1 Corinthians 12, and prayer.

Tea followed with an opportunity to chat with the other Elders. It was a worthwhile day for the three Elders who attended from our Church, and such a pity that more serving and non-serving Elders were not able to avail themselves of this Conference.

DOROTHY TURNER  
SYLVIA BATCHELOR  
GERALDINE GREEN

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#### IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE - ELDERS' ELECTION 1979

It will be necessary to arrange for the next Election of Elders to take place at the Monthly Church Meeting on 28th June, 1979. The Elders who will retire by rotation are:-

Mr. E.C. Bond	Mrs. S. Batchelor
Mrs. F. Calsteren	Mr. E.W. Popplestone
Mr. N.A. Dobson	Mrs. D. Turner

but who are eligible for re-election.

There are, therefore, six vacancies. Nominations which should be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, but not needing the consent of the nominee, should be in the hands of the Minister or Secretary (for Admin.) not later than 31st March, 1979. Each person so nominated will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who have accepted will be announced at the Church Meeting on 31st May.

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

attend the Church Meeting on 28th June, will be available on application to the Minister or Secretary. These should be returned prior to the time of the commencement of the Meeting.

RAY NEWELL  
Secretary  
for Admin.

### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### The Christian and the Powers that be

The question of the Christian's attitude to the political powers (in the widest sense) is one that we cannot escape, nor should we desire to. Dr. Edward Norman, in putting forward a 'new' view in his Reith Lectures has been condemned by most parts of the church establishment who have not preferred to ignore him. Allowing some over-simplification his views can I think be condensed into 2 propositions:-

- (1) It is no part of the duty of the Church to substitute its political and moral ideas (which it in any event habitually borrows from current secular political mores) for the revealed faith with which it has been entrusted; still less to engage in violent conflict to overthrow governments whose politics it does not approve.
- (2) Since Christ's Kingdom is not of this world the Christian need not concern himself about the natural consequences of proposition (1) because his hope is in the world to come.

Now (1) is in my view entirely in accord with the New Testament authorities. Also, it is good common-sense, since experience shows that if an existing power, however evil, is violently overthrown it is very likely to be replaced by a worse tyranny or by anarchy, neither of which is conducive to an

improved society, either in Christian or political terms. But note that the N.T. authorities also show that while a Christian must 'submit to' the established civil powers this does not mean that he has to obey every order they may issue. In several instances the early apostles disobeyed the express instructions of the political powers that they desist from preaching the Gospel - on at least one occasion they went straight from the Court and started preaching again as soon as they were in the street. What they did not do however was resist arrest or suggest that the courts had no authority to try and to punish them for breaches of the law, although they freely and courageously gave their opinion that the orders of the Court were not in accordance with the laws of God.

This position gives one clue as to why proposition (2) is wrong, as in my view it is. The fact that God's power may make it possible to sustain a Christian life (or perhaps die a Christian death) however appalling the political and social environment does not excuse a denial of responsibility to love one's neighbour (and oneself). Dr. Norman's view is justly criticised as undervaluing man and his earthly life to such an extent as almost makes God out to be both a tyrant and a masochist for creating us in the first place and then for sending Christ to die for our salvation. The politicised priests of the left condemn Dr. Norman for proposition (1), as also might some of the more extreme upholders of religious resistance behind the Iron Curtain, but then the former if not the latter have little regard for those scriptures which do not support their own political outlook. A more valid criticism is that his is pessimistic position, a fact that he freely acknowledges. He says that the Western Church is dying. This will probably be true if it maintains its present political course it would also be true if it were to go to the other extreme and adopt Dr. Norman's way of non-involvement, since both 'works without faith' and 'faith

without works' equally represent a dead Chrch (or Christian). For true life we need both faith and works.

As I see it the scriptural view of this matter makes the Christian who feels himself called to express a particular social concern free to do so to the extent of exercising to the full every lawful means to bring about an improved society. He may on occasion be called to go further, particularly in connection with the direct preaching of the Gospel. Clearly he may not, for example, obstruct a lorry delivering food to a hospital. And he may on no account initiate violence or resist lawful arrest. R.F.B.

#### A HEALING THOUGHT

To be healed is to be made whole. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, only one was made whole. The one leper stopped and gave glory to God. Jesus said to him "Go thy way, thy faith has made thee whole".

This wholeness is surely not just a physical condition for in time all the bodies of the lepers would perish. The one who had acknowledged Christ and given glory to God was made a new creature that day.

Do we pray just for people's physical conditions or do we pray for wholeness? There are many folk within the Christian Church who need the loving touch of Christ to be set free and made whole. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed". (John 8:36) R.K.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I enjoyed the article on 'Hymns' by Tipton and hope to read more. May I draw his attention to the tune "spean" by JF Bridge, which is set in the Methodist Hymn Book to the hymn "Brightest and Best". This, too, has charisma and is widely sung by Methodists. Readers may find it useful to borrow a copy of the Methodist Hymn

Book and prove it for themselves.

Yours sincerely,

10 Millstream Close.

CHARLES CONNELLY

BIBLE AND HYMN VERSES

M     May the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
       And the Father's boundless love,  
       With the Holy Spirit's favour,  
       Rest upon us from above.  
       Thus may we abide in union  
       With each other and the Lord,  
       And possess in sweet communion  
       Joys which earth cannot afford.

A     St. John 15 v. 9  
       As the Father hath loved me, so have I  
       loved you: continue ye in my love.

R     Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
       Your Lord and King adore:  
       Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
       And triumph evermore.  
       Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
       Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

C     Matthew 11 v. 28  
       Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
       are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

H     Happy are they, they that love God,  
       Whose hearts have Christ confessed.  
       Who by his cross have found their life,  
       And 'neath his yoke their rest.

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The Goring ministers, after prayer and consultation, will be holding a series of united services with an emphasis on the Ministry of Healing. These will be held in the Goring Churches as shown in the Calendar sheet, the first being in March. Please keep an eye on the Calendar page for March - April, May and June, where you will find all details.

EDITOR

ROSEMARY

There is evidence that this plant was growing and used in the preparation of cosmetics over 3,000 years ago, in Egypt. Although it is usually cultivated, it often can be found growing wild, especially in coastal areas of the south and west, and will thrive on the poorest of sandy soils right on the beach, thus giving rise to its other name of Sea Dew.

The plant grows up to 5 ft. in height and becomes bushy within a few years. Its stems are woody, bearing thin pine-like leaves which are dark green on top, but bluey grey on their underside. The tiny flowers are pale blue and grow in clusters, giving the whole plant a delicate almost smokey appearance.

It is rich in silicon salts and therefore widely used in the cosmetic industry, as it has a nutritive effect on cell tissue. The leaves when dried can be infused in boiling water, and then drunk with milk and sweetening as desired, when it is said to have a beneficial effect on those suffering from loss of memory or hallucinations. Thus the saying "Rosemary for remembrance" is referring more to its medicinal properties than to any romantic connections!

The herb is invariably included in a pot pourri because of its delicate perfume and adds a distinctive flavour to almost any food.

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith" Proverbs 15, 17



ROSEMARINUS  
OFFICINALIS

ROBIN BRADLEY

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (SOUTHERN PROVINCE)A LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR

The fact that we are to have a Provincial Day at Canterbury on 9th June can hardly have escaped your notice. You will be aware, too, of some of the activities planned for you. What may not have come over to you is the answer to "Why a Provincial Day?"

It provides an opportunity for the people of the U.R.C. in this part of the country to recognise their togetherness. We should have evidence of the numerical strength that is not always so obvious in our separate congregations. The fact that several thousands of us will be together will give witness to our continuing conviction that Christ is the Lord of Life - of our lives.

We shall experience the gospel's power; listening to its word and sharing in its outworking in many and varied forms. There will be opportunities of participating in activities which will demonstrate the joy of the fellowship of Christ's people. 'It's a Knock-Out', and Worship in the Cathedral; Bible-Readings, and Rounders may not seem, to some, to be appropriate pairings, but they do - or can - belong together. We expect to prove that.

The second Saturday in June will be a day to enjoy; a day of refreshment; a day of renewal; a day of challenge and of hope.

My hope is that we shall be enabled to recover and strengthen our certainty that Christ and his ways belong to this age. Then I look beyond the day in anticipation that we shall return to our churches with a revived vigour in our discipleship, and, being encouraged, we shall be infected with an enthusiasm to share the resources of our Lord.

Looking forward to seeing you in Canterbury,

Yours very sincerely,

CYRIL FRANKS

A LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Dear friends of Goring Church,

I have been asked by Barbara and Eric to write an article for your Church Newsletter, and as I have known Barbara and all the Stephens family for many years at Union Church, Mill Hill, it is a privilege to do so. At Union Church I was able to help in Sunday School.

I am disabled and, through His love and goodness have been blessed, both at John Groom's where I lived until recently, and also here at Strode Park, Herne Bay, where I now am. It was an awful wrench leaving John Groom's, but Jesus goes before us as he always has for me.

Now, at Herne Bay, I find I can help others who are less fortunate than myself. He gives me strength day by day. At Herne Bay United Reformed Church, where I like to join in the activities of the fellowship, the Minister and his wife are very kind to me. I have been able to join in a Church Weekend of discussion and fun together, and we were able to get to know each other better and to show our love and care for one another. After all, isn't this what a United Church is all about?

So, we try to look to the same Friend and Master of us all. People say it is a pity I am disabled. But I feel God gives back what is taken from us, and I feel too, that without this disability, I should not experience the love and kindness of so many friends, both at Mill Hill and at Herne Bay Church, which I realise is all part of His plan for me.

May God bless you all at Goring Church, in His love and service.

Yours sincerely,

Strode Park,  
Herne Bay.

MARJORIE ROSE

THE HYMNS WE SINGNo. 3 of a series - by "WORDY"

Hymns written hundreds of years ago have enduring popular qualities even though the meanings of words and phrases are obscure.

"Teach me, my God and King" C.P. 433, "The God of love my shepherd is" C.P. 43, "Let all the world in every corner sing" C.P. 3 and "King of glory, King of peace" C.P. 426 are by (Rev.) George Herbert (1593-1633). These 'devotional poems' appeared in his *The Temple* (1633) and were not intended for use in public worship and were not well known. However, John Wesley brought them into prominence (1739) by omitting verses, partly rewriting and altering words - so producing hymns.

Herbert's title of C.P. 433 was "The Elixir". This was the preparation by which alchemists hoped to change basic metals to gold and otherwise known as the 'philosopher's stone' - "that turneth all to gold". The word 'touch' may allude to a gold or silver mark, which is a symbol of quality. "Tincture" was thought to be a spiritual principle whose character or quality was given to matter.

C.P. 43 is a beautiful version of Psalm 23 - also 48, 61, and 729. C.P. 3 is a simple hymn of praise, though altered. Why "the longest part" in verse 2 ?

C.P. 426 - "Raise" means exalt. I suggest lines 6 and 7 mean, we know little of what God is like in this life.

George Herbert's hymns have been given tunes of the traditional type, able to suit any period. The oldest tune "University", for C.P. 43, is attributed to John Randall (1784) and is a beautiful one.

The writer of these notes, sees in Herbert's words, a devout servant and teacher of souls with a real personal relationship with his Lord.

NOTICESFROM THE COVENANT SECRETARY

Will all members and friends who have Covenanted their giving and pay weekly through the Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme, please ensure that envelopes dated up to and including Sunday, 1st April, 1979 are received by the Church on or before that date, if valuable tax relief is not to be lost.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all who Covenant their giving to the Church. The tax recovered in 1978 exceeded £1,100.

At the present time, every £100 Covenanted becomes £149 in the hands of the Church Treasurer. It's that valuable!

RICHARD J. TULEY

CHRISTIAN AID

The amount collected for February - £34.00, received with thanks,  
HILDA HELE

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH

(Interdenominational)

The Theme for this year's Day of Prayer is "Spiritual Growth". This service is to be held at our own Church at 15.00h when it is hoped that many ladies of our own congregation will attend if possible. There will be five other local churches joining with us.

The evening service, on the same day, will be held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Hayling Rise, High Salvington at 20.00h, where the speaker will be Mrs. K. Griffiths. Also taking part will be Mrs. J. Bond and Miss R. Kitto. It is very much hoped that both Churches will be filled to capacity on this special day. L. HARRIS  
B. POPPLESTONE

LEPROSY MISSION

After the morning service on 18th March, there will be an Austerity Lunch in the Church Hall after which the Rev. Norman Outlaw, Area Organizer of the Leprosy Mission, will show a film on the work of the Mission. There will be no charge for the lunch, but a collection will be taken for the work of the Leprosy Mission and it is hoped that those attending will donate an amount equivalent to their saving on Sunday lunch.

In order to determine numbers for lunch, would those intending to come please sign their names on the list on the table in the Vestibule. We expect the Lunch, film and talk to be over by about 14.00h.

DORA NEWELL  
Committee  
for Mission

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR MARCH

4th Mr. & Mrs. Mooney

18th Mr. Robson Turton

11th Miss E.M. Ryde

25th In memory of  
Miss Dymott

FLOWER FUND Many thanks for £7 received during January and February.

DOROTHY TURNER

LATEST NEWS ON PROVINCIAL DAY

A COACH has been booked and is now full. Those still wishing to go to Canterbury, please let me know as soon as possible as private transport may be arranged for some.

PROGRAMMES This Church has been given an initial allocation of 44 coloured programmes at 50p each. These entitle bearers to attend the 13.00h service in the Cathedral, and will be supplied to members of the coach party, but, if any friends intend to make their own way to Canterbury will they please let me know if they require programmes. Any programmes not ordered by 3rd April, will be re-allocated to churches who need more.

ACTIVITIES - At Canterbury not previously mentioned:  
an open-air drama, "Everyman", a Choral and Orchestral  
Concert, and a B.B. Band.

BERYL CHATFIELD

FAMILY CIRCLE      Dates for your Diary

12th March - Quiz Evening: competition between teams from  
various Church groups, led by an experienced Quizmaster.

9th April - Parade of Easter Bonnets, Men's - Women's &  
Children's classes, followed by Annual General Meeting,  
after which there will be a Beetle Drive.

With reference to the Annual General Meeting, nominations  
for Officers and Committee to be in the hands of the  
Secretary by 1st April, please. (for report on Photographic  
competition, please see P.25).

MOLLIE HAWKE  
Secretary

HAYWARD HOUSE      A Coffee Morning -

with Bring & Buy Stall - will be held in the Church Hall  
on Saturday morning, 31st March between 10.30h and 12.00  
noon, in aid of the above. PLEASE COME AND GIVE US YOUR  
SUPPORT!

GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (GORING BRANCH)

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 30th  
March, 1979, at 14.30h at Burg Drive Methodist Hall, Goring..

PAM STOWER  
Secretary

REPORTS ON OUR OWN ACTIVITIES

BOYS BRIGADE - We should like to ask for your support  
for our Fund-raising Week from 24th - 31st March. On  
24th at 10.30h we are holding a Jumble Sale and we will be  
collecting for this nearer the time. The rest of the Week  
we are designating 'Helping-Hand Week' and the idea is that  
the boys will help you by doing various odd jobs in return for  
your help in the form of a donation. We are raising funds  
for several events in the next few months in connection with  
our badge work. One such event is a week-end on the Norfolk  
Broad's (21st - 24th April) in connection with the Seamanship

Badge, and we are also arranging various outings as part of the Expedition Badge. We are currently working for our Display in May, at which we hope to see you all.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

GIRLS BRIGADE - So you enjoyed our recent exhibition. We have been greatly encouraged by your interest and as requested, left our work in the East Transept longer than intended. Some of this work plus that from other Companies in Worthing, will be on show in the main Library in the town from Monday, 19th March to Saturday 31st March. It is hoped that all Youth Organisations will exhibit work and be represented and the whole thing should be well worth a visit.

The first half of our Session has been very poorly attended due to sickness; the officers didn't escape the 'flu either! Do please continue to uphold us in your prayers. Many of the older girls face 'A' levels and University interviews, whilst others must decide what to do when they leave school. These too are the girls we need most and at the same time, they need us and it is not always easy to find the right things to say at the right time. I find great help in a little book called "Springs in the Valley" and recommend it to anyone who likes a book to 'dip into'!

Bless you all and do remember, when the warmer weather comes, that you are always welcome on a Tuesday to call and see what we are doing.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - We thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by Father Eric Flood on 6th February, and have made a note to invite him again. His refreshing frankness and modern outlook were very much appreciated. In March we look forward to hearing about Sussex Windmills from Mr. Edgeley, and also our visit to the Swandean Telephone Exchange, which Mr. G. Redman has kindly arranged for us.

It is with great regret that we record the death of John Barnett who had become such a staunch supporter and eager helper since he had joined us.

REG GOODCHILD

WOMEN'S GUILD - In spite of really bleak wintry weather, our attendances have been great; and our speakers rewarded. The Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild joined on 23rd Jan. to enjoy a 'trip to Mexico', which Mrs. Turner had visited on a educational holiday last year. I am sure we all thank her for her excellent talk and beautiful slides. On 6th February, Mr. Butler, deputy Post Master at Worthing Central Post Office, held us with his humorous and masterly talk on the work of the Post Office. Our eyes were opened and we were left in no doubt that the Post Office does serve us well.

In March we have our Members' Afternoon on 6th. Then on 20th, keeping in mind the International Year of the Child, we are to hear of Mrs. Du Buisson's work in the Juvenile Courts. Mrs. Du Buisson was the first women High Sheriff of Surrey and does fine work among young people.

'Thank you' Bill, for seeing the Hall is warm for us and so helping us to enjoy our afternoons. Some of our sick folk are well again, but please remember those in hospital.

ETHEL DEARSLEY  
Secretary

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COFFEE MORNING - We regret that this year, due to lack of space, we shall not be able to rear the tomato plants as usual. However, we hope to hold a Coffee Morning for Church Funds later on (probably after Easter), and hope you will all support us on this occasion.

E.M. DENNIS  
E.XB. POPPLESTONE

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SMALL AD. MR. M.A. NICHOLLS, Male Nurse, - available for Home Nursing i.e. Baths, Bedbaths etc. or assistance with dressing etc. PHONE: 43062 or 48881

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR - A 20th CENTURY PARABLE

The Bye-law issued from Jerusalem had been clear -

"In view of the known dangers of the Jerusalem-Jericho road it has been declared a Clearway and anyone stopping on it for any purpose whatsoever will be prosecuted".

The priest who first came upon the victim of a mugging, being a stickler for the law, said to himself "Poor fellow - its a pity I can do nothing for him". The next traveller, a deacon, who like many of his ilk had been known to commit the occasional parking offence, risked stopping for a moment but then said to himself "Poor fellow - but it would take me some time to deal with him so I'm afraid I can do nothing for him". The despised immigrant stopped, looked at the man, looked at the Bye-law notice and said "Oh well, they're always after me anyway". So he picked the victim up, applied his first-aid box and took him to the next motel. The policeman who happened to be there gave the immigrant a ticket, though with some reluctance. Later, in Court, the immigrant pleaded Guilty but in the circumstances was allowed to go with the minimum penalty. "I'd do the same again", he said, but fortunately no-one heard him.

CAPRICORN

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YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

"The race that long in darkness pined ....."

Akosna is one of the lucky ones. She lives with her family in fairly well-furnished rooms in an old house made into flats for professional people and overseas students. Akos' is 5, and has a sister Aura who is 7. They have loving, caring parents, and come from Ghana.

Mother is a doctor, who is doing a period of study at Moorfields Eye Hospital in order to extend her field of service in Ghana, where there is a desperate need for doctors able to diagnose and treat ailments of the eyes. Father is a theological student at the London Bible College.

Back in Ghana, he is a "padre", visiting Christian groups and societies in Universities. They have another year to spend in London studying, then they return to "darkest Africa" to continue their work among their own people.

Akos' is a very quiet child - often too quiet, sitting in a corner with a book for hours on end. Sometimes her voice is so soft that it is almost impossible to hear what she is saying, She sometimes seems to be very lazy, not wanting to do anything that requires effort, very slow to move, her limbs and body cold to the touch. She is rarely without a cold and an unpleasant runny nose.

Akos' is the victim of a tropical disease - "sickle cell anaemia" in which the blood cells are able to reproduce at only a very reduced rate. This makes the sufferer a victim to many infections, sapping even the little strength he or she has. A few years ago Akos' would never have reached the age of 5. Nowadays modern medicine helps to hold off the worst of the disease and often allows the child to grow to adulthood, though in severe cases like that of Akos', the outlook is poor.

But still, as I said before, she's one of the lucky ones.

Father of mercy, lover of all children,  
Who in their form didst send Thy Son;  
Gladly we bless Thee, humbly we pray Thee  
For all the children of the earth.

In Thy compassion, helper of the helpless  
Tend them in sickness, ease their pain;  
Heal their diseases, lighten their sorrows,  
And from all evil keep them free.

(C.P. No. 682)

MARY CONNELLY

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STOP PRESS

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 1979

Chester Fromm, the well-known local photographer, judged our Competition on 17th February and commented on the slides and prints in an amusing and instructive way. Mrs. Jane Bond

won the prize for the Best Slide - the judge said he had not seen a better slide in any competition recently - and Dr. Roy Webb won the prize for the Best Print. Mr. Richard Tutley and Mrs. Cynthia Levett shared the Certificates for the Best Slides in four classes and Dr. Webb, and Mrs. Bond shared the winning certificates for the prints. Michael Chatfield won the prize for the Best Print in the Junior Section.

Although reproduction on the screen was not perfect the experiment of using an episcoposcope for projecting the prints proved quite successful. Over 120 slides and prints were entered, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

REG GOODCHILD  
Family Circle

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FAMILY CHURCH WEEKEND

Those of you who have not already done so, may like to consider joining us for our proposed Family Weekend. This will be planned for Autumn 1979 or Spring 1980. We are still open to suggestions for accommodation centres, and for further information please fill in the form below. When completed these should be placed in the offertory plate.

W. & B. KIMBER

FAMILY CHURCH WEEKEND

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Autumn 1979 ..... Spring 1980 .....  
(please tick either or both dates)

I would be willing to serve on a steering committee .....

No. 310April, 1979FROM THE VESTRYHE IS RISENHe Goes Before You

Easter, when experienced by Christians, confirms the word spoken in the Gospel. It is not just an annual celebration, but an hourly expectation of life in Christ.

The present age has seen many people making visits to what is called "The Holy Land" and, no doubt, many people have benefited immensely from such visits. It is important however to realise that Jesus Himself, far from making the Garden of Resurrection a place of pilgrimage, sought to lead His disciples back to Galilee as though to stress that all embracing character of His Resurrection over which neither time nor distance can prevail.

He is Risen, and goes before you into Galilee, Rome, Britain, China, India, and wherever else men and women have experienced the day to day, hour to hour Presence of the Lord - In her poem "Christ in the Universe" Alice Meynell touches on this:

"No planet knows that this  
Our wayside planet, carrying land and wave,  
Love and life multiplied, and pain and bliss,  
Bears, as chief treasure, one forsaken grave"

The grave is forsaken that the universe may be filled with the living Christ, redeemed from death and restored in Him.

Let us rejoice this Easter in these truths that abide beyond time and space, and which sustain beyond earth's joys, pain and death. We shall become a happy and victorious people as we love in Him who is Risen, and in faith follow Him expectantly to the ends of the earth and beyond; for He has gone before us as conqueror, and invites us to enter into His most loving conquest.

"Lo I am with you always  
Even to the end of the age"

A VERY HAPPY EASTER, with love, WILLIAM CONNELLY

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND JOHN DAVID BARNETT who died so suddenly on 9th February, 1979, was a man whose love for God made him remarkably creative in all he did. As a member of this Church for all too short a time we had grown to love him. May his wife, Betty, be comforted in Christ.

"Well done, thou good and faithful  
servant - enter into the joy of  
your Lord"

SIDNEY LIONEL HOWARD died: 17th February, 1979.  
We give thanks to God for Sidney whose life of faith had recently been enriched by his marriage to Ruby. We shall remember his faithfulness and trust that Ruby will open her heart to a Saviour's consolation.

"He was a good man - full of faith"

ALBERT EDWARD WORSTER who died on 19th February, 1979, after a tragic accident, was a man of quiet, brave endurance whose love for Christ and His Church reached out into care for his neighbours - "for the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous".

BAPTISMS

ABIGAIL CATHERINE TAYLOR      4.3.79

LESLEY ANN MAY                      11.3.79

"and He took them up in His arms, laid  
His hands upon them, and blessed them"

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

It seems that few families have escaped the various illnesses which have marked this long winter. We remember them all, and among them, Ray and Dora Newell, whose family illnesses have been to them a source of great anxiety.

Gerald Eversfield gives thanks to God for his mother, who has peacefully died, and we sympathise with Mr. & Mrs. Grout whose child was stillborn. Our friends, Mr. & Mrs. P. Kerkhove rejoice in the birth of their new baby, and we give thanks to God that both in sadness and rejoicing God is faithful.

Mrs. G. Rooke is now happily home from hospital, and gives thanks for promise of an early return to health. We especially remember the Craghill family, all of whom have suffered during recent weeks, and also Mrs. D. Turner, our flower Deputy Secretary, who is very poorly at home.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We have been glad to welcome a number of new friends at our services. Those who wish to consider becoming members of the Church, either by transfer from their former Church or on profession of faith, are invited to let me have their names so that I can meet them to discuss this matter.

THE MINISTER

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### A LETTER FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Mrs. Christopher and I much appreciate the welcome given to us by you all, and for the announcement in last month's Chronicle. Also, we shall not forget the inspiration of the Service at which our Minister received us into membership.

The call of the Church for me to become the Associate Minister has been a remarkable experience of the way in which God guides us into unexpected opportunities of ministry. It is a happy experience to have the friendship and to share the ministry with Mr. Connelly, and to be associated with such a live and active Church.

With reference to West Durrington, the Rev. Victor Daley of St. Symphorian's and I have consulted together and are confident of a working partnership in what we may undertake.

I hope as many as may be possible will join with me in the act of consecration to this ministry at the Morning Service on Sunday, 22nd April. Whether you are able to be present or not, I know I shall have your prayers and good wishes for our work together in the Name of Christ.

Flat 4, 136 Heene Road,  
Tel: Worthing, 30330

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers, which comforted and supported me during my recent stay in hospital. I was most grateful for the lovely cards and messages, including one from the Girls' Brigade; for the beautiful flowers sent by the Church and Women's Guild; and for the visits from our Minister and many friends which cheered me so much. My injured shoulder is slowly responding to treatment, and with God's help, I hope gradually to be able to get out and about again.

GLADYS ROOKE

Through the Chronicle may I take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the Church for the greetings of letters, cards and flowers and the enquiries, love and prayers which have surrounded me during the past few weeks. I am slowly but surely recovering from the operation I underwent at St. Francis Home. I would particularly like to thank the ladies of the Women's Guild and the Girls of the Brigade for their good wishes and kind thoughts. Last, but by no means least, a thank you to our Minister for his frequent visits to me. "Thank you" and God Bless you all.

JOAN BURRAGE

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all my dear friends of the Church for their good wishes and kindness during my time of illness, and those who visited me so regularly; they were a great comfort to me. Also, may I thank the Girls' Brigade and Mrs. Jean Webb (Captain) for their very lovely "get well" cards with such helpful texts, and for the beautiful daffodils and narcissi which Mrs. Turner brought (as a reminder of Spring.)

My grateful thanks also to Mr. Connelly for his many visits and concern, and all of you for your prayers which I am convinced have been the greatest help towards my recovery. I offer my thanksgiving to God and our Lord Jesus.

GRACE CARNILL  
"Westholme"

### HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

#### NEW MEMBERS

\*The Rev. & Mrs. R.C. Christopher, Flat 4, 136 Heene Road  
Tel: Worthing 30330  
Please note this address as it appeared incorrectly last month.

#### F I N A N C E

#### GIFT DAY

6th MAY, 1979

Envelopes will be distributed again this year and as indicated in our Budget the target is £1200. Costs to maintain our Church and witness are constantly increasing, and it is therefore hoped that our target will be exceeded by at least 10%, an increase of 10p in £1 on your gift last year. Gifts will be received at the morning and evening services.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

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### CALLING no. 216

Will the member who was issued with Free Will Offering Envelopes No. 216 kindly contact Miss Harris,  
F.W.O. Treasurer  
Thank you.

#### CHRISTIAN AID

Amount received during March - £26.10 Many thanks,

HILDA HELE

#### LEPROSY MISSION

Amount received for May 1978 £32.40  
Nov. " £23.35

MARY LUCKIN

BIBLE & HYMN VERSESS P R I N G

Psalms 104 v. 30 Thou renewest the face of the earth.

Solomon's Song 2 v. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Psalms 104 v. 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

St. Luke 12 v. 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

The glory of the Spring how sweet,  
The new-born life how glad,  
What joy the happy earth to greet,  
In new, bright raiment clad.

Divine Redeemer, Thee I bless;  
I greet Thy going forth.  
I love Thee in the loveliness,  
of Thy renewed earth.

Creator Spirit, work in me  
These wonders sweet of Thine,  
Divine Renewer graciously  
Renew this heart of mine.

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IS THIS A RECORD FOR OLD AGE?

A friend of mine, retired and residing in New Zealand, mentioned in his acknowledgment to my Christmas letter - the following:

"I have a 95 year old for a meal every Wednesday and am an Executor for a Mrs. Halson in Hastings, who is 101, and last month we sent off (she died peacefully) dear old Emma Williams at 106½ years!

F.L. WILLS



JESUS said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27)

Oh Lord seek, Oh Lord find us,  
 In Thy patient care;  
 Be Thy love before, behind us,  
 Round us, everywhere;  
 Lest the god of this world blind us,  
 Lest he speak us fair,  
 Lest he forge a chain and bind us,  
 Lest he bait a snare.  
 Turn not from us, call to mind us,  
 Find, embrace us, bear;  
 Be Thy love before, behind us,  
 Round us everywhere. - CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

### BOYS' BRIGADE

At the time of writing this report (18th March) we find we have not quite finalized our plans for the month of April. The Company Officers along with B.B. Officers in all parts of the country have set aside as a week of prayer Tuesday 17th to Monday, 23rd April. We feel that the prayers we offer would be that much more effective if you would join with us. We have a lot to be thankful for, but there is still a lot more to bring to the Lord in prayer. To bring matters of thanksgiving and concern before you we have requested the editors and publishers

of the Church Chronicle to include a B.B. supplement for this month and we pray that it will be an effective instrument in the Lord's work amongst the boys we have in our Company. May His blessing be with you,

DONALD STEWART  
Captain

THE REV. KURT GIERTZ  
who will preach here on 29th April

The Rev. K. Giertz was born in 1933 in Silesia, which now is part of Poland. Towards the end of the war - his father being away - his mother had to escape with him and his sister to the Western part of Germany.

Influenced by the minister who confirmed him in the County of Hessen, he decided at an early age to become a minister. During his initial theological studies he had the opportunity of forming his first contacts with England, while attending a Bible School in Lancashire. He finished his studies in Basel, Switzerland, where his teacher was Karl Barth.

He met his wife in Switzerland, where he got married, and has been a minister of the Swiss Reformed Church in the county of "Basel-biet" for many years. He has four children. While last here, he was invited by our Minister to preach at Goring, and he is delighted to have the opportunity of strengthening his ties with England, and especially with the United Reformed Church.

RENATE SHAVE  
WILLIAM CONNELLY

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CHURCH FLOWERS FOR APRIL

1st Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Beale, 8th Miss Ivy Wingrove  
15th EASTERDAY : Miss Wharhurst, The Women's Guild &  
The Flower Fund.

22nd Mrs. Epps & Mrs. Serjeant, 29th Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone  
FLOWER FUND My sincere thanks for £18.10 received during  
February and March.

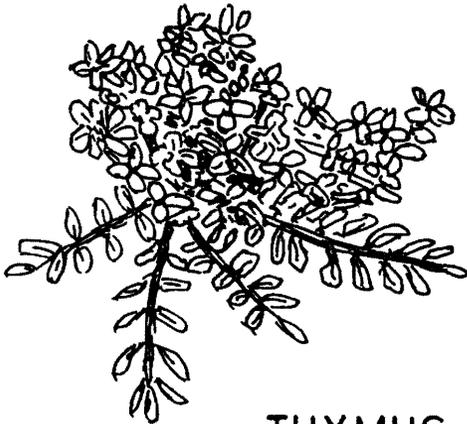
DOROTHY TURNER  
Deputy Flower Sec.

THYME

This is one of our better known herbs, growing wild in profusion on rocky ledges heathland and even on sand dunes. The rose-purple shade of the tiny flowers, which grow in clusters, against the dark green leaves, makes a most attractive patch of colour, and for this reason the plant is often grown on rockeries and low stone walls.

Common Thyme - the cultivated variety, has flowers of a more mauve shade with a larger leaf, and the plants grow into a low bush. There is also a lemon variety which is distinguished by its strong lemon scent, and an ornamental variety with a silver leaf.

## WILD THYME



It was once thought that Wild Thyme, applied externally, was a cure for giddiness and headaches. Nowadays it is still used as an infusion for the relief of cold or cough symptoms. As it is with many herbs, an extract of its oil has anti-septic qualities.

The flavour of Thyme is rather strong, so should only be used sparingly, but almost any dish can be enhanced by the addition of a small amount.

"For one believeth that he may eat many things. Another who is weak, eateth herbs".

## THYMUS DRUCEI

THE HYMNS WE SINGLetter to the Editor

3 The Hills,  
Sid Road, Sidmouth.

Dear Barbara,

I have just read No. 3 in the series of "The Hymns we Sing" and it occurred to me that a series entitled "The Hymns we Never Sing" might lead to a more varied use of that excellent hymn book "Congregational Praise".

I have been a non-conformist Church Organist in the midlands, in Hertfordshire, in Sussex and in Devon over a period of 66 years, but during all that time there is one hymn I have never heard sung or even said during a church service. It is set to a most lovely tune, preferably taken a little slowly, the tune "Miserere Mei", and I think it is the last hymn in the book. The words are by William Canton (1845-1926) and the melody adapted from music written in 1585.

But what a lovely prayer it is:

1. Hold Thou my hands!  
In grief and joy, in hope and fear,  
Lord, let me feel that Thou art near:  
Hold Thou my hands!
2. If e'er by doubts  
Of Thy good fatherhood depressed,  
I cannot find in Thee my rest,  
Hold Thou my hands!
3. Hold Thou my hands -  
These passionate hands too quick to smite,  
These hands so eager for delight:  
Hold Thou my hands!
4. And when at length,  
with darkened eyes and fingers cold,  
I seek some last loved hand to hold,  
Hold Thou my hands!

JOHN RATHBONE

(see P. 7, Chronicle 307 Jan. '79)

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Mrs. Batchelor

The Volunteer Bureau set up in 1977 under the auspices of the Worthing and District Council of Social Service, has now been officially set up and funds have been made available for permanent premises and a full-time Organiser. The Worthing and District Council of Churches has also approved the proposal to incorporate the churches' community caring scheme - 'Contact' - with this Volunteer Bureau, to form one Good Neighbour Scheme to be known as the "Worthing Volunteer Bureau".

On 12th March, 1979 the Bureau moved into a new central office at No.3 North Street, Worthing, and is open daily from 10.00h to 16.00h. It is administered by Mrs. S. Batchelor with a team of voluntary helpers and will work under a joint Steering Committee formed by representatives from the Worthing Council of Churches, the Worthing and District Council of Social Service, Community Health Council etc. It will aim to promote a greater sense of community by bringing together those in need of help and those willing and able to help.

The church 'Contact' Scheme will continue to operate much as before with volunteers working under their Area Convenors, but it will now be possible for a two-way exchange between 'Contact' and the Volunteer Bureau. Anyone wishing to do more than just 'Contact' can register as a helper with the Volunteer Bureau and become more actively involved in any specified service in the community.

Volunteers are still needed urgently, both as 'Contact' representatives and as active helpers in the community.

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LETTER FROM  
CLIVE AND ADELINE PERRETT

Electrical Engineering Dept.,  
University of Technology,  
Box 793, Lae, Papua, New Guinea

Dear Friends,

8th February, 1979.

As many of you will know, Clive's mother has been staying with us here in Papua, New Guinea for the last month, and we thought this a good opportunity to send a letter of greetings to you all through the Church Magazine.

Before recounting some of Mrs. Perrett's (senior) adventures, let us bring you up to date on our own life here. We arrived in Lae just over a year ago and needless to say, life has been full of new challenges and experiences from the start. Clive soon settled into his lecturing role but this has turned out to be only a small part of his work. Administration and student counselling have also been a major part of his duties and in addition, Clive's department has been very involved in community development projects in rural areas, and Clive has been very active in this. Rural areas in P.N.G. really are rural, with small villages nestled high in the mountain ranges or at the end of deep gorges. Access to these villages is usually only by light aircraft landing on small grass airstrips in the mountains. Clive has been on many field trips to such villages, advising on such things as the installation of small hydro-electric generators, village water supplies, etc.

Adeline has been equally busy. Looking after two small boys in the tropics is no mean feat. Fortunately both boys (Paul  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and David  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) have been in good health throughout the year, but chasing after our active toddler when it is 100°F. in the shade, is a bit wearing for poor old Mum! Adeline has also been involved in the Women's Fellowship at the local church, but has probably been more involved in supporting folk who come to her for supplies from our former Mission Station, Salamo. The journey takes three days each way by small boat, and our Mission

friends are usually ready for a comfortable bed and some hospitality by the time they arrive here in Lae.

In the middle of the year Adeline and the boys went back to Salamo on the Mission boat, and stayed there for three weeks. Many changes had taken place since we were there in 1973/74. Perhaps the most fascinating was seeing our former high school students now taking an active, adult role in teaching and church work.

TO BE CONTINUED

WORLD CHURCH PAGE

LAURA NORDER - AGAIN

With the accelerating decline of this country into lawlessness and anarchy, currently evidenced by the thuggery of some unions, you might think that those who put themselves forward to speak for the Churches would bring their weight to bear on the side of law and order. Not a bit of it. With spectacular ineptitude of timing as well as of judgment the British Council of Churches has recently decreed that the powers of the police are too great and should be curbed. They say that some of the present practices of the police - questioning people on suspicion or in the absence of their lawyers, for example - tend to abuse civil liberties.

These lofty clerics need to be reminded that the main civil liberties which are meaningful to the man in the street are to be allowed to go along that street without being attacked, to go to his work without being assailed by pickets and to go to his home and not find it broken into. If, as the price for these liberties, he is occasionally stopped and asked his business by the police, then that is a price he is perfectly prepared to pay. The B.B.C. should leave the support of the criminal classes to the so-called National Council of Civil Liberties, who has in the past few years reversed the natural meaning of its title in a way that George Orwell would have well understood. The B.B.C. professes itself to be much concerned for the plight of the innocent and the oppressed in other countries. It would do well to spare a little of that concern for those in this country.

..... AND AGAIN

A little girl of eight has been shot in the chest in Ulster and is fighting for her life. By the time you read this she may have lost it.

Amnesty International will not enquire into what has happened to her. Nor the Court of Human Rights. Nor those who call for judicial commissions to investigate 'Brutality'. Nor T.V. producers seeking to mount controversial discussion programmes. Edward Kennedy will not complain.

But should one policeman, a colleague of her daddy, be tempted to so much as bruise the finger joint of a terrorist in custody he will find out what it means to offend those 'custodians of human rights' as they cry "torture" and demand his punishment.

Is it too much to ask that those who look at Ulster and its horrors at least try to see it whole?

(Adapted from the Daily Mail,  
14th March, 1979).

#### LEPROSY - HORROR AND HOPE

At our Austerity Lunch on 18th March, we heard from The Rev. Norman Outlaw more of the work of the Leprosy Mission by words, pictures, some horrific, and a film. Leprosy is still the world's most widespread crippling disease. 15 million people suffer from it and only 1 in every 5 are being treated. This is tragic, for so much can be done if it is treated IN TIME - the cycle of deformity, nerve loss, paralysis and further deformity can be prevented. A patient under treatment can be allowed to return to his community and escape the demoralising effect of being shunned as a leper. The Leprosy Mission helps many other agencies to tackle this scourge; and it teaches and practices the cure of the whole man, body and soul.

As a result of this event over £62 was handed to the Mission.

R.F.B.

NEWS & NOTICESTWINNING

Several people have expressed an interest in the idea of 'twinning' with a church abroad and so that we can consider further the extent of the support which would be forthcoming, we invite all those who would like further information to attend a meeting at 4 North Avenue (off Sea Place), Goring, on Tuesday, 10th April at 19.30h. If you are unable to attend and would like to be kept informed of developments, please let me know.

REG GOODCHILD

INVITATION

The Women's Guild have arranged an outing on Tuesday 22nd May, to which members of the Men's Fellowship are being invited. It is expected that a few seats will be available for friends not connected with either organisation.

We shall leave the Church at 09.15h, visit a ceramics factory at Grayshott, go on to Guildford Cathedral for a brief visit and to eat our picnic lunches (café available for drinks etc. if desired), then go by launch on the River Wey to Godalming for tea at the Boathouse there (15.15h); leave Godalming at 16.30h for return to Worthing by coach. Inclusive cost - £4.00.

If you would like to join the party please see or call Miss Ethel Gilby (phone: 41235) as soon as possible.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL

Have you visited our Bookstall recently? It is situated in the East Transept and is open for sales after morning and evening worship on Sunday, or at otherwise convenient times. Christian books or Bibles not in stock will be obtained gladly; book tokens are also welcome.

For sale now is the New International Version of the whole Bible. Once comment amongst many in favour

of this fresh translation is that of Prof. Donald Wiseman: "This version will delight those who find some translations too traditional or too trendy". Come and have a look for yourself. The cost is £3.25 for the paperback; £4.95 - hardback.

RECOMMENDED READING:

1. "Selected to Live" - Johanna-Ruth Dobschiner's gripping story of her deep faith in God, as a young Dutch girl in Nazi Germany, escaping from her pursuers - Price: 95p.
2. "Day by Day" - a new series by Scripture Union of daily Bible readings accompanied by beautiful photographs. An excellent present at - 40p. - "Springs of New Life", "Springs of Truth", etc.
3. "Prayers for Busy People" - Rita Snowden - Morning & Evening Prayers with alternate Old & New Testament readings for 31 days - Price: 75p.

You may see other Christian books around the Church, particularly in the entrance vestibule. These may be borrowed and, unlike those on the Bookstall, are not for sale.

Jean Symmons  
BOOKSTALL SEC.

SMALL AD. I have a small piece of garden at the back, which requires digging, and wondered if anyone from the Church or Boys Brigade could help me out?  
20 Bruce Avenue. FLORRIE MOODY  
BN11 5JN.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR EDITOR

I feel it is time we gave a big THANK YOU to our Editor, Barbara Popplestone and Eric, her husband, and helpers who produce month-by-month such a splendid magazine of 20 pages recording the every day activities of our really live and active Church.

Now, as Treasurer, many thanks for all who have responded so readily in supporting the production of the "Chronicle" during 1978; and especially to those who

receive their copies by hand and by post. Ernest Munday  
 CHRONICLE TREASURER

FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you, dear Ernest, we don't deserve it. May I just say 'A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL'. Eric and I hope to be away for a short holiday from 15th - 21st, and thus we should much appreciate it if all copy for the MAY CHRONICLE could be in our hands not later than Sunday, 8th April, PALM SUNDAY. I know this is very early but I understand that other churches in the locality have such an early date as a regular habit. Just this once - I know you will all co-operate.

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REPORTS ON OUR OWN ACTIVITIES

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Surely Easter and Springtime have never been so eagerly awaited as this year, and we do so hope that all who have been poorly and laid low, are now feeling better and looking forward to the glorious promise that comes each year with the resurrection of Christ - "In Him we live again".

March has been tinged with sadness for us all in Girls' Brigade for we have said farewell to two of our young Lieutenants. Caroline is to be married again and Janet is to devote more time to being a housewife. Both will be missed very much, but we wish them joy and look forward to seeing them whenever they can manage to pop in. Lesley too will be leaving us in July when she gets married and moves to Caterham. At the moment her present job only allows her to be with us one Tuesday in every three, and that means just two uniformed Officers left! God's work done in God's way never lacks God's supply - this Doreen and I firmly believe but we do ask you please to pray for us and to search your own hearts, and if you feel that you too would like to join us in the uniformed

ranks, please do come forward. We need a third Officer as soon as possible, and even if you have no idea what Brigade is all about, it doesn't matter, for our training system is very thorough. All you need is a love of children, especially little girls! - and a real desire to serve the Lord.

We extend to you all a warm invitation to join us on Tuesday, 10th April for our Annual Enrolment Service, starting at 19.00h in the Church to be followed by our Easter Fayre and refreshments in the halls, with a chance, as always, for you to purchase a few bargains and so help our funds along.

Easter blessings and love, and may the God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

#### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Since I last wrote in the Chronicle our Fellowship has enjoyed three excellent and varied evenings, all of them very well attended. Firstly we entertained ourselves by recalling snippets from memory. It is surprising how much we learnt of our individual backgrounds in this way. Then Miss Betty Stoner answered the question "What is a Gall?" most delightfully with the aid of slides, anyone of which would surely have won a prize in the recent slide competition.

Our last meeting of the month was spent enjoying the music of Handel, played on tape by Miss K. Harding, who charmingly combined history with the music. We are looking forward to the last meeting before Easter when we are holding our own Easter Bonnet Competition.

Do come if you are free!

ROBIN BRADLEY  
Secretary

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On 20th February, Mr. John Nicholls told us some very interesting things about our characters simply by analysing our facial features. Very revealing! Mr. Edgley entertained us on 6th March with some excellent

slides of 'Sussex Windmills', many of which are hardly recognisable as Windmills any longer. We learned a lot about the different kinds of windmills and it was good to hear that several had still been preserved in their original condition.

We join with the Ladies on 3rd April, for our Easter Programme which is being arranged by Mr. Lionel Knight. As is customary, our Meeting on 17th April, which features the A.G.M., will be chaired by our President, the Minister, and I would ask for any nominations for Officers and Committee Members to be in my hands at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

REG GOODCHILD

### FAMILY CIRCLE

#### QUIZ EVENING - 12th March

There was certainly a "Full House" last Monday evening when teams from various Church groups took part in a light hearted Quiz, and judging by the laughter, and buzz of conversation between the contests, the evening was enjoyed by all present. The final winner was one of the two teams put in by the Monday Evening Fellowship, who were presented with cups by Mr. Connelly at the end of the Quiz, these taking the form of Easter Eggs in cups!

The Minister opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the audience, and to Mr. Roland Lewis, the Quiz Master and his colleague. He also stressed the next Family Circle event on 9th April, which would start off with an Easter Bonnet Parade, with classes for men, women and children, and those taking part were reminded to bring their head-gear with them. This would be followed by the A.G.M, with election of Officers, (nominations to be with me by 1st April) and after this a Beetle Drive, kindly organised by Mr. & Mrs. R. Goodchild.

I should like to extend my personal thanks and those of the Committee, the Quiz teams, and the audience to Reg Goodchild, who did so much to help in the formation of the teams and the arrangement of the proceedings. He did a grand job in getting the teams on to the platform

with the minimum of delay.

MOLLIE HAWKE  
Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

Since our last report we have had two very interesting afternoons. The first - "Nursing Experiences in Uganda" by Miss Jean Hillis and work in a London multi-racial school by Mrs. Connelly. The second - A "Memories" afternoon with five minute talks by our members. Both afternoons were full of interest and contrast. What a number of talented people we have! Thank you all for your contributions.

On 3rd April our Easter Service will take place when we look forward to joining with the Men's Fellowship, who this Easter are arranging the afternoon. On 17th April it is your afternoon when you show your hobbies and handicrafts and let us see how you have defeated the gloom of the winter!

We send our love and prayers to our members who cannot be with us and wish them well as we look forward to warmer weather. Soon our A.G.M. ! Please give this your thoughts!

ETHEL DEARSLEY

LEPROSY MISSION FILM & LUNCH

The Rev. Norman Outlaw of the Leprosy Mission and Mrs. Freeman, who is the Hon. Sec. of the Worthing Branch, have asked me to thank all those who supported the Lunch and Film on 18th March and to tell you that the splendid total of £65.50 was raised, plus £4.00 from the Bookstall, all of which is very much appreciated, and will be put to good use. Many thanks too, to Mrs. R. Bradley and her team of helpers from the Monday Evening Fellowship for their willing help in the kitchen. To this I should also like to add my grateful thanks to you all for your continued support and encouragement as the Missionary Committee seeks to bring before you various aspects of our Lord's work in other places, for we are all partners with Christ in Mission.

Praise be to the Lord, and thank you all of you, for your interest and encouragement.

DORA NEWELL

N.B. The Annual General Meeting of the Worthing Branch of the Leprosy Mission will be held on Friday, 27th April, in St. Paul's Church Hall, at 14.30h. The speaker will be the Rev. R.J. Findlay, Executive Director of the Mission, and The Rev. W. Connelly will be in the Chair. A film or slides will be shown and there will be stalls of cakes, etc. After the meeting a cup of tea will be served.

F.FREEMAN

The next Missionary Committee meeting here will be held on Wednesday, 30th May, at 19.30h when Dr. & Mrs. Duncan will be telling us about the Flying Doctor Service, and showing slides of their recent visit to Tanzania, E.Africa.

DORA NEWELL

#### A MESSAGE FROM LONDON

In a block of flats, built in a hurry, rather carelessly, just after the 1939-45 war, live two of our Bengali children Anwara and Sonai together with their families. They are often ill, as the flats are very damp and cold. Sonai has just come back to school after several weeks away, having just avoided pneumonia. He was not really well enough to come back to school, but it was better for him to walk through the snow and ice to the warm school than to spend the time in the cold and damp of his home. His little brother is too young to start in the Nursery Class, though his parents ask continually that he should be allowed to start school so that he, too, might keep warm.

Mother and father speak very little English, but are improving gradually. Mother, after a long time, has been persuaded to go to an afternoon needlework class in our house-craft room, where she meets other Asian women and people outside her own family. A year ago, the family was afraid to walk along the street for fear: - fear of jeering and shouting, deliberate pushing and threats of violence to both parents and children. Until recently mother would never dare take the children out shopping without the company of her husband.

When they first came to England and moved into their flat, they thought that they were starting a new life - it was a new life - BUT!! - One day a brick

smashed through their living room window, and another one the next day and the next day. At night time, there were bangings on the front door, and shouts. When they didn't answer, the panels of the door were kicked in. This kind of thing went on for a long time, so that the children were frightened, bewildered and fractious for lack of sleep, and the parents tired and desperate for rest and security.

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Anwara is quite a bright, lively girl, with long black hair. She has an older brother and sister. The flat they live in is similar to Sonai's, cold and very damp. They have had a constant battle for several years to move to another place for health and safety. They may now, at last, be moving to a drier, warmer flat - and one away from their present neighbours. Anwara's elder brother, Ponkey, always was a nuisance, a really naughty boy, and was a proper pest. His skin being dark, made him seem worse to some people, particularly the people who live in the flat below. The boys are now teenagers. The family are members of a group of people who resent the presence of other races in this country - for being dark-skinned, for not being able to speak English, for being Asian, our Bengali family suffered. Had the children been English, their noise and nuisance would hardly have been noticed.

Anwara, then 4 years old, was unfortunate enough to be outside on the stairs with her sister one day, and was suddenly seized by her hair. The man who had taken hold of her, swung her round and round his head, she screaming with fright. The shock caused her hair to drop out. Later on, after her hair had grown once more, a similar thing happened with one of the sons of the family grabbing her by the hair, and once again, her hair dropped out from the shock.

The family are continually being harassed in one way or another. The Council have stopped putting in new window panes as it became too expensive to put new glass in every day! So now they have cardboard instead. When it is school holidays Anwara and her sister hardly

No. 311May, 1979FROM THE VESTRYPENTECOST AND POLITICS

A sad, dispirited age languishes for want of inspiration. A nation tired of words pines for a living Word. And May 3rd and June 3rd, within a month of each other - a General Election and Whitsuntide! Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will influence the life of the nation to bring us that vision without which the people perish.

PENTECOST AND PEOPLE

Peter and his friends had waited impatiently within Jerusalem's walls in obedience to Christ. The coming of the Holy Spirit broke down walls even more effectively than the walls of Jericho in the days of Joshua! The work of the Holy Spirit is given that the people of God may be set free - our lips are loosed to praise Him - our lives liberated to serve Him - and no walls can keep Him out. Pray for the breaking down of all barriers as the Holy Spirit gives His Gifts and Graces among us - pray that you may be ready to receive Him and to glorify Him in the Church and in your life.

PENTECOST AND POWER

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit shall come upon you." The powers of evil that seek to distress or depress us are never more active than when seeking to persuade us of our weakness; and indeed, some of us fail badly at the point where we fail to recognise that Spiritual strength is a matter not of our heart or will but of Christ's will. It matters far less in the matter of Spiritual Power what we "feel" than to seek a fulfilment of Christ's promise in us; and since, as Saint Paul knew, this has very little to do with the self and everything to do with Christ, take Him seriously then you have no need to take yourself too seriously.

Maybe we are weak both in ourselves and in the Church for want of taking Christ and His promises with the utmost seriousness.

Blessings and Love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

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### BAPTISMS

MATTHEW JAMES STEPHEN 8.4.79

CATHERINE ANNE BAILEY 15.4.79

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

### IN MEMORIAM

SARAH ANN GROUT stillborn child of Stanley and Jane Grout died: 7th March 1979.

"and He took them up in His arms  
and blessed them"

STANLEY KEITH HARE DEAN died 20th March 1979

"so He bringeth them to their  
desired haven"

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### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Miss F. A. Hambleton is now home after her accident en route to Church. We join in sending love to her and to her friend Miss W. B. Burns. May she continue her good progress.

Miss M. S. Alexander has celebrated her 96th birthday.

Mrs. L. M. Cuff, aged 101, is making progress after a fall.

Miss I. Gill has been very unwell and we are glad to hear of her improvement. Keep it up!

Mr. F. A. Edie is home again after treatment in a London hospital.

We remember Arthur and Marjorie Cloverson in Arthur's striving for health.

Many friends are now back among us after periods of illness and we now look forward to a happier Spring and healthier Summer.

**THE MINISTER**

May I put in a word of gratitude to the Choir for the excellent rendering of "The Crucifixion" on Palm Sunday. There was nothing but praise from everyone.

**HILDA LOWMAN**

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Happy as well as humble

Spirit-filled as well as self-committed

Free training given.

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**APPLY IN PRAYER TO GOD TO-DAY**

For further information come to the Junior Church Festival Service on

**SUNDAY, MAY 20th at 11.00h.**

When the theme will be "SAINTS ALIVE!" (What is your definition of a saint?)

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Dear friends: I wish to express my gratitude for the beautiful flowers, hand letters from the children and other visitors, also a cheering message from Captain Webb and the Girls' Brigade, during my absence from Church owing to ill health. I hope to be back soon. Thank you all.

**DOROTHY M. HEDGCOMBE**

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTSNEW MEMBER

\*Miss C. Nunneley, 29 Harvey Road. Tel: Worthing 41562

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jean and Edward Symmons to:

39 St. Anselm's Road. Tel: Worthing 32897

BIBLE & HYMN VERSES

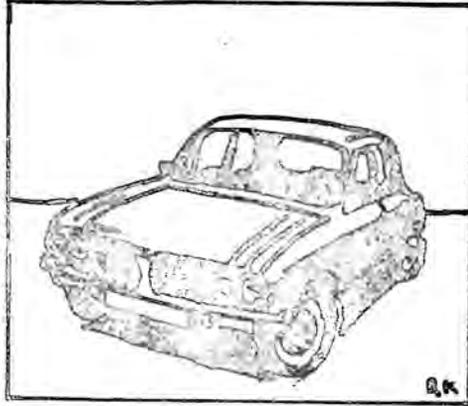
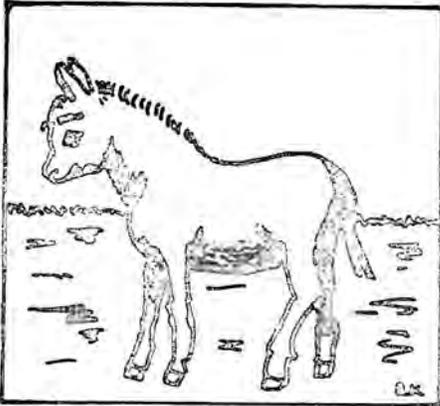
Matthew 5 vv. 43-45 Ye have heard that it hath been said,  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy. But I  
say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you,  
do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which  
despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the  
children of your Father which is in heaven.

John 17 vv. 20-22 Neither pray I for these alone, but for  
them also which shall believe on me through their word; That  
they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in  
thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may  
believe that thou hast sent me: And the glory which thou  
gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as  
we are one.

Father of mercies, in thy word  
What endless glory shines!  
For ever be thy name adored  
For these celestial lines.

O may these heavenly pages be  
my ever dear delight;  
And still new beauties may I see,  
And still increasing light.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,  
Be thou for ever near:  
Teach me to love thy sacred word,  
And view my Saviour there.



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. (Isaiah 55 v. 8)

#### BENEVOLENCE - A 20th CENTURY PARABLE

One day a rich young politician came to the Teacher and asked "What can I do that will last for ever?" "First", said the Teacher, "keep the rules of living". "I've always done that," said the young man, "but I have not found satisfaction. You see, I've still got this guilt feeling because my parents were well off. They were able to send me to Winchester and Oxford and I've always had many more privileges than most people. I've done my best to alter the balance - I've joined a radical party and got into Parliament. I advocate the equal sharing of all wealth and I intend one day to become Prime Minister and bring in a new era of total equality. But I have this strange feeling that I still won't achieve satisfaction."

The Teacher smiled, for this seemed a sincere and likeable young man, and said "Perhaps you have thought too much and overlooked the obvious. Sell up all you have and give it to the poor". The young man went away, thoughtful and unhappy. For although he had substantial capital and income

he also had a wife and children and was intent on passing on to them his heritage (and perhaps, who knows, his guilt feelings). So he unselfishly declined the Teacher's advice, and kept his money. But he redoubled his political efforts to ensure that everyone should be equal.

CAPRICORN

## THE HYMNS WE SING

No. 4 of a series by "WORDY"

The words of old hymns mirror the life of past ages and should stimulate our interest in what we are singing and recognise our fellowship with those who have 'run this earthly race' - for we owe them much. Many hymns, including those of the early church, are translations. (Greek hymnody is older than Latin). We consider a Palm Sunday hymn. "All Glory, Laud and honour" C.P. 120, by Theodulph of Orleans (c. 750-821) was translated by J.R. Neale (1818-66). Theodulph was born of a noble family, probably in Spain and was Bishop of Orleans (785-782); A member of Charlemagne's court, but after his death was imprisoned for supposed complicity in a plot against the Emperor Louis the Pious, where, no doubt, he wrote this hymn. In medieval times it was widely used - and since. Neale made two translations of parts of the original. The second was altered to "All glory laud and honour" (1859).

We may imagine Theodulph in prison, thinking on the last days of his Lord. Jesus represented his Lord - just as Theodulph did his. He realised the goodness and meekness of Jesus, especially in his Passion and that this calls for our praise, prayer and anthems because he is our Redeemer. The tune, St. Theodulph, by Melchior Teischner (1615) is beloved equally in England and Germany. Hymns Ancient & Modern (1861) introduced the practice of repeating the first half of the tune as a refrain, and therefore the tune is finished in the middle. This hymn is possibly the least passionate of the His Passion & Cross section and one of the three recommended for young people.

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WORLD CHURCH PAGEAN INITIAL WORD

Perceptive readers will have observed that references to the B.B.C. on this page last month should have been to the B.C.C. - the British Council of Churches which had been mentioned in the previous paragraph. Apologies to the B.B.C.

HUNGRY FOR THE WORD

The Hungarian Socialist Workers Party recently published an 'Encyclopaedia of the Bible' which completely sold out its first edition of 50,000 copies in a few days. The Communist publishing house stressed the need for party workers to have a book about the Bible which was objective and not anti-Christian, giving straightforward information and not militant atheist bias. It described the Bible as the most important basic 'Book' of Western Civilisation, without which not only the common history of the European peoples but also the Hungarian past itself, its history, art and language, is incomprehensible. 'The Communist movement is part of the whole development of Europe and has its roots in our civilisation formed in a very great extent by the Book'.

Is it not ironic that the enemies of Christ perceive a greater need to study His Word than of His friends?

A CHOICE OF WORDS - FOR SOME

Yet one of the many things we in this country get more than our fair share of is new current language versions of the Bible - there seems to be a new publication every few months. In contrast, it is somewhat surprising to learn from the Bible Society that the original Bengali version of the Bible translated in 1801 by the pioneer of modern missionaries, William Carey, is only now about to be superseded by an up-to-date version.

TURNING ON THE CHEATERS - A PREY ON WORDS

Watching David Attenborough's programme on the hunters and the hunted the other day I particularly noted the sequence in which two cheetahs calmly strode around among a vast herd of wildebeest while choosing their victim. Clearly, if at any time the wildebeest had in unison turned and stampeded towards their attackers the cheetahs would have had to fly for their lives to avoid being trampled to death. But of course the wildebeest did no such thing - they meekly ran

away when attacked, saw one of their number slain and went back to their browsing. Once again 'someone else' had copped it but they were alright (until the day came that it was their turn).

The Great British Public has for years done a fairish imitation of the wildebeest. It has allowed a comparatively small number of greedy and violent people to gain enormous power. As each group of these people has lined up its own victims - the sick, the old etc., the rest of us and especially the Christian Church have turned our backs and avoided getting involved. It is time we turned on the cheetahs in our society. We should make this our resolve now and when we decide how to place our votes on 3rd May, we would do well to consider which use will best enable us to further this resolve. R.F.B.

Jesus College,  
Cambridge, CB5 3BL

Dear Editor,

9th April, '79.

As one who recently visited Goring United Reformed Church to share my experiences of last year's U. R.C. visit to the Church of South India, I feel I must write to you to express my concern at both the material and views expressed in your World Church page in recent months.

In particular the recurring polemic against the British and World Councils of Churches, and condemnation of their attempts to relate Christian faith to urgent social and economic problems, make no pretence to balance or to allow your readers anything other than the extremest conservative viewpoint.

Firstly, these two ecumenical bodies are fully representative, and in their policies - as the personal testimony of any of their full time staff will indicate - seek only to meet the world's problems with Christian faith and vision. Policies are open to debate, but the integrity and Christian commitment of their personnel should not be allowed to be so slandered.

Secondly - and I write both from experience of the Church in India and from hearing many Church leaders in Cambridge Christian circles (where Dr. Edward Norman's case in the Reith Lectures is not highly regarded!) one of the greatest barriers facing the deepening of links in the worldwide Church is recognised to be the cosy insularity and patronising conservatism of so many British Christians

to the agonising problems of many African and Asian countries.

Neither the cause of Christ nor the World Church are served by such a one-sided viewpoint, and it is to be hoped that future articles will show both better balance and graciousness towards those who seek practical expressions of Christian love and justice on our behalves.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD ALLON-SMITH

I should be very happy to have further correspondence from any readers on the above subject.

EDITOR

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LETTER FROM  
CLIVE AND ADELINE PERRETT

(continued)

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To return to Clive's mother's adventures, she has of course had a tremendous time here seeing her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren after a year's absence, which was of course the main objective of the visit. But in addition we have taken her on three trips away from Lae to other parts of New Guinea. The first was to the beautiful coastal town of Madang where apart from swimming and diving over coral reefs, and travelling in native canoes, we also visited a disused Japanese wartime airstrip deep in the jungle (the Japanese captures New Guinea during the war but were finally driven out by the Australians). The journey back from Madang was done in a land rover and involved driving 200 miles along a jungle track through the mountains. Over a dozen rivers had to be driven through, some nearly waist-deep. Clive often had to wade a river in advance to find the best crossing place for the land rover and even the passengers were repeatedly getting their feet wet! The second trip was to visit one of the villages where Clive is doing community development work. The village, called Ogeramang, gave Clive's mother a very warm welcome as they rarely see white women. (Ogeramang can only be reached by small aircraft). The local women were particularly interested in her and when Clive explained that it was "Mama tru bilong me" (my natural mother) this caused a great

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discussion amongst themselves about Clive and his mother's respective ages! Mrs. Perrett then produced her knitting which caused further consternation. The third trip was to Jan, the scene of a "gold rush" in the 1920's. The local people there still eke out a living by "Panning" for gold.

We hope the above picture gives a small insight into life here. We gather from Clive's mother that Goring U.R.C. would like to form a special relationship or link with a community here. May we suggest the village of Ogeramang. The people there are struggling very hard to improve their situation and are very capably led by a local man, Mr. Tigneoc Mandan, who gave up a well paid government job to go back to his own village to help them develop themselves. their current project is to improve their very modest primary school by building a small workshop to teach the children and adults better methods of house building and maintenance. The village people themselves cut the timber in the forest for the main framework of the building but of course money is still needed for simple hand tools, roofing iron etc. Financial support for such a self help project would be a very worthwhile cause.

Finally, thank you to all those who have written to us this last year. Individual replies will come eventually, but in the meantime please accept this as an open reply.

Kind regards & greetings  
from Papua, New Guinea

CLIVE & ADELINE PERRETT

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#### NEWS & NOTICES

FAMILY CHURCH WEEKEND There has been an encouraging response to the suggestion of a Family Church Weekend, and there will be a meeting in the Church at 10.00h on Wed. 9th May, to discuss it further - one hopes to a conclusion about when and where!

This meeting is for all who might wish to come to the Weekend, whether they have already expressed interest or not.

BARBARA B. MALLY KINDER



GORING & FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (Goring Branch) We held the 11th A.G.M. on 30th March, when the Rev. Thomas Cawthera (Methodist) was elected Chairman, and Father Eric Flood (Roman Catholic) as Vice-Chairman, thus continuing the ecumenical basis of the Friendship Centre.

We thank the Rev. William Connelly (United Reformed Church) for being our Chairman for the past two years, and welcome his presence with us at the lunches.

PAM STOWER

HORSHAM U.R.C. - MIDSUMMER FAIR We shall be very pleased to welcome visitors to our Midsummer Fair at Pondtail Farm, West Grinstead on Saturday, 23rd June. The theme this year is Dairy Farming and Produce and the programme includes special displays on cheeses and butter making, 'Milk Maid & Cowman' Fancy Dress Competition, stalls, sideshows and a dancing display by the Horsham School of Dancing, in addition to our traditional tour of the Farm by tractor and trailer.

We hope that those who came last year will be encouraged to join us again together with others on their first visit. Admission is by programme (Adults 40p, School Children 15p and children under 5 free) and I will be letting Colin Nodes have a supply of these shortly. Please phone me (Horsham 3558) if you would like any further information.

TED WINSTANLEY

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## REPORTS ON OUR OWN ACTIVITIES

### WOMEN'S GUILD

What a great privilege it was to listen to Mrs. DuBuisson who has been High Sheriff of Surrey. Her charming, friendly, breezy manner captivated us all as she told of her work in the Juvenile Courts and among the juvenile delinquent and children of prisoners. Being "International Year of the Child" a collection was made towards any part of her work, and this amounted to £18. We know the money will buy an Easter Egg for each child in a 'Home' near Dorking, and the rest is banked towards a new washing machine for the Home.

Our thanks to the Men's Fellowship and in particular to Mr. Knight who arranged our combined Easter programme of music and readings, and led us reverently through the Easter Story.

It was good to see many sick folk back on that afternoon and we hope that by May 1st, all will be well and able to join us at our Annual General Meeting.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

### THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our visit to Swandean Telephone Exchange on 20th March, very kindly arranged by Mr. Graham Redman, was unfortunately, supported by only 16 members due to a variety of reasons. Those who went were well rewarded by a most interesting and instructive tour of the Exchange. We now know what happens when we lift the receiver and dial a number! We were very grateful to Mr. Lionel Knight for arranging our Easter Meeting of music and readings held jointly with the ladies of the Women's Guild. There was an excellent attendance and the afternoon was voted a great success. Many of us were surprised to discover that Lionel has yet another talent - that of accomplished violinist!

We have now completed our programme for the session, and after the summer break will look forward to the Autumn Session which will commence on Tuesday, 25th September.

REG GOODCHILD

### THE BOYS' BRIGADE

With Spring so much in our minds at the moment we felt that the B.B. should make a Spring Effort with a warning that there could possibly be a Spring Clean as far as some of our Company Section members are concerned. After our 'Week of Prayer' and the small exhibition in the transept during April we follow up with other activities during May. At the Church Meeting on Thursday, 10th we will be taking up a little of your time to show the film strip 'Boys will be Men'. On Friday, 11th we will be holding an Open Evening with an Outside Display (if the weather is fine) for parents and friends in the Church Hall at 19.00hr. On Saturday, 12th a party of us will be visiting London with the main attraction being the Boys' Brigade Display at the Albert Hall.

Sunday 13th will mean a Parade Service and we have been asked to help take the service. We will commence our summer activities with our Annual Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Pulborough on Friday 25th to Monday 28th. At the time of writing our crewbus is off the road and so we would appreciate it if a few kind volunteers stood by to offer transport on that particular weekend.

To give me more scope in the overall responsibility of running the Company, Chris Chatfield has nobly agreed to take over as Officer in Charge of the Company Section. We would not deny that we are having our problems at the moment and so we ask for your prayers that Chris may receive guidance and strength in his extra duty.

Would you please remember our desperate situation in not having sufficient storage now the triumphant cry (of some people) goes up "The Hut is down!"

Yours reflectively,

DONALD STEWART

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

As the first session of 1979 ends, we thank God for answering our many prayers and we welcome Margaret Craghill into our Company. She will commence Officer training after Easter, so do please remember her in your prayers, for she will find the coming months rather strenuous.

We return, after Easter, on 1st May when several Explorers will be joining the Company. Remember, that Mrs. Brunton is always ready to welcome little girls who are 5 years old, and there's no waiting list; we've room for all! On 5th May some of us will be attending the Annual Rally in the Royal Albert Hall and spending the morning at St. Paul's Cathedral, doubtless climbing up to the top of the Dome!! How fortunate we are in being able to spend such days together.

On 20th May which is half-term for the Company, Alison Linda and Ruth will be taking their Warrant Officer tests and if successful will be the first W.O's 5th Worthine have ever had. We wish them well and hope to see them promoted at the June Parade.

Our sponsored effort for this year is the growing of sunflowers! Our Treasurer has kindly grown from seed some

200 plants and these have been given to the girls together with a form so that they may be sponsored for their flower by the inch or by the foot - we haven't gone metric!! It's different and it's somewhat easier than some of our past efforts! We are very grateful to Bill West for starting the seeds off for us, and you have all summer to look forward to as girls of all ages wave their sponsor forms in your direction! Measuring day will be Saturday, 15th September.

So we go forward into another very busy Session in the knowledge that His grace is sufficient for us. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

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### GARLIC

One of our most widely known herbs is surely Garlic, but have any of you seen a wood carpeted with wild garlic? or RAMSOMS to give them their other name? There is no mistaking these dainty white flowers because the pungent, distinctive smell of the plant fills the air. The tiny white flowers, comprising six white petals, grow in a crown at the top of a long, three-sided stem, and the leaf closely resembles that of the lily of the valley. The root of the plant is a smaller edition of the cultivated variety of plant, composed of a cluster of cloves.

Garlic was once known as "The poor man's Treakle", that is, a remedy for all disease.

It was also said "The very scent thereof chaseth serpents and scorpions away", and the only way to eat garlic is with courage! It is still used in medicinal compounds to aid digestion.



WOOD  
GARLIC or  
RAMSOMS



for him again.

"Pussy willow, we find you" - yes, there's Pussy Willow in school, but it came from places as far away as Porstmouth, Worthing and Arundel. There's gorse and Pussy Willow, Hazel catkins, daffodils, blue bells, primroses, hyacinths, a rosemary bush (growing from a cutting) a small bay tree (also growing from a cutting) forsythia, flowering currant, some forget-me-not plants in a pot and three birds' nests, and all from Worthing! The schoolkeeper complains its getting like a forest in the Infants' Hall! I like to take flowers with me as often as I can to bring the country into the town, and sunshine where there was darkness. Children should not grow up seeing just bricks and concrete, buildings and traffic! They need to see the wonder of nature, the works of Creation - the fulfilment of the promises of the seasons, from seed-time to harvest. What are pictures and films compared with the real thing?

The next project is not for just cut branches and things, and plants in pots indoors, (though I hope to keep this going whenever plants and flowers are available), but to make a garden - a garden in the wilderness. There is a piece of ground where the School keeper's house once stood. It is covered with concrete and rubble. The concrete has to be dug up by pick-axe, and this and all the rubble carried away, the ground dug and several loads of top soil brought in and spread all over. This will be a big job, both physically and financially! Then we can begin to grow things - seeds, cuttings, plants and bushes will be needed and plenty of time and energy - and above all, enthusiasm! Perhaps this time next year I shall be able to tell you that the crocuses and daffodils are blooming and that the birds come to visit the garden - that it is like an oasis in the desert.

"I will make all my goodness pass  
before thee".

All the lovely flowers of Spring,  
Summer's golden grain.  
All the fruits which autumn's bring,  
Winter's snow and rain,

All the winds so full of health,  
 All the sunshine bright,  
 Bringing joy & food & wealth,  
 Fill me with delight.

In my youthful, gladsome days,  
 Grant Thy grace to me,  
 That in holy, loving ways,  
 I may live for Thee.

(William Cox 1860-?) C.P. 716

"And his heart shall be as a watered garden"

P.S. Any offers of help for this project will be welcome  
 No seed turned away!

SMALL AD.

I should like reading books for small children. i.e.  
 ladybird etc. If you can help please let me know.  
 The children in London lose their books and we are  
 in constant need of fresh material.

MARY CONNELLY

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A SPECIAL DATE TO REMEMBER

Family Church Weekend Meeting - Wednesday 9th May at  
 19.00h.

CLOSING DATE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE - Sunday, 13th May



The first text speaks to youth; the second speaks in the words of Jesus to Nicodemus to middle life; and the third is St. Paul's own testimony to God's goodness in adversity in age. God help us all to realise that TODAY belongs to God.

Thank you all for your many kindnesses at Easter in cards and gifts, may the spirit of Easter remain with us.

Now that the Rev. Ron Christopher is settled among us, do please remember that he is available by telephoning 30330 or 48259 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ron and I are happy to share our Ministry with you together, and join in sending our blessings and love.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

BAPTISMS

OLIVIA HOLLY BLAKE	29.4.79
ANDREW JONATHAN KERKHOVE	6.5.79
VANESSA LOUISE RICH	13.5.79

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

MARRIAGES

21st April	STEVEN LAMBOURNE LESLEY JOHNSON
28th April	JOHN ROBERT CARTER DIANE HILDA HUDSON PAUL ANTHONY HARVEY ROSEMARY ANN SHEARING
12th May	ALAN DENIS LAMPER LYNDA MARGARET WHITE

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES ALBERT PIEROTTI	12.4.79
EDNA JANE THOMAS	20.4.79
KENNETH McLEAN	2.5.79
KIT HARRISON	3.5.79
ETHEL DODD	5.5.79
HILDA BEDFORD	12.5.79

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Light"

The Ministry to the Bereaved has become a very important part of the outreach of the Church. Let us share in it by our prayers our visits and our love, and do please remember that the Ministers are never too busy to visit the bereaved, even months or years afterward; the healing of wounded spirits can take a very long time.

THE HYMNS WE SINGNo. 5 of a Series - by "TAPTON"

A recent letter in the Chronicle drew attention to hymns we do not sing. Perhaps you could add some others. Look at No. 770 in Congregational Praise!

Included in many hymn books since the hymn was first published in the middle of the 19th Century, this hymn of John Greenleaf WHITTIER has been sung only infrequently in our Churches. This may be because it is more of a poem than a hymn, and a most evocative poem it is, or else it may be that we no longer like to hold 'Memorial Services' or it could be that "The Lord's my Shepherd" has the monopoly! I commend the hymn to you as devotional reading, and as an example of Quaker poetry and sentiment in the 19th Century.

FAMILY NEWS

It was with great sadness that we accepted the resignation of our Organist and Choir Master, Mr. Cyril Levett. Mr. Levett agreed to help the Church some twelve months ago whilst the search continued for a permanent Organist and Choir Master. Therefore he knew that we should not come to rely on his continued help, and now the time has come to record our thanks to him.

Thank you, Cyril, for your patience, understanding, humour, hard endeavour and musical skills without which the music of the Church would have been so much the poorer.

Most of those who sing in the Choir know what it is to come to Church on Friday evening, leaving one alone at home, and what it is to leave one sitting "spouse-less" in Church on Sunday; therefore we should like to thank Mrs. Levett for sharing her Musician with us.

Now, of course, there is a gap to fill. Please pray for your Choir, and for all those who make it their concern that the music in the Church may be rendered to the Glory of God. Pray for those who sing, for those who may feel led to join, for those who search to fill the vacancy of Organist and Choir Master, and for those who offer themselves as temporary helpers - both singing and playing the organ. Pray that we may all be strengthened in the service which we offer.

FROM THE CHOIR &  
The Sub-Organist Committee

A PRELIMINARY NOTICE: HOLIDAY CLUB - from Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August (inclusive)  
HELPERS WANTED! If you can help on one or more mornings between 10.00h and 12.00h please let Mrs. Marsh (Tel. 66983) or Mr. Christopher (Tel.30330) know.  
Ages 5-7 group; 7-11 group.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank very sincerely, all my Church friends, including our Minister & The Girls' Brigade, for their prayers, visits, "Get well" cards, and beautiful flowers, during my recent illness; not forgetting the two friends who took me into their home and so lovingly looked after me during the period of convalescence. God Bless you all!

ETHEL M. RYDE

Apologies from the Editor as this should have appeared in last month's magazine.

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So many friends have sent me flowers, and visited me during my recent indisposition. Thank you all, so much, and for your prayers, and especially I should like to thank Bill Connelly for his cheery visits - these were most welcome indeed.

PHIL SCUDDER

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I should like to express my thanks to all my friends in the Church, including our Minister, for their prayers and kindness shown to me over the past months, also for the lovely flowers.

Also, thank you to the Girls' Brigade for remembering me, the words on your card were a great comfort. I am more aware than ever of the very loving and caring Church I belong to. God Bless you All.

ANNE SAUL

HANDBOOK NOTESNEW MEMBERS

\* Mr. & Mrs. V. Craghill, 20 Shaftesbury Avenue, 41761

The new edition of the Church Handbook will shortly be prepared. I would be most grateful to receive

details of any alterations in addresses, rotas, and Church Organisations to be included in the new issue. With many thanks,

JANE BOND  
Handbook  
Editor

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QUOTATION followed by BIBLE VERSES

June, lovely June, now beautifies the ground,  
The notes of the cuckoo, sweetly they sound.

Author Unknown

What sounds are sweet to you? Here are three Biblical suggestions:

- (1) The sound of forgiveness -  
1. John 1 v. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 103 v. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

- (2) The sound of encouragement -  
Deuteronomy 31 v. 8 And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed.

Joshua 1 v. 9 Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest.

- (3) The sound of hope for the future -  
John 14 vv. 2 & 3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a



WORLD CHURCH PAGE - WEATHER REPORT

## BRIGHT PERIODS IN CHINA

The recent slight relaxation (however temporary) of iron state control in China has revealed that what many people had been praying for (perhaps without any great faith or confidence) has been happening. The Christian faith has not been expunged by all the attempts to stamp it out and in many places it almost thrives, albeit necessarily in a quiet way. An unalloyed cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving.

## SHOWERS IN AFRICA

At a recent Christian Union meeting a speaker claimed that in Africa 3 Christians are being born again for every baby who is being born. While all such statistics must be treated with reserve, it is as well that we should be reminded that the stagnation of the Church in many parts of the West is not reflected in Africa, South America and some parts of Asia, where it is growing apace. If only the African Church can put an active faith before politics it may not be long before it begins to influence the ways of life and actions of a number of African States.

## CLOUDS OVER INDIA

The British Council of Churches, to its credit, has expressed concern over a build-up of anti-Christian legislation in India. Under guise of Freedom of Religion Bills the work of the Church is being made more difficult - in particular the freedom to spread the Gospel by any approach to those of other faiths is being threatened. Pressure is to be put on new Christians by compelling them to register their change of faith with the authorities. The Indian Church is actively - and lawfully - opposing these measures.

## VARYING PRESSURE IN RUSSIA

Our first reaction on hearing of the release of 5 Russian dissidents, including one Christian leader, Pastor Georgi Vins, and Alexander Ginzburg, in exchange for 2 Russian spies, must be to rejoice for the individuals who have partially escaped the terrible and undeserved persecution to which they have for years been subjected. The very dark side of this particular cloud will be discussed in future issues.

## THUNDER FROM CAMBRIDGE

It is always nice to know that someone reads this page and Mr. Allon-Smith's letter last month was welcome. The simple answer to his point about my lack of balance is, that when the World Council of Churches itself begins to show some balance and stops taking a marxist viewpoint on almost every issue, I shall happily leave the field to them. There is no shortage of other material - as will be seen above.

Mr. Allon-Smith does not point to any particular error of fact. His own 'facts' are not always well substantiated. He says the W.C.C. is 'fully representative'. Of whom? When did you vote for a W.C.C. representative? When did he? How many conservatives are employed in its upper echelons?

I do not much care for his attempt to censor this page. This is an unfortunate trait in today's left-winger, who claims freedom of speech for himself yet is all too eager to ensure that no opposing viewpoint is heard.

I concede 2 of Mr. Allon-Smith's points. I lack his experience, not having spent 5 weeks in India or 18 months at Cambridge. I also lack graciousness towards those who give moral and financial support to murderers of missionaries and children and dare to invoke the name of Christ.

R.F.B.

THE U.R.C. and the WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Executive of the U.R.C. (Reports to Assembly page 6) reaffirmed full commitment to membership of the World Council of Churches. It reaffirmed its support for the general aim of the W.C.C. Programme to Combat Racism which is to oppose racism wherever it is expressed. The Executive expressed its abhorrence of the atrocities carried out by both sides in the conflict in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. It was noted that the available evidence indicates that grants from the W.C.C. Special Fund are used for humanitarian purposes for which they are requested and given. Donations for this purpose are specifically given for this Fund. Grants are therefore made for humanitarian activities of organisations that combat racism as a symbol of support in their struggle for justice.

The Assembly endorsed the encouragement of members of the U.R.C. to support the work of CHRISTIAN AID.

The Assembly also, with a grave sense of responsibility and enthusiasm, endorsed the invitation to the Rev. Bernard George Thorogood, M.A., to become General Secretary of the U.R.C. on the retirement of the Rev. Arthur L. Macarthur. Mr. Thorogood is at present the General Secretary of the Council for World Mission.

R.C. CHRISTOPHER

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Calendar for June is not available, and you are asked to watch your Service Order Papers, Sunday by Sunday, for your normal Church activities. Two dates have been mentioned though, and these are noted on the back cover of this issue.

GIRLS' BRIGADE -  
ALBERT HALL RALLY 1979

On Saturday, 5th May, 20 girls, Captain, Lieutenant Norris, Lieutenant Easey and Mrs. Richards left Durrington station on the 08.30h London train to go to the G.B. Annual Rally at the Albert Hall.

After travelling on the underground from Victoria to the Barbican, we spent the morning in the New London Museum where the exhibits ranged from The Lord Mayor's Gold Coach to Saxon tools and Queen Elizabeth I's jewellery. At 12.30h those going to the afternoon performance left us, and the remainder made their way to St Paul's where we ate lunch and then persuaded Captain to climb to the top of the dome! 607 steps up and 607 down and most of them were iron, spiral and very steep. The view from the top was magnificent - we could see the whole of London. We then walked to the Albert Hall via Fleet Street, The Strand, Trafalgar Square, where we fed the pigeons, Horse Guard's Parade where some of us saw the Changing of the Guard, St. James's Park, past Buckingham Palace, Green Park, Hyde Park and finally Kensington Gardens!! Tea was eaten by kind permission of Prince Albert!

The evening performance began at 18.30h and we were very honoured to have the International President, Mrs. Tay from Singapore as Guest of Honour. The varied programme included massed bands, physical work with footballs, and an arena full of Explorers in pink night-dresses and carrying teddy bears, was enjoyed by all. 35 Queens awards were presented to Girls from all over the U.K.

After the performance we took a leisurely walk back to Victoria station as some of us were very tired, and boarded the train for Durrington. Most of us slept all the way back, arriving at Durrington at 23.06h. A

good time was had by all; thank you Officers and Mrs. Richards for taking us and putting up with us all day.

ALISON BATCHELOR

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### SAGE

Wild Sage or Clary can be seen just coming into flower on roadside banks at this time of year. It is a shrub-like plant, with grey-green leaves with serrated edges, and bears blue flowers which grow in pairs either side of woody stems. The Wood Sage is a shorter plant, bearing yellow-green flowers, and it does not flower until later in the summer, and it is from this variety that our garden variety originated. This does not now have serrated leaves.

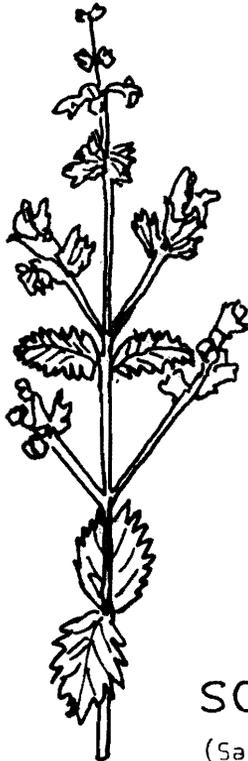
Sage can be used to enhance the flavour of most meats, and is commonly used in egg dishes. Medicinally, it has been used as a gargle or as an infusion drunk to reduce fever.

The seeds used to be soaked in water when they became swollen like frogspawn. These were then used to bathe sore eyes.

"Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs".

Isaiah 26 v. 19

ROBIN BRADLEY



sage

(*Salvia Horminoides*)

BOYS' BRIGADENORFOLK BROADS WEEKEND, 21st -  
24th April

The weekend started for most of us at about 05.00h. We all met at West Worthing at 08.15h. When we got to London we hired two taxis across London. At Norwich we split into two groups: Hebrews and Romans.

Hebrews and Mick Bass came shopping with me. Romans went with W/O Chris Chatfield to pick up the boat. About two hours later we all met up and got under way. The boys did safety instruction. Dinner was at 19.00h. We tried to give the boys as much practical work through the weekend as possible.

07.30h: Reveille. We had hoped to go to a U.R.C. in Wroxham, but when we got there we found the church was an R.C. and it was closed. Late Sunday afternoon an accident happened while reversing in a small space - the rudder broke! At first it was thought there might be weeds or somethin which had got caught up in the propeler. Chris and Mick went to phone and report what had happened, leaving me with the boys. Not knowing how long they would be, we had our meal and then a bible quiz and devotion. The weather was wet and windy, so we all had to stay on board. Mick and Chris got back at about 20.30h, very wet! We were going to be towed on Monday morning. In the meantime we had to stay where we were. Monday at 09.00h the other boat came. We spent the rest of the day at Stalham waiting for the other boat which we were going to transfer to. The new boat came at 17.00h. This meant we had lost a day.

Tuesday: the day was spent packing up ready to come home, also the boys did their dinghy test, which they all passed. There was a lot of instruction, and many more things happened. We asked the boys if they would say grace at meal times, and some did. We all



UNITY NEWS"Britain Today & Tomorrow"

A special meeting to discuss the very important issue of THE FUTURE PATTERN OF WORK has been arranged by the Worthing Council of Churches. It will be held on Wednesday, May 30th, at 19.30h, At St. Columba's Church Hall, St. Michael's Road, Heene Road, Worthing.

The Speaker will be Canon R.G. Newham, Chichester Diocesan Industrial Adviser.

With the development of automation and computers, the Future Pattern of Work is an all-important subject. We may find ourselves very shortly in a world situation where there is not enough work to go round. This could mean chronic unemployment on a massive scale in all countries, but specially severe in poorer countries; or we may find a way of sharing the work load, with consequent reduction of human drudgery and the opportunity of a richer more varied life for many more of our fellows. Christians need to start thinking about this big question of shared work and increased leisure. Here is your opportunity to hear something about it.

Members of all Churches are invited to this meeting. (Copies of a leaflet "Work - Fair shares for all?" are available) Please ask Miss E. Robertson, if you are interested.

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REPORTS ON OUR OWN ACTIVITIESMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our A.G.M. on 17th April followed the usual pattern and a healthy financial situation was revealed. All officers were re-elected. After the business meeting our President, The Rev. Connelly, gave us a very interesting talk on the paradoxes of a Minister's life.

Please note in your diaries that the Autumn Session will commence on Tuesday, 25th September, when we hope to have an interesting Members' Afternoon.

REG GOODCHILD

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Our A.G.M. on 1st May brought to an end two very successful sessions. In spite of a very bad winter and much illness, our average attendance has been 60.

During the year we have contributed the following:- to Hayward House - £162, to St. Barnabas - £24, to children in need - £18 our first contribution in connection with International Year of the Child. We have been able to increase our contribution to the Church and maintain our subscription at 50p for the two sessions.

No matter what the subject at our meetings, we have maintained a high spiritual level under the guidance of our Vice-President - Miss Mann. Her place will be taken by Mrs. Cozens-Walker in the coming sessions.

Our future dates: 3rd July, 14.30h - 16.00h for a chat, a cuppa and payment for the outing on 17th July - an afternoon drive with tea at Petersfield U.R.C. arranged by one of our old Goring members, Mrs. Richardson.

May I wish you all a very happy holiday period.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

#### FAMILY CIRCLE

The last meeting on 9th April began with an Easter Bonnet Parade which caused considerable interest. Then followed a short Annual General Meeting. The Secretary having received no nominations for officers, the Rev. William Connelly agreed to act as President and Chairman for the new session. Mr. Shelton had previously tendered his resignation owing to business commitments away from Worthing. The other officers were re-elected en bloc.

After the meeting and refreshments, an ever popular Beetle Drive, kindly organised by Reg and Do Goodchild, took place.

The Committee has since met once to discuss the programme for the new session. Please make a note of the Harvest Supper and Barn Dance on 1st October.

MOLLIE HAWKE

BOYS' BRIGADE I should like to take this opportunity of sharing with you some of the future plans for our B.B. Company. When we start our new year in September we shall be introducing various changes into the Company Section, and the Officers are preparing detailed plans in an effort to improve discipline, and generally make things more interesting for the boys. In order to put this into effect we may well have to say 'good-bye' to some of the boys who are not prepared to 'toe-the-line', but if this will improve the overall standard of the Company we are quite prepared to take this step.

One of our major problems concerns the Senior boys in the Company, who at present have no organised programme of their own at all. It is our hope that in September we shall be able to form a separate Senior Section with suitable activities regularly arranged for these boys. Our difficulty is that we need suitable leaders for this, since our present officers are fully committed in the Company Section. I therefore put out a plea to you to consider becoming involved in this challenging work. These boys are aged 15-17 and have various interests ranging from 'electronics' to 'sailing', with the whole spectrum in between! I am sure that many of you have hobbies which these boys may be interested in learning about, and participating in. Whether your skill is in rock-climbing, or leading a discussion group, we urgently need you for this Christian work amongst our boys.

The basic aim of the B.B. is to influence the boys for Christ, and to this end we plan to introduce a B.B. Bible Class in September on Sunday mornings before Church. This will be an informal time of worship and sharing, and we hope to incorporate film-strips and

outside speakers, in order to make the programme as interesting and varied as possible. Again, this is where you may be able to help us, by coming along to lead or share in one of our meetings.

Turning now to our Summer Session which is just beginning, we shall be spending a considerable amount of time on Expedition badge work. This involves mainly practical work, and we hope to take the boys away for several short weekends of lightweight camping. We are also holding our usual weekend camp (this year at Lodge Hill) over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Please make a note of our Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Stall on 2nd June at 10.30h at which we hope to see you.

We believe that our B.B. has an exciting future, and we trust in God's Grace for the strengthening of the work in this Company. We should like to thank those who have attended our various events recently, and ask for your continued support, both in practical ways and in prayer.

CHRIS CHATFIELD

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a marvellous start we have had to our Summer Session. £120 from our Jumble Sale, 12 new girls and two ladies training to become officers. We are so delighted that Brenda Brunton has joined Margaret Craghill in training. As many of you will know, Brenda is our Explorer Leader and is doing such a wonderful job with our babies. There are now 25 girls in her section and it really is a joy to see them so loved and happy in their Girls' Brigade work.

On June 5th, a Tuesday, we are the host church for this year's area Parade. We extend to all a very warm welcome on this occasion, which will commence with a short service in the Church at 19.00h. This will be followed by refreshments in the halls, where there will also be a variety of stalls with our customary bargains for you to purchase. The money raised on this occasion will form a district fund to help new officers with the cost of their uniforms. There are 5 officers in training in the District at the present time and we thank God for them and ask you too to remember them all in your prayers.

On June 10th, Girls' Brigade World Day of Prayer, our Chaplain has asked us to take part in the Parade Service and also at that time some work will be on display in the East Transept. Don't miss it! It's very interesting work and all their own ideas.

For all your support and encouragement, once again we should like to say "Thank You". We are deeply grateful, and how will you know unless we tell you so?

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

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### YOUTH CORNER

Dear Boys & Girls,

As I am writing this, thousands of people are coming into London by train, bus, car - and even some by aeroplane! That's not unusual, you may say. After all, thousands of people go into London every day and no one thinks anything of it! But, today is different. These thousands of people, all are coming for one purpose. To go to the same place, to see the same thing. There are more men and boys than women and girls. They wear coloured rosettes, or striped scarves, or special hats. Some are very excited, and shout and sing. There will be thousands, perhaps millions of others who will watch on T.V., this special annual event to which they are going.

Many people, who for the rest of the year are quiet and peaceful and never get excited, seem to be quite different on this special day. Of course - you've guessed! - they are going to Wembley, to see the Cup Final of the Football Association - it's football's BIG DAY - the battle for the F.A. Cup!

For weeks its been talked about and thought about. For weeks people have been trying to guess who will win the match. There have been Television and Radio programmes, newspaper articles and special reporting on what many experts thing.

Today, the excitement and speculation is coming to a peak. The Radio and Television reporters are

interviewing special guests - football managers and players, giving all the early team news, a programme on 'How they got there', a chance to re-live the fast and furious drama of the goals that got them there, the teams leaving their hotels; views of the players' wives; reactions of a player on the coach journey to Wembley; and the thoughts of both teams as "they savour the unique Wembley atmosphere". Then a look back at 'The players who have scored Wembley goals in the Seventies': where are they now?

Then, at last, it's afternoon, and massed bands of the Royal Marines play music and lead community singing, and the Hymn - Abide with me! - Then the team captains are presented to Prince Charles.

And now - and now - the Kick OFF! and the game is played. Goals are scored among deafening cheers or groans. Colours are waved, slogans are chanted - more cheers, more groans and the match is won - not by the shouts and cheers, but by the skill of the winning team; by the hard work and training they have done; by the skill and judgment of the trainer and the manager; but most of all - by each team-member playing his part to the best of his ability.

In the Game of Life - who is on the Lord's side?

Fierce may be the conflict,  
Strong may be the foe,  
But the King's own army  
None can overthrow.  
Round His standard ranging,  
Victory is secure;  
For His truth unchanging  
Makes the triumph sure.

Joyfully enlisting,  
By Thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour, we are Thine.

C.P.528  
Frances Ridley  
Havergal  
1836 - 79

MARY CONNELLY

Please Note: The July/August Chronicle will be issued early in July, as is our usual custom, and the closing date will be: WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE, 1979. EDITOR

STOP PRESS:

Dear Editor,

I should like to say 'Thank you' to the Working Team for tidying up my garden, and hope others will get the same help.

Thankyou Mr. Connelly for all your help, and may the work go on.

Yours sincerely,

FLORRIE MOODY

DATES:

1st Thursday of every month, at 10.30h the Coffee Morning for mothers with young children. All friends in this group will be most welcome. (August excepted).

Wednesday, 20th June - Church Service of Christian Healing to be held at the Methodist Church, Bury Drive, Goring. See further notices for time.

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FROM THE VESTRY

The earth is the Lord's  
and the fulness thereof.

or

ADLESTROP re-visited

You may not have been to ADLESTROP! And it would not now be possible as of old, to travel there by train. The poet Edward THOMAS (1878-1917) once arrived there quite unexpectedly one afternoon in late June. He describes the experience in a poem called ADLESTROP.

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

. . .

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat  
No one left and no one came  
On the bare platform. What I saw  
Was Adlestrop - only the name

. . .

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,  
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,  
No whit less still and lonely fair  
Than the high clouds in the sky.

. . .

And for that minute a blackbird sang  
Close by, and round him, mistier,  
Farther and farther, all the birds  
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire."

It was a prophet who wrote "The Lord is in His Holy temple, let all earth keep silence before Him" and he was not thinking of temples made with men's hands.

Wherever you go on your holidays, by land, sea or sky, I hope you will come to ADLESTROP and thank God for His awakening and renewing Spirit on your journey through life.

We shall be away in August and leave you with every confidence in the hands of Ron Christopher.

Blessings and love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER  
THE SICK -

Mrs. Betty Grayson in hospital, Ward 4, Worthing; Mr. George Bruce in "Barts", London; Mrs. Vi Beamish now happily at home; Mrs. Freda Calsteren who is making steady progress to health; Miss N. Wills, Mr. Trevor Jones, son of Mr. Maurice Jones.

Keep the Prayer Book up-to-date and please let the Minister know in cases of illness.

BIBLE VERSES -

Our well loved friend, Gordon Wraight, has contributed this series for the past four years. He is now of the mind that the series should pass into new hands, and Mrs. Dora Newell has kindly consented to do this for us.

We give thanks for Gordon Wraight's many gifts freely shared over the past years, and welcome Mrs. Newell in his stead.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP -

BAPTISMS

Vanessa Louise	RICH	13.5.79
Sarah Jane	ARCHER	20.5.79
Adam Peter	SHARPE	20.5.79
Jill	SWANBOROUGH	3.6.79
Tina	SWANBOROUGH	3.6.79
Clare Louise	MADIGAN	10.6.79

"for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

IN MEMORIAM

Frank HASSALL	13.5.79
Minnie Sarah ALEXANDER	23.5.79
Hilda STROUD	25.5.79
Janet SIMPSON	7.6.79
A.E. "Pop" EDMONDS	8.6.79

"Well done good and faithful servant, enter into  
the joy of your Lord"

Remember in your prayers and with your love all  
who are bereaved.

BIBLE VERSES

REMEMBRANCE Part of a Psalm at the dedication of  
the House of David

Psalm 30 vv. 4-5 Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of  
his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his anger endureth but for a moment: in his favour  
is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy  
cometh in the morning.

Paul's concern for the Philippians

Philippians 1 vv. 2-6 Grace be unto you and peace,  
from God our Father, and from the Lord Christ. I  
thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always  
in every prayer of mine for you all making request  
with joy. For your fellowship in the gospel from the  
first day until now; Being confident of this very thing,  
that he which hath begun a good work in you will  
perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

The Last Supper

Luke 22 v. 19 And he took bread and gave thanks,  
and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my  
body which is given for you: do this in remembrance  
of me.

CONGRATULATIONS! 2nd August, 1979 to:  
Our Minister & Mrs. Connelly on their Silver Anniversary  
& to Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Popplestone in Leeds on their  
Diamond Anniversary. God Bless them all.

"WHAT IS MAN"

What is man?

"Bones!" says a doctor,  
 "A tissue of flesh and a gall;  
 Heart, liver and brains;  
 A few limbs and muscles -  
 That's all!"

What is man?

"Brains!" says a teacher,  
 "Some thought-cells directed by nerves;  
 A few doubts and delusions;  
 Some feelings and fears;  
 Regrets and reserves!"

What is man?

"Soul!" says the preacher;  
 "A spirit that knows no decay;  
 A breath of God-life;  
 An embodied soul-spirit -  
 Not mere clay!"

What is man?

"My image!" says God,  
 "A soul that may yet mount a throne,  
 Or will its own death  
 Having choice of these two:  
 Banishment or Home".

WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

AUTHOR NOT KNOWN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

How nice it was to be in Church this morning - after an absence of a month. Ours is such a "Caring Church". Mrs. Calsteren came with flowers one evening, and Mrs. Webb called too - with the prettiest card from the Girls' Brigade, and Mr. Connolly himself - busy as he is - always finds time to call and enquire on progress. My grateful thanks to all our friends for their kindness and concern. It means so much.

ELSIE M. EVANS

I should like to thank very sincerely, all my Church friends, for cards, visits and beautiful flowers, also telephone calls, during my recent illness. To the Minister my special thanks for his visits and letters from others. Thanks also to the Women's Guild for their kindness.

#### VI BEAMISH

The love and affection for both my parents given so freely over the years by their friends at Goring United Reformed Church was amply demonstrated again on Thursday 14th June, when so many were present at the funeral service for my father, Albert Edward ('Pop') Edmonds. I, my sister Sally, and particularly our mother, are only too well aware that whatever we may try to say or write will be totally inadequate to properly express our gratitude for the personal expressions of sympathy to the family, and thanksgiving for father's life, that have been received. We simply say 'Thank you' to God and to all those good friends who have given of their thoughts, their prayers and their kindness.

ROY EDMONDS

#### A TRIBUTE TO MR. A.E. EDMONDS

With the death of Mr. A.E. Edmonds the Church has lost one of its most loyal members. We remember 'Pop' and Edie being received into membership in October, 1958 on transfer from Cardiff. Before long they were both soon actively engaged in the work of the Church. We are reminded of the days when we all worked hard for the building of the Church which serves us now.

As a Deacon his visits to members on his patch were always welcome. He was Deacons' Secretary, and was always to be found busy at bazaars, jumble sales and numerous other fund-raising events.

Pop was also a member of the Men's Evening Fellowship, who met as a team to do essential running repairs where needed. His life's work had been for the safety of others, and with this in mind we always knew the fire extinguishers were in working order should they ever be needed. Many will remember him

not only for his ready smile but for his courage which was an example to us all.

The Heaven's shall rejoice at his coming, and his Lord will truly say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Cheerio "Pop", not only has it been a pleasure for us to have known you, but a privilege.

NORMAN & MARGARET DOBSON

### PUBLICITY

This will be my last report as your Publicity Officer. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity, and it is my hope that 'Publicity' has played its full part in helping to promote our work and witness in this community.

A very considerable number of people have expressed their appreciation of our 'Wayside Pulpit'. It is good to know that this ministry to the 'Passer-by' is so welcome and helpful. Once again you have all been given the opportunity to pass on to your neighbours and friends, through our Easter, Harvest and Christmas leaflets, a warm welcome to our Church. Each Festival Season 2,000 of these have been distributed. To all who have helped in this way I should like to express my very sincere thanks.

May I also take this opportunity to give a very special "Thank you" to Mr. A.H. Reynolds, who has rendered magnificent service in preparing our posters throughout my term of office. I am most grateful to him for all the support he has given me in this work.

Mr. C. Calsteren has also earned our very grateful thanks for keeping our notice-boards in good repair. An attractive external reflects something of the fellowship within.

Last, but by no means least, the services of Eric and Barbara Popplestone are quite indispensable. Without their skills and help in printing, 'Publicity' could not have been extended and developed as it has been.

For all the support and help I have received I am most grateful. I wish my successor much joy and fulfilment in spreading the news of our work and witness.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

UNITED EVANGELISTIC WITNESS

Your prayers and personal support are invited for the meetings held each Sunday evening (20.00h) throughout the summer at Splash Point (the eastern end of Worthing seafront). Christians throughout the town unite to present the good news of Jesus Christ to passers -by in as relevant a way as possible.

Some of our own Church will lead the meetings on 24th June and 1st July. Please come and join with us. Please pray not only for these, but for all those who witness to their faith in our Lord, that men and women may be brought to know Christ.

Regular prayer support is essential, and all who recognise this are invited to attend a prayer meeting held each Tuesday from 20.00h - 21.00h at Holy Trinity Church, Shelley Road (enter by door nearest to Gratwicke Road).

EDWARD SYMMONS

G. E. A. R.

The next regional conference of GEAR (Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the United Reformed Church) will be held from 16th - 18th November, 1979 at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Nr. Fareham, Hants.

Entitled "Effective Evangelism" the Conference's main speaker will be the Rev. Peter Bissett, Warden of St. Ninian's Training Centre, Crieff, Perthshire, who will talk about church-based evangelism for today. The programme will include worship, Bible Study, group discussion and practical advice on outreach. Please find out more about GEAR from me, also details of this weekend (cost, accommodation, etc.).

The Annual Conference at Swanwick was well worth attending. Perhaps Derbyshire is rather a long way, but please do consider supporting this Regional Conference.

JEAN SYMMONS

WEST SUSSEX RALLY, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,  
Chichester, 23rd May, 1979

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend this rally had an enlightening experience. The Rev. C. Charlton was the speaker and his subject was "The growth of the Church". Having indicated that there was both a negative and positive approach to this subject, he outlined some 'Diseases' and possible 'Antidotes'.

DISEASES

Maintenance complex

Failure syndrome

Credibility gap

Nominality (do not want to be involved - there in name only)

Fellowshipitis (love gone sour - hard for a stranger to break in?)

Remnantitis (We are the chosen few!!!)

Ecumania (We won't do anything until we can do it together - so we don't do anything)

People Blindness

Old age (two aspects: 1 People, 2 Buildings - no cure in people - is the building past it?)

Structure strain

Leadership tension (pulling apart rather than together)

ANTIDOTES

Inspiring worship

Cultural relevance (life cells - every living home should be a centre of Christian love)

Apprentice training

Spontaneous witness

Planned Evangelism (community involvement)

Specific believing (Prayer can be the power house of the Church)

This left us all with much food for thought.

Report from the Women's Guild

D.M. COZENS-WALKER

Vice President

D.M. TURNER

Guild Member

WORTHING COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

This year we are privileged to have the Rev. R.C.C. Pattison as President of the Council. Mr. Pattison is retired, and was formerly minister of Offington Park Methodist Church.

The Council has continued to promote its main objects, which are:-

1. To draw all the Churches into greater understanding and unity.
2. To enable the churches more fully to share in the Ecumenical Movement.
3. To enable the churches to bear a more united witness in the community, and thus to serve it more effectively.
4. To give expression to their common faith and devotion as opportunity affords.

There are two main Committees through which much of the Council's work is done:-

- A. The Spiritual Concern & Mission Committee
- B. The Social Responsibility Committee

Some reflection of their work can be summarised as follows:-

- A. Has locally promoted:-
  1. The Week of Prayer for World Peace
  2. The United Nations Day Service
  3. Men's United Rally
  4. Holiday Activities for Children
  5. Organised Children's Holiday Club
  6. The Vigil of Prayer for Racial Justice
  7. Special Activities to mark "One World Week"
- B. Has considered and proposed recommendations concerning:-
  1. Borough Housing Policies for the Elderly
  2. Borough Planning Policies for Homes for the Elderly
  3. Sheltered Housing
  4. Emergency Provision for Homeless Families
  5. Religious Education in the Schools
  6. Helping Disabled People
  7. Prepared "Questionnaire" for all local candidates in the General Election, specially designed to highlight their personal and party politics,

on matters of Christian concern, - with the recommendation that the "Questions and Answers" be printed in our local papers prior to the Election. Unfortunately, this facility was not extended to us.

The Council has also expressed its full support and interest in the work now being carried out at Durrington to create an active Christian Community there.

This survey of the work of the Council during the past year shows that it is an active and enthusiastic channel, through which the churches can express our Christian witness and faith more adequately and effectively than apart.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

(W.C.C. Representative)

WORLD CHURCH PAGE - VOICES

GIVE THE VILLAGE A VOICE!

This was the slogan given to us by Dr. & Mrs. Duncan who came on 30th May to tell us of the Flying Doctor Development Service. With great speed and enthusiasm we were whisked around via Australia and Nigeria to Tanzania. There a new service is to be provided and it readily became apparent that although aeroplanes are an important part of it, the most essential element is the provision of 2-way radios. These will enable outlying villages - perhaps 200 miles away from any town along impassable roads - to be kept in touch not only with medical services and advice but also with pastoral, agricultural and veterinary specialists. A successful introduction of the Service will also give hope and encouragement for the extension of these facilities to other parts of Africa.

This is a project which merits the attention and support of more than the 1 in 12 of our congregation who were present to hear about it.

VOICE FROM THE VATICAN

The Pope has given a living demonstration of the scriptural Christian attitude to oppressive governments in his visits to Latin America and Poland. He has made it clear that the Gospel must everywhere be preached, whatever the view of governments or the consequences to the Church; and that the full Gospel includes spiritual and political freedom.

He did not advocate revolution or encourage terrorism. World Council of Churches, Catholic revolutionaries in America and Ireland and all preachers of 'liberation theology' everywhere please note and copy.

#### VOICES FROM VIETNAM

These are the voices of weeping from the victims as the government of Hanoi, cynically depraved even by Communist standards, practices virtual genocide against their people of Chinese origin and others. Curiously silent are the voices of those, including many Church bodies, who only a few years ago were so anxious for the Americans to hand Vietnam over to these monsters.

#### VITUPERATIVE VOICES

Representatives of Commonwealth African states have been warning Britain not to recognise the new regime in Rhodesia. But for the seriousness of the situation it would be farcical to see these people, for the most part representing one-party or one-tribe dictatorships, denouncing what is now probably the most democratic state in Africa (not that that is saying much). Some are even threatening to refuse our aid!

#### VARIED VOICES

The British Council of Churches has published a discussion document suggesting the application of economic sanctions against South Africa.

Christian Aid has sent £33,000 in response to a new appeal by the World Council of Churches on behalf of the 'human rights' work of the Latin American churches.

The B.C.C. is rightly anxious to see that aid to the Third World is increased. But we should be very wary about supporting aid 'without strings'. It is no help to the needy when 'aid' ends up in the pockets of the already well-off politicians and bureaucrats of the Third World. Aid is no more effective without strings than is the Vienna Philharmonic.

R.F.B.

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## REPORTS FROM PROVINCIAL DAY

On Saturday, 9th June, the pilgrims from our Church set out on their pilgrimage to Canterbury by coach, and not less merry and companionable than Chaucer's Pilgrims of long ago. We shall not forget the experience. I am told that the Cathedral Authorities were most impressed by the number five to six thousand from our churches who came to our first Southern Province Day. At the Cathedral evensong the Priest prayed for the members of our churches and their ministers.

Our first act on arriving in Canterbury was to follow Mr. Mercer holding our Banner aloft from the coach through dangerous traffic (for our pilgrimage was not without its dangers) to the Cathedral for a Service. As we took our places there was our Moderator, Cyril Franks, welcoming us with a smile, and we immediately felt at home. The Service included John Bunyan's Hymn: "He who would true valour see", and included a dramatic presentation of a pilgrim entering the Cathedral and finding his way up the nave, seeking light and relief from his burdens, fears, and depressions, until at last he received the Sacrament at the altar and found Life.

We all admired the excellent organisation of the day with its varied programme for all ages. There were sports and a "knock out". There was a "Read In" for the Pilgrims. "The Jesus People" with their Gospel presentation made an impression. To bring our Provincial Day to a close there was a Concert in the Cathedral which included Jubilate Deo and a Canterbury Mass.

Thank you, Mrs. Chatfield, for so ably organising our pilgrimage from Goring U.R.C. Our Banner "Ever the Pilgrim's Way" made an impression and stood out among the other banners and occupied a place of honour to be seen by all. Congratulations to those who worked so hard to produce our banner, which is to be our Church's ensign:-

"We'll labour night and Day  
To be a pilgrim".

RONALD CHRISTOPHER

It was regretted that three members of the team who helped to produce our banner for Provincial Day were prevented by circumstances from being present at this eventful occasion,

the presentation of the United Reformed Church aspect in the Mother Church of England, Canterbury.

However, they and other members and friends of our Church may feel honoured and rewarded by the knowledge that, on the suggestion of one of our 'visiting Pilgrims', we and our friends from Shelley Road, marched behind our banner to Canterbury Cathedral through the streets of the City - literally stopping the traffic, the Banner making an effective traffic warden!

On arrival at the Cathedral, again preceded by the Banner, we entered this beautiful edifice, thereon to seek a place for our ensign among the many already in place against the pillars and side walls. Having already found a space, but deciding against it, I proceeded down the side aisle almost to the point of the speakers' rostrum whereupon a Steward came across and invited me to place, on your behalf, our Banner at the back of the rostrum, from which part of Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' was to be most effectively narrated - which served to make it certain that our Banner had very concentrated attention upon it during this presentation. (The Steward had previously commented: 'Ah, this is what we were looking for').

Friends will be pleased to know that 'our' Mr. Cyril Franks was similarly 'Backgrounded' when he briefly addressed the large congregation, having previously come across to have a brief word with our group; he sends his further regards to Goring.

After the short service, we were free to make our way to the varied events and presentations prepared for this Pilgrims and Provinces Day - that is, if you were able to find your way through the winding streets and lanes of this historic town. For ourselves, together with other members of our party we visited the Salvation Army Citadel for a very effective and moving presentation of the aspects of the Life of our Lord and His disciples up to the crucifixion, mostly without the aid of visual effects, this being most dramatically shown by a large cast simulating the action and form of the boat carrying Jesus in the Storm.

One of the other places we visited was the Baptist Church where there was a very concentrated display by several

Sunday Schools in the form of models, poems and prayers, giving great credit to those who prepared for and contributed to such a colourful and effective show of work.

We had a most memorable day, a good run with a most careful driver, the day being well organized as regards transport by Mrs. Beryl Chatfield. Doubtless, we all regretted that our Minister's duties prevented his coming to Canterbury, but he did ensure that he saw us off from the Church.

May I be permitted to say thank you to Miss Doris Bradley, Mrs. Robin Bradley, Mrs. Beryl Chatfield and Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor for their expert help and concentrated effort in producing a most effective witness to our faith in the nature of our Banner.

ARTHUR B. MERCER

Canterbury was certainly full of U.R.C. Members on 9th June, as well as shoppers and other visitors, and it was an excellent opportunity for witness, especially with many 6ft. banners depicting various aspects of the Pilgrim Way and proclaiming Jesus as Lord, being carried to and from the Cathedral. We were greatly encouraged in many ways to continue our walk along the pilgrim path. In the Cathedral service we were able to share in fellowship and to consider the path which our lives are taking - through music, prayer, drama and readings - including extracts from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

An exhibition of children's paintings and handwork inspired new ideas for our own Junior Church and sports activities provided for those energetically inclined. An excellent production of the musical "Jesus Folk" by Kingston U.R.C. provided for me a fitting climax. The life-style, miracles and final death and resurrection of Jesus were portrayed and used to illustrate how we can cope with everyday situations and needs as the "Jesus Folk" of this generation. It was put across simply with few properties but was very effective and inspired praise.

All in all, there was something for everyone, and those from G.U.R.C. all appeared to enjoy it. Even the fellowship and getting to know each other better during the journey was an important part of a memorable day.

RUTH CHATFIELD

### PILGRIM'S PROGRESS 1979

At the heart of the theme chosen for Provincial Day - A PILGRIM PEOPLE - lies the progress of our Churches in the ways of God. Those who went to Canterbury were asked to take with them an account of something in the life of their local church indicative of growth, progress or a movement of the Spirit. The following account was taken from this Church and was put together by Irene and Richard Tuley in consultation with others:-

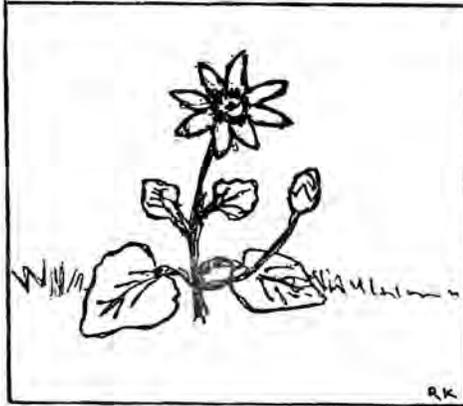
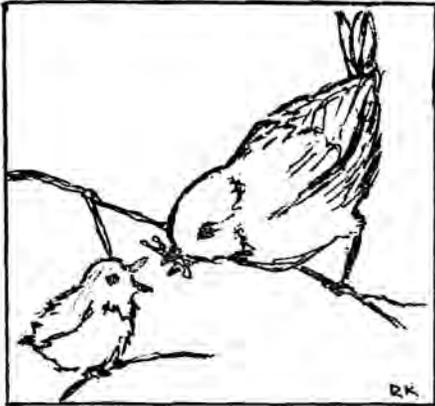
The Pilgrim People of the U.R.C. at Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, come from a bridge Church, Situated beside a bridge, between the established area of Goring and the rapidly developing area of Durrington. It is a Church which attracts people of all ages from many denominations, often bringing with them a wealth of experience to the fellowship. It is truly a Bridge Church, for it seeks to bring people into an ever deepening personal relationship with God, through the Lord Jesus Christ. The love of Christ abounds as witnessed in the caring, sharing and praying for one another, and the Church is known for its warmth of welcome to the seeker and stranger alike.

We have found as a praying Church that prayer and healing go together and at our monthly evening Communion Service prayers have been offered for the needs of specific people, and thanks given for God's grace, sufficient for every need. This has led us to share with great joy in services of Prayer and Healing with Churches of other denominations in the area.

It has been thrilling to see lives transformed from the depths of depression, loneliness and fear, by the power of the Risen Christ, through the prayer and pastoral care of His people; for the Holy Spirit has limitless resources of power to enable, guide, equip and mature each Pilgrim. To God be the Glory!

"Surely the Lord is in this place ...and this is none other than the House of God".

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Behold the fowls of the  
air ...

Consider the lilies of the  
field ...

(Matt.6 vv.26-30)

Jesus I will trust Thee, trust Thee with my soul,  
Guilty, lost and helpless, Thou can'st make me whole:  
There is none in heaven or on earth like Thee:  
Thou hast died for sinners - Therefore, Lord, for me.

Jesus I do trust Thee, trust without a doubt,  
Whosoever cometh, Thou wilt not cast out:  
Faithful is Thy promise, precious is Thy blood:  
These my soul's salvation, Thou my Saviour God!

- MARY J. WALKER

ROSEMARY KITTO

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THE HYMNS WE SING

No. 6 of a Series - by "TAPTON"

Be Known to us in Breaking Bread

C.P. 302

Author of over twenty hymns to be found in Congregation-  
al Praise, the Sheffield Poet, James Montgomery (1771-1854)  
has given us a spiritual gem in this little hymn. Here is

an indication of how beautifully a theme may be stated and developed in few words. The tune "BELMONT" for long known among the Scots as a setting to "By cool Siloam's Shady rills" is here set as a perfect accompaniment to this well loved communion hymn.

Light up this House with Glory Lord C.P. 272

The words by John Harris (1802-56) a former President of Cheshunt College, are "Vintage Congregationalism", and if verse 3 beginning "We rear no altar - Thou hast died" may seem a little abrasive, in these ecumenical days, we do well to consider the absolutely scriptural and theological veracity of the last verse which is one of the finest statements on the Church at Worship and Prayer that can be found in any hymn. In days to come when a new Ecumenical Hymn Book may supercede the present denominational ones this hymn needs to be included as a contribution from our heritage which will bless those of other traditions. The tune "BRADFIELD" by John Baptiste CALKIN has largely eclipsed the tune "Emmanuel" in Congregational Hymnary, but the present writer believes that we still await a better setting - any offers?

#### NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID - The amount collected for June £16.50  
received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

LEPROSY MISSION - A cheque to the value of £35.35 has been sent to the Treasurer. Many thanks to all who contribute with gifts or save with a phial.

MARY LUCKIN

FLYING DOCTOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICE EVENING - Thank you to all who supported this meeting on 30th May, when £30 was raised and has been sent to Dr. and Mrs. Duncan.

DORA NEWELL

#### HAYWARD HOUSE

A flatlet in Hayward House is now available, and anyone interested in this can obtain further details from Mrs. Jane Bond, Mrs. Olive Jones, Mr. Beale, Mr. Lock or any member of the Hayward House Committee.

Electric Mower - If anyone has a small electric mower for which they now have no more use, the Hayward House Committee would be very interested in acquiring one.

F.J. LOCK



we shall have had our A.G.M. and we offer prayers and support to the new members joining the Committee, and wish them every success in the coming year.

ROBIN BRADLEY

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE It's very difficult to believe that the end of our summer session is so near and that once again camp looms on the horizon! On Saturday, 14th July at 19.30h in our Church the Cecilia Singers are to give a concert for our benefit. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Fillmore for arranging this lovely surprise, and we hope to see you there too. Admission is free but a silver collection will be taken for our own Girls' Brigade Company Funds. On 28th July we shall be providing a Guard of Honour for Lt. Lesley Easey and we wish her and her future husband every happiness.

On 4th August we shall be very busy all day preparing for the Golden Wedding party of our Treasurer and his wife (Bill and Clarice West). We are delighted to have the opportunity of catering for this very special party and are looking forward to the challenge that such an occasion presents. The actual Golden Wedding day is 20th July and to you, dear Bill and Clarice, we send our love and prayerful blessings for future days together with our thanks for all you do for us.

Early in August our Chaplain and his wife celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary and we pray that the love of the Lord will surround them and be with them always and to them, too, we send our love and prayerful blessings.

11th - 18th August we shall be in camp at Poole Road Baptist Church, Bournemouth. Our morning prayers will be from 08.15h - 08.30h when we hope that you will think of us as we shall be thinking of you. Alison Batchelor will be taking morning prayers this year. Our evening prayers will follow a slightly different pattern from other years. The younger girls will have their quiet time at 19.30h - 20.00h and Doreen Norris will be responsible for this worship time, whilst later in the evening at approx. 21.00h - 21.30h the older girls will be looking, with me, at a book called "Mr. God this is Anna". It is a story of a girl who died before she was eight years old, but her faith in the Lord was so sure that this will give us an excellent talking, thinking and praying subject for this very special week; a week that we all enjoy so much and one that is so near and dear to my heart.

God bless you all. May the summer days grant you rest,

peace and refreshment and we shall be back with a bang on 11th September with a JUMBLE SALE on 13th September and a COFFEE MORNING on 15th September!!!

JEAN WEBB

Captain

WANTED for Camp: EXTRA LARGE SAUCEPANS - to buy or borrow

WANTED for SEPTEMBER YOUR USED MATCHES, please

JEAN WEBB

Thank you

HOLIDAY READING - SELECTED FROM THE BOOKSTALL

A STEP FURTHER - Joni Eareckson. In her first book "Joni", a quadriplegic girl, confined to life in a wheelchair, told the story of her accident at 17 and here continues to tell of her struggles to overcome her handicap in her knowledge of God's love. (£1.50)

BEYOND THE CROSS & THE SWITCHBLADE - David Wilkerson. This account by the 'skinny country preacher' includes stories about the film of "The Cross & The Switchblade", what happened to his work and the people, and his many spiritual adventures. The Spirit of God is still seen changing lives and transforming hopeless cases into triumphant witnesses. (£1.00)

THE CONFESSIONS OF AUGUSTINE - In Modern English - is one of the most honest and revealing autobiographies ever written. The account of Augustine's search for God and his grasp of the meaning of Christianity is as relevant and inspiring today as when it was first written. Augustine vividly re-creates the years of his childhood, his wild youth, and the doubts and questions which tormented his brilliant mind as he struggled to find truth and reality. (£1.75)

JEAN SYMMONS

YOUTH CORNER

UPSIDE-DOWN ANNIE

Twenty-six newly-hatched little tadpoles and one tadpole egg made a journey of many miles from Nottingham to London on Election Day, in a covered plastic bowl, together with a plastic bag containing some mud and pond weed from a quiet part of the canal. Hiding in the mud was a freshwater shrimp, a water beetle, two caddis fly larvae, a water snail, two leeches and some tiny water fleas, who all took up residence in the little plastic aquarium in the School hall in King's Cross. For a few days the little tadpoles were content to eat the pond weed, to dart about

and play hide-and-seek, follow my leader and the usual kind of tadpole games.

Very soon it became obvious they needed something more on which to fix their gnawing little mouths and fill their little, round black bellies. Bits of meat were suspended on pieces of string and lowered into the water for them to eat. This was O.K. - but the water became cloudy and fouled - so, tropical fish-food was tried which they like very much, and grew rapidly. They soon became rather big for the small aquarium and had to be transferred to a big water trough, where they continued to eat more fish-food and dried water fleas. They were very pleased to have brought back from Cornwall, some fresh mud and different weed with long stems and bigger leaves and some stones and gravel from a little stream. They were able to have lovely exploring and hiding games and a little Cornish tadpole, who was hiding in the mud, soon made friends, even though they didn't understand his dialect at first!

From being small, black, wriggling tadpoles, they started to change. Their gills through which they breathed disappeared and they breathed through internal (inside) gills. Then they turned brown instead of black, their shape beginning to change as well; eyes beginning to grow bigger and hind-legs sprouting; their mouths becoming larger, and lungs starting to develop, so they would flip to the top of the water, blow a bubble, gulp some air and dart down again. Their front legs began to appear and tails to get shorter, no longer looking like tadpoles, but what they were meant to be - FROGS! So, very soon, there will be twenty eight little frogs hopping up and down in the trough looking for somewhere to go. No, wait! NOT twenty eight, twenty seven. Twenty six tadpoles came from Nottingham, plus one egg, plus a Cornish tadpole. That's twenty eight because the egg hatched in London. So why twenty seven? Well, all this time, while twenty six and then twenty seven tadpoles wriggled and swam, and ate and ate, and grew and grew, there was one beautiful black tadpole with a lovely black and gold tummy and golden eyes who always wanted to be alone, who always wanted to be different. She would lie lazily in the water, upside down, showing off her lovely black and gold tummy. She only ate if she happened to come across some food lying on the surface of the water as she

slowly moved along. If she were touched, either by a finger or another tadpole, she would go into a spin - wriggling round and round to the bottom of the tank, then float up again, still upside down.

Now all the other tadpoles are turning into frogs, looking very froggy, while upside-down-Annie is still upside down and still a tadpole. She hasn't changed one bit. She's still beautiful to look at, but she's lazier than ever.

Tadpoles only turn into frogs if they have lived in the right conditions and had plenty to eat to grow and gain strength; and more and more to eat to stuff into themselves for the time when they stop eating. The tadpoles cease to feed so that their jaws may be changed.

But there is a storehouse of nutriment (food) in their tails, and as we watch we see day by day that the tails get smaller, the tadpoles are living on them. At last, the whole skin splits, the jaws drop off and a little tailed frog is there. The last bit of tail must be absorbed and then the frog is perfect. He will go out to eat insects, worms and slugs on the land, and breathe air.

Twenty seven little frogs will soon be looking for good homes, but I'm afraid upside-down-Annie has been too careless and lazy to do the things she should, not learning, not growing, not developing.

Teach me how to grow in goodness  
Daily as I grow:  
Thou hast been a child, and surely  
Thou dost know.

C.P. 701

Walter J. Mathams

MARY CONNELLY

#### THESE THINGS REMEMBER

Take all the good that a good God sends -  
Thankful for happiness, home and friends,  
Take every blessing that comes your way -  
Grateful for every lovely day. These things  
remember to think upon - when the bright years  
pass and the best have gone - Fail not to offer  
a prayer of praise - for the golden hours and  
the happy days.

This was found

in a book I've enjoyed reading, and have had from the Mobile Library who visit us here monthly.

"A Falcon for a Queen" by Catherine Gaskin.

DORIS WRAIGHT

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### MUSTARD

We have only to look toward the Downs to see whole fields of yellow mustard. This type of mustard is usually of the Rape variety and is grown as fodder, mostly for sheep and is then ploughed in as humus to enrich the soil. The two types of mustard grown commercially as a condiment crop are the black and the white variety, and look very similar differing mainly in the shape of the seed pod.

Hedge mustard is the wild variety, with a more spindly type of growth and a slightly smaller yellow flower. All types have a heart-shaped leaf, and small yellow flowers which grow in clusters. The seeds are contained in pods which grow along the top half of the stem. The leaves of the plant may be eaten raw in a salad, and the seeds are gathered and crushed, to produce the hot flavoured condiment we all know.

In the middle ages the plant was used as an aphrodisiac, and even these days, sheep are put in fields of mustard just before mating in a belief that this increases their fertility. Medicinally, it is not used much these days, although I expect most of us can remember our grandparents applying a mustard poultice to relieve the pain of backache or other arthritic pain.

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you".

Matthew 17 v. 20

ROBIN BRADLEY



WHITE MUSTARD  
(*Sinapis Alba*)

No. 314September, 1979FROM THE VESTRY

As the Associate Minister it has been both a privilege and a joy to exercise a continuous ministry of Word and Sacraments throughout the month of August, and the congregations and the comments have been most encouraging. At the time of writing we have held our first morning of the Holiday Club week when 58 children attended. I much appreciate the preparation work put in by Mrs. Marsh and her team of helpers.

On Sunday, September 2nd, we shall welcome back our Minister together with the Choir. I hope there has been some response to the plea for more voices to join the Choir. We are rather inclined to take the playing of the Organ for granted. I would therefore like to say how much I appreciated the co-operation of our Organists during the August Sundays. Part of our morning Service on September 2nd will be the Ordination and Dedication of our serving Elders. This is an act in which we should all be prepared to share as we look forward to the work and witness of our Church during the coming months.

I shall be on holiday from Thursday September 6th - 20th. During part of this period Mrs. Christopher and I will be touring Scotland and are looking forward to spending two days in the Isle of Skye.

When on holiday we have realised the strength of the hills, and from the hills we have beheld the glory of God's Creation in land, sea and sky; or perhaps we have visited another part of the country where the low lying common carpeted with purple heather led down to the encroaching sea. In this experience we have been taught that both the hills and the valleys declare the Glory of God. Not only in Nature is this true. It is also true in life's experiences. Sometimes we are in the valleys with our set-backs, our problems, illness or bereavement. Sometimes we are on the hills with our achievement, joy and vision. God is God both of the valleys and the hills. May our faith find response

which says:

"I to the hills will lift mine eyes;  
From whence doth come mine aid?  
My safety cometh from the Lord;  
Who heaven and earth hath made."(C.P. 741)

RONALD CHRISTOPHER

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN THANKSGIVING

WALLIS HAYWARD Minister of this Church from 1964-73 has died. Thus has ended to mortal sight a long and distinguished ministry of nearly forty years. The Churches at Colchester - 1936-43, Hammersmith - 1943-55, and Portsmouth - 1956-64 rejoice with us in one whose life was abundantly blessed by God. Many have been the tributes in his memory, and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family whose own faithfulness was a blessing to so many here at Goring and elsewhere.

Gifts in his memory are to be used at the discretion of Church Meeting and may be forwarded to the Church Treasurer or the Minister.

"and His servants shall serve Him,  
and they shall see His face, and  
His Name shall be in their  
foreheads" Thanks be to God.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

MARRIAGES

7th July	Mark Bird Jacqueline Lock
28th "	James Edward Hood Lesley Jean Easey
11th Aug.	Kenneth George Newman Carolyn Ann Chown

IN MEMORIAM

8th July	Ethel May RYDE George BRUCE
20th July	Joseph Stanley MARTIN
29th July	Dorothy Agnes Grace RAYNER
15th August	Elizabeth HOLMAN
17th August	Henry Victor HANSELL
22th August	Mary BLAKEY (in her 96th year)
28th August	Kim REYNOLDS

"Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. So teach us to number our days: that we apply our hearts unto wisdom". (Psalm 90)

We give thanks to God for all who have faithfully lived and died, and we would convey our Christian love and sympathy to the relatives and friends and pray that they may know the Spirit of comfort.

BAPTISMS

1st July	Andrew William HUNT
8th July	Tony Allan HOOPER
15th July	Gareth David EDWARDS
29th July	Gregory Simon MAYLEN
29th July	Andrea Frances MAYLEN

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

Please remember in your prayers Chris Brown, now home again after treatment in hospital. Richard French and Mick Foster who have been in hospital for a time... we are glad that they also are home again as also is our friend Arthur Bentley, Iris Bentley's father; Miss Kay Walden, who has been unwell, is happily home again. And all who care for the sick, and in caring give so much of themselves ... that they may be strengthened.

Thank you from the Manse for your kind remembrance of our Silver Wedding in cards and gifts. Thank you Ron Christopher, for your Ministry to us in August.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE  
REV. WALLIS HAYWARD

I am sure that members of the Church who knew the late Rev. Wallis Hayward will agree with me that words will not express the great sorrow we have felt in the passing of such a dear friend as Wallis. He had been ailing for some time and suffering great pain. He was with us for ten years, which were very happy and helpful to us all.

He had a great love for the Church and members, and was a wonderful comfort to the sick and bereaved. His sense of humour was surpassed by none. Marjorie, his wife was a marvellous help to him, and was always ready to give a helping hand in anyone's home when there was trouble. They were a devoted couple and we are grateful for their love and kindness to us all.

Our sympathies go out to Rosemary and Ralph and the four grandchildren. It was a great tragedy that Ralph and his wife did not get home in time to see Wallis before he passed on.

The memorial we have of him is Hayward House, which was named after him when the Church attained that property. May God bless the family and give them strength and courage to bear their great sorrow.

GWEN WILLS

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE  
MISS ETHEL RYDE

The Goring United reformed Church has lost a much loved and devoted member of the congregation. Miss Ethel Ryde had spent her working life in the teaching profession. She was also keenly interested in missionary work, which she supported as much as possible. She was a true Christian of considerable strength of character and her work and influence with the children, whom she taught, must have been inestimable.

Miss Ryde had many friends. We shall all miss her sadly, but rejoice that she is now in the Presence

of her Lord, whom she worshipped and served throughout her long life.

We know that God will bless her and keep her in His loving care.

MARGARET E. MARTIN

The following is an extract from a letter to Mr. R.H. Edmonds, from the Secretary of the Friends of St. George's Hospital, London:

I am writing on behalf of the Chairman and Committee to express our most grateful thanks for the very generous donation to our funds made in memory of your father. The Chairman hopes that you will convey our thanks to Mrs. Edmonds and the family and friends who so kindly subscribed and assure them that this money will be spent on the cardiac unit.

My dear Goring friends,

I should like to thank you very much indeed for the many letters I have received, all of which were much appreciated by me and my family. As you, I know, will realize I have had a great many kind and comforting letters and it is really impossible for me to answer them all individually. Will you, in the goodness of your hearts, receive my thanks through this communal letter? Each one of your letters has been treasured.

At first we, as a family, thought of having a Thanksgiving Service here for Wallis, but we realized that it would be impossible either by age or transport for many of you to get here so we asked the Ministers of the four churches in which we were privileged to serve, to hold their own thanksgiving prayers during their Sunday services. The Ministers have been most helpful and last Sunday I felt I could enter in and envisage you all in the four churches and this gave me great help. Wallis dearly loved each Church in which he worked, and although we had during the course of 43 years passed from one sphere to another, each one of you was still dear to his heart.

Bless you all, and thank you for writing,  
Yours affectionately,

MARJORIE HAYWARD

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

May I say "Thank You" to all those kind friends who sent 'get well' messages and cards following my recent accident. Thank you too, Girls' Brigade for your card with such appropriate words. Our Minister, as is so often the case, was the first to visit me when he heard the news and his calls were much appreciated. Flowers - those which are so tastefully arranged in the Church Sunday by Sunday, are then sent to our sick friends. It has been my privilege to deliver these occasionally, but now I have been given the added joy of being a recipient - thank you Dorothy. What a joy it is to belong to a 'caring' Church.

FREDA CALSTEREN

I should like to thank all kind friends at the Church and Women's Guild for their letters and lovely flowers, and also prayers in my anxious time during George's stay in hospital and his death. Also thank you to our Minister for visiting him in hospital.

DOROTHY BRUCE

Very many thanks to Mr. Connely and all the kind friends who sent cards, messages or visited me in hospital and at "Mildmay", and not least, of course, for the many prayers that were offered for my recovery and return to health and strength.

BETTY GRAYSON

Thank you all so much for your get-well messages that were received in various forms. I received so much sympathy that it was almost a pleasure being indisposed! not really, of course. Amanda decided to sympathise so much that she went down with chicken pox! Anyway, being away from the Church and work gave me a little time off for contemplation and the chance to join the ranks of the bearded folk!. Once again, thank you very much.

DONALD STEWART

BIBLE VERSES

WELLS OF SALVATION

ROCK OF SALVATION

HELMET OF SALVATION

Isaiah 12 vv. 2/4 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say: Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Psalms 95 vv. 1/3 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

Ephesians 6 vv. 13/17 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

As this is the last time I shall have the privilege of contributing this item to the Chronicle, may I appropriate the words of St. Paul to the Elders at Ephesus and say (Acts 20 v. 32 N.E.B.) "And now I commend you to God and to his gracious word, which has power to build you up and give you your heritage among all who are dedicated to him".

In conclusion, I desire to express my hearty thanks to the Editor of the Chronicle for her unfailing co-operation.

GORDON WRAIGHT

## FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY

The Choir: \* "A band of singers performing or leading in musical parts of church service". Such a simple definition, it hardly describes the work and loyalty of the Choir at Goring United Reformed Church; not only does the Choir hope to lead the singing of the hymns on Sunday, but also to prepare special music to sing on Sundays, and the festival days at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. We also have Choir Sunday.

The Choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, and therefore enjoys the opportunity to take part in various activities with other choirs. In particular at this time we are looking forward to a day at Hampton Court Palace - a picnic lunch, followed by a demonstration Choir Practice, and Evensong in the Chapel.

In November we shall have the opportunity to join other choirs when we sing together in Chichester Cathedral, an afternoon of practice followed by an Evensong "Festival of Praise".

We also have social gatherings of our own - a social evening last Autumn and a theatre party at Christmas. The Choir has a committee to deal with its business, the Chairman being the Organist and Choirmaster, and there being positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Wardrobe Mistress, also two other Choir members.

Each week members contribute to a fund which helps us to look after our sick and to send our greetings on Anniversaries etc. The most important activity of a Choir Member, however, must be a loyal and regular attendance at Choir Practice - for without such a loyalty it is impossible for the Choir to do its job properly. Our own Choir is at the moment rather small, and consequently it only takes a few folk to be away and the job cannot be done satisfactorily. It is with great joy, however, that we have received five new choir members in the last four months, but we still have plenty of room, and would welcome you too if you have had previous choir experience, or if you can read music. Can you add your

\* Oxford Dictionary

voice to this "band of singers" and so help us to continue serving God in the Ministry of Music in His House?

EILEEN FISHER  
HILARY REDMAN

(joint secretaries)

### JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT

Since the last report there have been many changes amongst both children and staff. Eric Popplestone, after seven years as leader and secretary, for which we are very appreciative, has moved to pastures new. Ron Courtnadge is now our leader and his guidance and love has been very much a part of our work in Junior Church.

About a year ago we were a little concerned about the falling numbers in some departments, but since then we have held our own. We hope that the Holiday Club, to be held in August for 1 week, will lead children to join us.

Our teaching of course is very much guided by the Bible, and this was the reason for our appeal to you all to help us provide a modern translation for our children and young people. Through your love and generosity we were able to buy over 80 Bibles. May I say on behalf of everyone in Junior Church, how encouraged we all were by your support.

We have shown films portraying Bible Stories for the first time, and feel that this has complemented other work we are doing. We are mindful of the fact that not everyone can remember the written and spoken word as well as they can the visual.

The whole of Junior Church has come together to sing Choruses to you on some Sundays, and we rejoice at the opportunity of coming together in the one body in this way.

Finally we must mention our considerable success in the Scripture Exam this year. It is a blessing received for the endeavours of both children and teachers, and what scripture is taught for the Exam will remain for ever.

May I once again say 'Thank You' to you all for your prayerful and loving support. God bless you all,

FINANCE

In the abbreviated accounts given below the first column shows our actual Payments and Receipts for the seven months ending 31st July. The second column shows an estimate for our Payments and Receipts for the remaining five months of the year.

It will be seen that at the end of July we were doing very well as our Receipts were in excess of our Payments. However, during the months ahead there are additional payments, over and above our Budget, which were not anticipated. Notably 1) an increase of 10% in our contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, 2) additional oil as well as an increase in price, 3) additional essential repairs.

It is very difficult to make an accurate estimate now of the position as at the end of the year. However it would seem that we shall be faced with a deficit of approximately £2000. This warning comes in good time, so with an extra financial effort spread over the next five months from all members of the congregation, this deficit could be avoided.

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	Estimated to 31.7.79	Estimated to 31.12.79	Estimated Total
	£	£	£
M.M.F.	3059	2513	
Ministerial	548	530	
Manse	529	850	
Heating & Lighting	1392	1500	
Repairs & Decorations	1078	1500	
Unified Appeal	-	750	
Sundries	1789	1096	
	<u>8395</u>	<u>8739</u>	= 17134
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Offerings	5626	3846	
Refund I/Tax	38	1090	
Interest & Dividends	632	820	
Rents	856	550	
Gift Day	1311	-	
Sundries	116	90	
	<u>8579</u>	<u>6396</u>	= <u>14975</u>
		Estimated Deficit	<u>£2159</u>

## THE HYMNS WE SING

### No. 7 of a series by "Wordy"

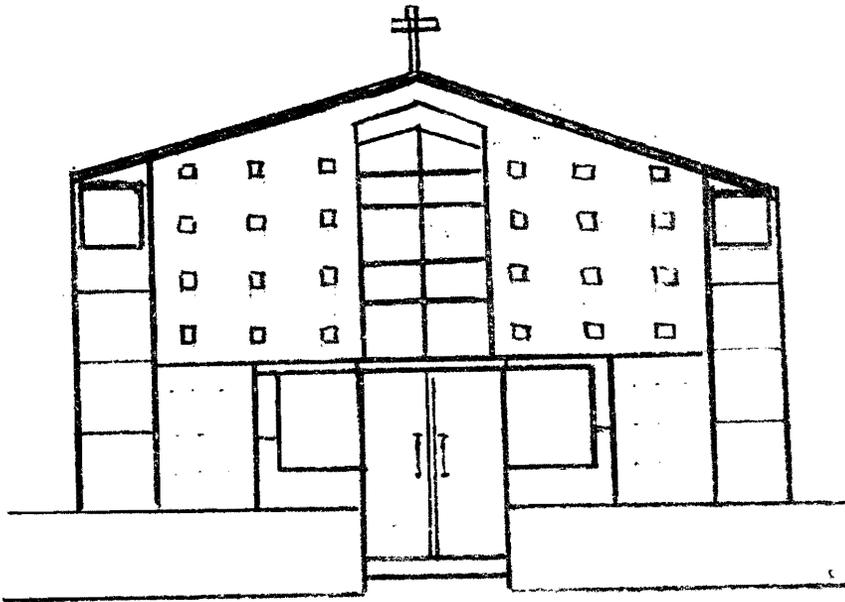
Many hymns which kindle our faith compel and challenge us because they have been written in a moment of insight into truth. We can feel the challenge and depth of a congregation's singing when we listen to them. These hymns are part of our living faith, since the words are everything and the form is lost in involvement. We identify ourselves - seeing our real nature and our relationship with God.

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through the barren land" C.P. 500, "Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee" C.P. 477, "Take my life, and let it be Consecrated Lord, to Thee" C.P. 458, "There is a green hill far away" C.P. 136 are a few examples. How our perspectives are altered by them.

We often feel at a loss over our inability to see the Lord by physical, mental or spiritual means. When we feel bereft of faith and our way is so very unclear this can be a time when blessing is near.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) wrote the hymn "Just as I am without one plea" C.P. 385. In 1834, Charlotte, who was living an invalid's life, through a bad illness, had been awake all night oppressed by her own weakness. She could not go with the family, to prepare for a bazaar in aid of a building fund for St. Mary's Hall, Brighton. She almost doubted the genuineness of her spiritual convictions and prayed earnestly for Divine guidance. She felt peace and assurance and penned this hymn as 'evidence of her hope of salvation and for the comfort of her soul'.

She was a confirmed invalid from age 32 till she died at 82. She wrote nearly 150 hymns and amongst her other writings she assisted in the publication of The Invalid's Hymn Book (1854). Her brother, Rev. H.V. Elliott, in later years wrote that this single hymn of his sister's had done more than his long ministry.



Salt is good; but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have the salt of friendship among yourselves, and live in peace with one another.

(Mark 9 - 50)

G.N.B.

Let us love and fruitful be,  
Love is God's own breath,  
Love will kindle love and will see  
New life born from death.  
Nowhere is heaven more sweet  
Than where loving spirits meet. -

Hannah Hurnard

#### PERSONAL

How difficult, almost impossible, it is to adequately thank our many friends for all the kind letters and cards they have sent me on hearing of the death of my dear husband; but believe me, I do sincerely thank you for all your thoughts and prayers and am just so thankful for the 53 years Kim and I had together, and that after only a very brief period of intense pain, he is now passed all suffering and weariness. Please will you accept this as a 'thank you' as it would be difficult to write to so many friends individually.

B. REYNOLDS

WORLD CHURCH PAGE -  
ASPECTS OF IMMIGRATION

WELCOME

We should all be heartened by the response of the Junior Church to a special appeal for money for the Vietnamese Boat People. The J.C. Leaders agreed to challenge our young people by sending £25 to the Appeal even though we did not have anything like this amount in the J.C. funds. They responded so well that we have already been able to send an additional £10. Well done, Junior Church !

NOT SO WELCOME

You should read with great care the pamphlet 'A Christian View of Immigration' issued with our July Chronicle - and also pay a lot of attention to the things it does not say. There are many unanswered questions and one that I should like to put to the authors is:-

Are you saying that all the 700 million people who comprised the British Empire at its dissolution had and should still have an inalienable right to come and live in the U.K.?

AND WHY

It should be obvious from the above items that I stand halfway between those who (apparently) would like to see unrestricted immigration and those who want to see none - not even the Boat People. What extremists on both wings fail to understand is the essential difference between voluntary immigrants, i.e. those who change countries simply to better themselves, and refugees, i.e. those for whom life is impossible in their own country. The immigration lobby point out our proud history of absorbing 'Flemish weavers, French Huguenots, Polish and Jewish exiles' - to quote from their pamphlet - all of whom were refugees. My own view is simple and I hope logical. Our country must always be ready to help genuine refugees. To be able to do this we must, in view of our own problem and geographical limitations, be careful to keep numbers of voluntary immigrants to a minimum.

ANOTHER REASON WHY - 'CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'?

Is it not ironic to find a battle going on between the County Council, who are anxious to see that the R.E. syllabus in the County's schools should retain a

specifically Christian witness and the Chichester Council of Churches who are apparently anxious that it should not? Here is a further example of the reluctance of the Churches to assert the faith they are supposed to represent - vide Dr. Edward Norman.

#### A MORAL DILEMMA

I undertook to return to the exchange of Georgi Vins and 4 other Russian dissidents for 2 Russian spies. Once one has rejoiced with the released dissidents (a restricted rejoicing, for they would have preferred to live in freedom in their own country) one must I think deplore the episode. Nothing is more certain than that other innocent people will quickly have been arrested to replenish the pool of exchangeable people the Kremlin must always have and be seen to have in order to redeem its promise to its spies that, if caught, they will not remain long in custody. The moral dilemma is that which is present whenever political kidnappers or hijackers are allowed to attain their demands in exchange for innocent lives. Even if we are compelled for humanitarian reasons to allow such arrangements our revulsion for the regimes or organisations which make such demands should be openly expressed. But international Christian revulsion is reserved for South Africa and you will not have heard any W.C.C. condemnation of Russia for its conduct - indeed you may have heard the episode spoken of as a sign of a thaw in the Kremlin as the West falls over itself booking tickets for the Moscow Olympics.

R.F.B.

P.S. Since the above was written 9 Russian non-conformist church leaders have been arrested.

#### NOTICES

##### B.R.F., I.B.R.A. - MEMBERSHIP for 1980

Will members of the above Fellowships requiring any alteration to their orders, or any non-members who wish to join, kindly let me know by 30th September at latest.

(Miss) E. SHEARMUR  
2 Wycliffe Court,  
Southview Gdns.,  
W. Worthing.

continued overleaf

The following is an extract from a letter received from the B.R.F.

"Because of recent events, I feel sure that you will not be surprised to learn that, like every family, B.R.F. is faced with mounting housekeeping bills. Every post seems to bring increasing demands from printers, stationers and all the many suppliers of packaging and other items. Now we are warned of likely rises in the postage rates!

For these reasons I am writing to ask for your help, to explain to the members of your group why it will be necessary to increase the price of the Notes for 1980, to £1.05 per annum, or 35p per issue. The Notes will continue to be sent postfree."

I have not yet received any notification re cost of the I.B.R.A. for 1980 but anticipate there will, of necessity, be an increase here also. E.S.

CHRISTIAN AID Result of the collection for July/August is £40.29

Many thanks , HILDA HELE

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

2nd Mrs. Glasson & Mrs. Webber	23rd Mr. & Mrs. Brunton
9th Flower Fund	30th HARVEST FESTIVAL
16th Mr. & Mrs. Beale	Flower Fund and The Girls' Brigade

FLOWER FUND - sincere thanks for £18.70 received during June, July & August.

HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL - 1) Assistance in decorating the Church will be required - 27th to 29th September. Especially needed are tall strong gentlemen to reach the higher shelves. 2) Greenery, fruit & flowers will also be much appreciated. 3) Assistance in preparing gifts for distribution on Monday, 1st October and also to take the gifts to the various addresses. Names of any helpers to me please so that the preparations can be made. Thanking you in advance,

D.M. TURNER  
Flower Secretary  
Tel: 43843

VALERIAN

There can be few of us who aren't familiar with this herb, as it grows so easily; and almost every roadside, ditch and garden has a patch of this colourful plant.

There are three varieties of which the common is most widely spread. It is a showy plant growing as tall as 3-4 feet, and bearing clusters of pink flowers, with dense pinnate leaves. The marsh variety bears a paler pink flower and only grows to a height of 1 foot, while the red Valerian, strangely, can also bear white flowers and has ovate leaves. This is the flower which is usually grown in our gardens.

Since the middle ages this plant has been used for its healing properties, indeed the word Valera - means to heal. Both the roots and leaves have a narcotic effect, and are even today used as a remedy of insomnia, but they should be used with caution as they are very addictive.



I believe the leaves, if cut when young, can be used as a salad vegetable, but I haven't tried them myself.

"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man"

Psalm 104, 14

ROBIN BRADLEY

Valeriana Officinalis

FAMILY CHURCH WEEKEND

So far thirty-three of us have expressed interest in attending and from these a steering committee has been formed.

The date agreed upon is 7th - 9th March, 1980. A firm booking has been made at: The Old Rectory, Fittleworth. Accommodation is available in single, double and family rooms for a total of 44, so there is room for a few more.

The price? That we hope to announce after the next meeting of the committee. It is certainly the intention that no family shall be precluded from attending because of the cost.

The pattern of the week-end is forming and it promises to be a rewarding one both spiritually and in the growth of fellowship. A leader from outside our Church is still being sought.

BARBARA & WALLY KIMBER

HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

They call it a Telesonic Lorgnette!  
One of the wonders of modern science picks up a sort of magnetic field which varies according to the sounds picked up by microphones in the pulpit and at the lectern. Switch on with the thumb wheel in the handle. The more you turn the dial, the louder the volume.

Hold the orange spot to your good ear. Adjust the volume for best results. You will only hear sounds picked up by the microphones. Please switch off (red line visible on dial in the handle) after use and return to a steward in the vestibule.

P.S. There are NO wires to plug in, so you can sit where you like!

Telewhatsernames were first used on 15th July, when I had the pleasure of



sitting behind the first (she will forgive me if I call her a) guinea pig. Tears of joy spilled over as she heard the scriptures and the sermon for the first time for many a day. Since then several of our hard of hearing friends have shared that joy. The Girls' Brigade have now given us six Telethingimmies and when you have got used to them and told your friends, the girls hope to provide for whatever need arises by their continuing money-raising efforts. They will also pay an annual licence fee required under the Post Office's Telecommunications regulations.

ROY WEBB

### REPORTS ON OUR OWN ACTIVITIES

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Autumn Session begins on Tuesday, 25th September, and we look forward to an interesting talk on Egypt, by Mr. Pat Tye, who includes Archeology amongst his interest. We have been invited to visit The Gateway Building Society on 6th November, but as our party is limited to twenty I shall be glad to receive the names of those wishing to attend well in advance.

Inevitably there is a reduction in our membership at the beginning of the Session, and we hope we shall see new faces at our meetings to fill the ranks. All are welcome. A varied programme has been arranged for the Session and the syllabus will shortly be available.

REG GOODCHILD

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

We have been very blessed during the summer months: Two marvellous outings and the purchase of Hearing Equipment for the Church Hall to help those who find hearing difficult.

The report of our first outing was in July's news. Our second was an afternoon drive through the country to Petersfield where the U.R.C. prepared us a wonderful tea. Many of you will remember the Richardson family when they attended our Church and it was Mrs. Richardson - now a member with her family at Petersfield U.R.C. - who with other members of the Church, organised the tea and a very warm welcome. She sends her love to all who remember her. On this occasion we were delighted to have "Bill" our minister with us.

Prior to this outing some had met in the hall on 3rd July to pay their dues. To their surprise tea was served and Mr. Connolly introduced the new Equipment, explaining that the cost - £228 had been paid by the Church at our request and he knew we would repay the Church as promised. Well - by the end of that afternoon we were able to write a cheque for £75 which was sent to the Church Treasurer. Thank you all for your gifts that afternoon and for those which have reached me since then.

We shall be having other efforts and our Stall at meetings will be for this purpose. Please save anything you may have for a "Nearly New" stall.

Our Autumn Programme is to hand. We have many new friends in our Church now and I hope members will make our programme known to them and give them a very warm invitation to join with us when we meet on Tuesday, 11th September at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Mr. Connolly is our opening speaker and we look forward to meeting old friends and welcoming new ones.

E. DEARSLEY

#### FAMILY CIRCLE

The Harvest Supper and Barn Dance will be held on Monday, 1st October, admission being by ticket as before. Look out for the Programme of forthcoming events. Just a reminder that there will be a Photographic Competition 10th March, when our friend, Mr. Chester Fromm, has consented to judge the entries, full details on entry forms.

MOLLIE HAWKE  
Secretary

#### HAYWARD HOUSE

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Hayward House in the Church Hall on Saturday, 13th October from 10.30h - 12.00 noon with "Bring & Buy". Everyone welcome - Come and buy or order your Christmas cards and stationery! All proceeds to Hayward House.

BOYS BRIGADE

September '79 marks the beginning of a national campaign by the Boys' Brigade to increase its membership. Under the title "First for Boys" we will be putting on events, films and all kinds of advertising to endeavour to attract more Boys. As a Company we hope to play our part in this milestone of the Brigade, but it is not going to be easy. The most important thing is for us to provide an interesting programme for the existing as well as new members. We have had some offers of help from Church members but we haven't by any means reached the stage where we would refuse any further offers. Please give the matter some consideration as I am sure there is something you have to offer. If unable to give us practical help why not become a spiritual shareholder in our Company. Your prayers are very important to us in the extension of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

As officers we really want you to know that the 5th Worthing Company of the Boys' Brigade is a part of our Church and therefore it must be the concern of every member. If you know of any Boy who may be interested in joining us please let us know. There will be a supply of recruiting leaflets in the vestibule during this month if you wish to use them. There will also be a few car stickers available.

We soon start our Sunday Bible Class for Officers and Boys and will be approaching a few of you to come along and give a few of your thoughts. We are also planning our own Company Magazine and copies will be for sale later on. Our Minister and David Courtnadge have promised to take an interest in our Senior Boys and we hope and pray that this indeed will be a new beginning. By the time you read these notes we will have been to Camp at Charmouth and returned. We do hope the weather will have favoured us and that it will have been a time of blessing.

DONALD STEWART

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The summer holidays are over and its back to work, but what a lovely camp we had. We started with a new chorus:-

Jesus is knocking, Jesus is knocking  
Outside your hearts closed door  
Do not reject Him, simply accept Him  
Now and for evermore

and we finished up at the end of the week singing yet another new chorus,

Christ for me, yes it's Christ for me  
Jesus Christ is my Lord and King  
I'm so happy I shout and sing  
Christ for me, yes it's Christ for me  
Every day as I go my way,  
it is Christ for me.

Both Doreen and I felt very uplifted by the end of the week. Thank you girls for such a happy time and thank you parents for trusting us with your children. Roll on next year - Bath, here we come!!

Please remember our Jumble Sale on Thursday, 13th September. W.40546 or W. 40955 will answer calls for collection. We hope too to see you on Saturday 15th September between 10.00h - 12.00 noon when we shall be holding a Coffee Morning and Sale and measuring our sponsored Sunflowers. Some of the money raised will go to our deaf aid scheme. We are delighted to see our hearing aids in use on Sundays - there are now six of them - and we do thank you so much for your tremendous generosity to this scheme.

Please remember us all in prayer as we start another Session, and may all we do be done to the Glory of God.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

This year was the fifth time that I have been away to camp with 5th Worthing. Once as an Auxilliary Helper and the other four as Lieutenant. Each time I have found a great spiritual fulfilment and the annual camp - exhausting that it is - becomes the highlight of the year due in no small way to the planning, forethought and untiring efforts of our Captain. This year, however,

for me, has been exceptional. I was given the privilege of preparing evening devotionals for the Juniors and young Seniors, thirteen in number. Never did I dream that it would prove to be such a rewarding experience. From the remarks that I heard it would appear that they too enjoyed our moments together, spent getting nearer to The Lord. Thank you, Jean, for allowing me to "take over" the little ones, and our Thanks to God for such a wonderful week.

DOREEN NORRIS  
Lieutenant

N.B. The report on Camp will appear next month, as space did not permit this time!  
EDITOR

### YOUTH CORNER - SUMMER SCHOOL

All is quiet, the books sit in piles on the table "success with English", "Action English for beginners" "Mainline Skills", etc. etc.

An indoors rounders match is going on in the gym - played to music, too. An Italian boy is practising on the piano while he has the chance. The mini-bus has gone out with 16 others, more are listening to music upstairs. This is the first quiet time in the main building for three whole weeks, and the quiet is so intense that it is almost painful. Perhaps that is because the senses are so numb after 102 voices have been at it almost non-stop for 21 days and nights, and lack of sleep and rest gradually builds into a state of stupor!

Well, 3 or 4 left during the week, and 30 Spanish students left this morning, so the babble of tongues is almost halved. However, the different languages are still many, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Iranian, Egyptian, Dutch, and Norwegian. Talking to each other in their own language and in the common language of English, however, poor, they make friends. Then with their friends they can go swimming, riding, sailing, play tennis or listen to music, or walk or dance.

There are big boys and small boys, big girls and smaller girls, good and bad, happy and sad, wise and foolish, fast and slow, polite and impolite, tidy and untidy, and everything that children and young people

usually are. I wonder what they will be like in five year's time - in ten years, and what children of their own or other people's will be giving them problems? What will they encourage them to do in their holidays? Will their children be better or worse than they were? What about you? Do you think you are better than your mum and dad were at your age? How? Why? Or are you worse? How? Why? What can you, what can we do about it?

Oh dear - here they come! I hope they're tired tonight and don't keep me awake too late! Well, I'd better go and do what I have to do - as should all.

God who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely too;  
With Thy spirit re-create me,  
Make my heart anew.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
Make me glad and free;  
Like the straightness of the pine trees,  
Let me upright be.

MARY S. EDGAR C.P. 465

MARY CONNELLY

#### STOP PRESS: TOC H REPORTS AND INVITES

we plan a break by the sea for 21 needy physically handicapped and elderly folk from Saturday 19th to 26th April, 1980. It will follow the same pattern as Project 1978 which gave our guests and those caring for them such a beneficial breathing space. We have booked at the same seafront hotel for 27 persons, to include 6 young volunteer helpers. All our guests will be sponsored. Sponsors are being asked to contribute £25 per guest towards our Project Fund. Our commitments will be considerably higher than in 1978.

The members of TOC H. Goring and West Worthing Branches will be pleased to welcome as many of our readers and friends as possible to a Coffee Morning with stalls on Thursday, 27th September, at St. Mary's Church Hall from 10.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon to help our Project Fund. We look forward to seeing as many friends as possible.

C.B. WAKLEY

No. 315October, 1979.FROM THE VESTRYLET THIS BE A YEAR OF GRACE

Autumn, rather than spring, seems to mark the beginning of the Church's year, and not even a rigid adherence to the traditional Christian year, beginning at Advent, can change this.

Holidays have come to an end, and the fellowship which has been scattered during the summer months comes together at Harvest. Organisations that have not met since the end of April are now looking forward to the "Winter's Work", and it is of our winter's work and a year of grace that I wish to speak to you.

Let me then begin with reference to my own Ministry among you which has now entered into its sixth year. There is at once a sense of profound gratitude for what God has done among us over these past years, and also a sense of failure, as one realises the lack of obedience, or constancy, or faithfulness that may have marred the years. You will, I know, want to share in making the present year a year of grace, since it is only by God's Grace that we live as Christ's people.

Let me then share a little more of this hope with you. And I begin with a warning! What we call "our Winter's Work" is always in danger of becoming no more than activity, and sometimes comes near to those dead works of which the Bible speaks. I say this in all humility, since within my own Ministry I have experienced periods when activity and work were no more than substitutes for Reality. Important as our work may be, vital as our organisations are to the Church, we need both personally and corporately to keep the true Christian end in view. As the Apostle says in Philippians 3 v.14 "I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

Let us then accept the Grace of God in all we do in our Winter's Work. Accept His Love to cheer you, His Power to hold you and keep you whole, His Guidance to show us the way of true progress.

God keep us all and give us a Year of Grace.

Blessings and Love,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations are due to those who celebrate happy occasions. Mr. & Mrs. D. Stewart, Silver Wedding, and We understand the Mr. & Mrs. W. Marshall celebrated their Silver Wedding during September, and also Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday will celebrate their Silver Wedding on 23rd October. Mr. & Mrs. Foster celebrated their Diamond Wedding on the 25th September.

### BAPTISMS

PAIGE NATALIE ALLEN      2.9.79

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

### MARRIAGES

BARRY HANDFORD MINNEY      22.9.79  
LYNN BROCKHURST

### IN MEMORIAM

MRS. V.M. HALLER

KIM REYNOLDS who has died full of years and faith was among those men who may be fitly described as "Soldiers of Christ". Quiet yet purposeful in all that he did, humorous and modest in character, Kim was a source of great strength both in his Army Career, which went back to the first war, and also within his home, Church and friendships, which were many.

We remember him with thanksgiving and commend his dear wife to God's care. His example of courage which he shared with Mrs. E. Reynolds in sickness, strife and weakness, will remain an inspiration to us.

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD d. 1.9.79

To be made completely blind and deaf as a result of War is a daunting prospect, and yet to George Fallowfield who was so afflicted in the trenches more than 60 years ago, God moved in many mysterious ways. Sightlessness and deafness remained, and yet George's heart held firmly to Christ and remained sweet, forgiving, generous and compassionate.

To his dear wife Marjorie, who has so well supported him during these past years we offer our blessings and remain filled with thanksgiving for a life which, whilst so sadly afflicted, was so graciously blessed and healed, and offered as a means of blessing to so many.

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We remember Mrs. AMY HOPKINS who is in Southlands Hospital (Ward D.I) following an accident. May she soon be home again.

GWEN WILLS has been unwell and to Gwen and Francis we send greetings.

CHRIS BROWN makes good progress and it is good to have him home again.

BARBARA KIMBER has been unwell following wasp stings. We remember her especially as their holiday has had to be cancelled.

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#### GOLDEN WEDDING

We should like to thank all our friends at Church very sincerely for so kindly sending us greeting cards on the occasion of our golden wedding day on 20th July last, including one from the Women's Guild, and also for the beautiful plant arrangement sent to us from members of the Church. We are most grateful.

Our children from Connecticut, California and South Africa gave us a party at Field Place on 4th August, which included also our grand-children, close family and old friends.

Captain Webb, with helpers and girls of our own Girls' Brigade, organised and most ably carried out all the arrangements and helped so much to make it a very happy occasion, for which all our family thank them most sincerely.

CLARICE AND BILL WEST

BIBLE VERSES

HARVEST TIME

This, the time for the ingathering of the crops, is used both literally and figuratively in the Bible.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof"

Psalm 24 v. 1

"While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8 v. 22.

"You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field"

Exodus 23 v. 16

"O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches."

Psalm 104 v. 24

"The land has produced its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us. God has blessed us, may all people everywhere honour him."

Psalm 67 vv. 6 & 7

G.N.B.

Jesus said to His disciples "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest".

Matthew 9 vv. 37-38

Jesus said "The saying is true " 'One man sows, another reaps'. I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work".

John 4 vv. 37, 38

G.N.B.

Come ye thankful people, come!

FAIR SHARES - A MID-20th CENTURY PARABLE

Time was running out for the soft-fruit farmer. The weather forecast spoke of storms for the following day and the fruit wouldn't survive that treatment. So he went to the Labour Exchange and picked up a dozen casual workers for the day. 'Work till dusk - five quid' he said and they agreed. At dinner time he could see that they weren't going to get through, so he went back to the Labour Exchange and picked up half-a-dozen latecomers. 'Work till dusk - five quid' was again the arrangement. At six he looked at the progress made and realised that he would still not get through in the two hours before dark. The Labour Exchange was closed but putting his head in the nearby pub he found some of the lingerers there who jumped at the chance to get £5 for a couple of hours work.

At 8.15 they were all finished and he paid them off. The early starters, when they saw the last arrivals receiving £5, thought they were entitled to a bonus and they complained bitterly when they were given the same. 'What about differentials' said one. 'Unacceptable face of capitalism' moaned another. 'No', said the farmer, 'one of the acceptable faces of socialism. From each according to his ability - to each according to his need'. But the trade unionists there didn't think much of that aspect of socialism.

CAPRICORN

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HANDBOOK

The new edition of the Church Handbook will be available shortly. Enclosed will be an envelope for contributions towards the cost of printing. These can be placed in the collection plate or given to a Steward.

As in previous years, there are already changes for you to note:

New Members

- \* Miss D. Sands, Woodbury Cottage, Station Rd, Rustington  
82-72473
- \* Miss A. Batchelor, 64 Willow Crescent.

Associate Members:

A Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Winstanley, 5 Millais, Horsham.  
92-3558

Change of name.

\* Miss L. Easey, now Mrs. L. Hood

It has been my pleasure to look after the Church Register for the last few years but from now on it will be in the hands of Mr. F. Marsh to whom all future alterations should be notified.

JANE BOND

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FINANCE

At the end of August our total income for this year amounted to £9238 whilst our total expenditure was £11022 - a deficit of £1784. The expenditure figure includes the sum of £1078 being the cost of the new folding partition doors recently erected in the East Hall.

With a number of people away on holiday during August, the drop in our offerings of approximately £5 a week was anticipated, and it is confidently expected that this will be amply made up during the forthcoming weeks. If the estimated deficit at the end of the year, as predicted in the Magazine last month, is to be avoided then our weekly offerings must be increased.

Looking forward to next year our expenditure will again be substantially increased. The main item will once more be our contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and this will include our payment of £16.50 for every member of the congregation, as against £8.50 paid this year.

We are anxious that everyone fully understands the problems facing the Church financially, both locally and nationally, and to that end we have asked the Elders to make a special point of discussing this matter with the members of their Districts when they make their visits before the end of the year.

J.D. BLAKEY

THE HYMNS WE SINGNo. 8 of a Series by "Wordy"

There is great divergence of opinion on what hymns are suitable for children. It is very difficult for adults to decide, because they often forget the way their own minds worked when they were children and so, being unable through understanding to make allowances. (Indeed, some modern adult ways of writing children's books may be thought to impede the proper process of development through to adulthood). Children are not small adults. Although we forget the ways of our own young minds we do not easily forget the words and music of the hymns which appealed to us in our childhood. We must seek to find these hymns for our children.

Clarity, simplicity, brevity and euphony are required. Most young children acquire their ideas of God from hymns. For little children 'sweet' little hymns describing flowers, small creatures etc. are easily taken to heart; but older children require to know God in a more all-embracing way; so bringing them face to face with the greatness of God - "All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing" C.P. 31 and "I sing the almighty power of God" C.P. 33 for example.

The hymn which sings of heroes, pioneers, knights and warriors, symbolising the spirit of adventure are only suitable for children of the "heroic" age of 9 and 10 and so very few are included in Congregational Praise.

Hymns of permanent value, are first and foremost hymns of praise - such as "Rejoice the Lord is King" C.P. 161 and, "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven" C.P. 18. As the child gets older he can feel his spiritual nature becoming more real until he understands. A growing child's hymns should be completely objective and not appearing to refer to himself - hymns which lead a child to further stages in the spiritual life such as "Now thank we all our God". C.P. 42.

Boys and girls like noble language even if some of its imagery and symbolism are beyond their grasp. Objectively praising and glorifying God, His love, works, and power of His Spirit is preferable to the subjective and sentimental. Some older boys and girls like hymns with a strong, robust note such as "Who would true valour see?" C.P. 486.

Great and profound ideas expressed simply, such as "There is a green hill far away" C.P. 136, are eternally valuable. Short lines with pauses after each line, as well as at the end of a verse are desirable for young children, although there are few in Congregational Praise.

Children love picturesque imagery (since they have strong imagination) and so add reality to their praises - viz. "Remember all the people" C.P. 344 and "Hail to the Lord's anointed" C.P. 326.

Children should be encouraged to explore the hymn-book and appreciate its poetry and imagery. The use of its many treasures, will give them in later life, a key to trusting our Lord for all their struggles and cares which they will meet on their journey.

(Based on "A Note on Children's Hymns" by Elsie H. Springs in "Companion to Congregational Praise", (1963), K.L. Parry (Ed.), Independent Press, London).

NOTE: See back of this issue for Children's Hymn Writing Competition.

Further Correspondence on "The Hymns we Sing".

Anent the recent correspondence in The Chronicle originally evoked by a letter from our former organist on "The Hymns we Never Sing", I would like to draw readers' attention to a "Hymn we Rarely Sing" namely C.P. 555..

"Father of men, in whom are one  
All humankind beneath the sun,  
Stablish our work in Thee begun"

It was written by Henry C. Shuttleworth (1850-1900) who was ordained in 1873 and became a curate of St. Barnabas, Oxford: Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, 1876-84 and Rector of St. Nicholas Cote Abbey, London from 1883. He was a keen musician and wrote many carols and hymns but No. 555 is the only Shuttleworth hymn in our hymnbook. In my opinion it is a comprehensive hymn. For instance, it covers Sunday worship:

"We friends and comrades on life's way,  
Gather within these walls to pray;  
Bless Thou our fellowship today."

It embraces the rest of the week:

"In all our work, in all our play,  
Be with us, Lord, our friend, our stay;  
Lead onward to the perfect day."

The hymn is set to the tune TRYPHAENA, the only tune in Congregational Praise composed by Frances Ridley Havergal. She is, of course, better known for her hymns such as No. 458

"Take my life and let it be"  
No. 528  
"Who is on the Lord's side?"

She began to write verses at the age of seven and about the age of fourteen she went through a deep religious experience. This evangelical experience and the note of utter consecration characterises all her hymns and devotional writings.

GORDON WRIGHT

I think the hymn mentioned by "Tipton" (see June issue) is not sung nowadays for several reasons, and they vary from one denominational hymn book to another. So far as Congregational Praise is concerned, though Whittier wrote seven verses, seven verses 11.10.11.6 are too long these days for a congregation to enjoy when the tune is dull and uninteresting, which "Langa" most certainly is.

So we try the Methodist Hymn Book. Here verses 2 and 6 are left out and the tune Gifford fits the words better and is more interesting, but the hymn was

never popular in Methodist circles (and I have years and years and years behind me as a Methodist organist). Let me say here that I personally like the hymn. The only other version of this I have is the same 5 verse edition as the Methodist, but to a horrible tune called "Stanstead". It is not only a horrible tune but in these days would frighten many who are trying to "help out" because its key signature is 6 flats, and there are many accidentals. It is also marked for singing in unison which, when there is a good choir, is a waste of the contraltos, tenors and basses.

JOHN RATHBONE  
Sidmouth

### CORIANDER

We have all probably passed this plant many times as it grows on any waste land, thriving on the poorest soil.



The white flowers are in umbels and the leaves are rather like those of cow parsley but smaller. It grows to a height of 2 feet, but, unlike hedge or cow parsley, seems to restrict its growth to small clumps.

The seeds of the coriander have a most unpleasant smell when unripe, yet when ripe the oil produced is used in the production of many perfumes and always the leaves are part of a pot pourri of herbs.

It is still used for the relief of arthritis and rheumatism, both as an ointment, and medicinally. Most Indian curries contain coriander seeds and they are

"And the manna was as coriander seed" Numbers 11 v. 7

often added to sage to give a most distinctive flavour. Try a teaspoonful of powdered seed in an apple pie!

ROBIN BRADLEY

How YOUNG are You?

YOUTH is not a time of life - it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees, it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether eighty or eighteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement of the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from men, and from the Infinite, so long are you young. When the wires are all down, and the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism, and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old indeed.

With acknowledgments, Author unknown.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**10.30 Prayer Service  
with Holy Communion  
2nd Thursday in month**

**Elders' Meetings  
(19.30) Thursday  
preceding Church  
meeting**

**Church Meetings  
(19.30) Thursday  
preceding 1st  
Sunday in month**

<u>1979</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1979</u>
13th September	27th September	4th October
11th October	25th October	1st November
8th November	22nd November	29th November
13th December	27th December	3rd January 1980
<u>1980</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1980</u>
10th January	24th January	31st January
14th February	21st February	28th February
13th March	27th March	3rd April
10th April	24th April	1st May
8th May	22nd May	29th May
12th June	26th June	3rd July
10th July	24th July	31st July
14th August	NO ELDERS' MEETING IN AUGUST	NO CHURCH MEETING IN AUGUST

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

7th Flower Fund                      21st Mrs. G.L. Nodes  
14th Dr. & Mrs. Webb                28th Boys' Brigade  
THE FLOWER FUND £8.40 gratefully received during  
August/September.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Secretary

PASSING PRIMATE

The appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury is a matter of moment for Christians of all denominations. Without reflecting in any way on the Archbishop Designate, I regret the premature - as it seems to me - departure of Dr. Coggan. Unlike his predecessor he always speaks in the words of the ordinary man and in the voice of the ordinary man, as we heard at Lord Mountbatten's funeral. Whether for this reason or because of his evangelical outlook he seems to have lacked the full and enthusiastic support of the Anglican Establishment in this country, much though he has been well received by Free Churchmen and by many parts of the Anglican Communion abroad. We thank God for his ministry and pray that he may find fulfilment in his no doubt very active retirement.

PLAYING POLITICS (8 PLAYERS AND 16 STOOGES)

For years we have been told to boycott South African sport because it is not multiracial. The proposed tour of this country by a multi-racial Rugby team should surely have been greeted as a step forward. Not so. Apparently we must now boycott the team simply because it is South African. It must be obvious to all but the most blinkered that the anti-tour movement is nothing to do with race but is entirely political. Incidentally, if I were to call a man a stooge because he is black I should be guilty not only of ill-manners but of offending the Race Relations Acts. Why are the anti-tour gang allowed to get away with it?

PAYING (1) PETER'S PENCE

On the day on which I write collections are being made in Irish Catholic churches to raise money for the Pope's visit. They hope to raise £1½m. The British Army Benevolent Fund is also in need of money to enable it to make substantial contributions to the relatives of the victims of the Bank Holiday massacre and of other violence in Ireland. His Holiness could effectively underline his opposition to the violence by directing that a goodly portion of the sum raised by his flock must be devoted to this particular cause.

PAYING (2) - PROLETARIAN POUNDS

It is pleasant to agree, for once, with the World Council of Churches. One of its committees has recently made the blunt pronouncement that in order to improve the economic status of the Third World we in the West will have to accept that we shall have to pay more for the raw materials they produce and not try to recoup our own living standards by seeming 'cost-of-living' pay increases. So far I have not heard that the T.U.C. has passed on this advice to its members.

PAYING (3) - PROGRESSIVES' PROFITS

There must be a goodly number of readers of the Guardian among our folk - some of whom will remember the days when it was the voice of the northern non-conformist conscience before it became the voice of southern permissiveness. They may be surprised to learn how the publishers view them, their readers. According to their advertisement in the Financial Times the 650,000 Guardian readers have bulging bank accounts accumulating lots of lovely lolly which the fortunate owners, though cultured and intelligent people, apparently have no idea how to spend without the help of advertisements. Hands up those who recognise themselves! The Church Treasurer or Missionary Treasurer will be happy to ease the burden of your bank accounts without requiring you to read any advertisements. Quis custodiet...?

R.F.B.

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NOTICES & REPORTS

CHRISTIAN AID Amount received during September £7.50

received with thanks,

HAYWARD HOUSE

HILDA HELE

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Hayward House in the Church Hall on Saturday, 13th October from 10.30 - 12.00 noon, with Bring & Buy. Everyone welcome - Come and buy or order your Christmas cards & Stationery! All proceeds to Hayward House.

ADVANCE NOTICE FROM THE CHOIR VESTRY

We think our friends might be glad to know in good time that on 21st October we shall be having our Annual Choir Sunday, when we "take over" nearly everything except the sermons. It must of necessity be a more modest programme than usual this year, but we will do our best to acquit ourselves well.

EILEEN FISHER  
HILARY REDMAN  
Joint  
Secretaries

WOMEN'S GUILD

I think by now most of you know that the loan of £228 from the Church for our Hearing Aid for use in the Church Hall, to enable our members who find it difficult to hear to enjoy our meetings, was fully paid by the end of August.

I have been completely overwhelmed by the help we have received in so many ways and from your loving generosity. What could have been a worry has been a great joy. Surely we have been guided in this venture by Him who we try to serve within the Guild. Thank you, one and all.

By the time you receive this Mr. Connolly will have opened our first meeting and we shall have visited Hong Kong and Bangkok with Mr. & Mrs. Hobbs. On 9th October we are again privileged with a visit from Mrs. Du Puisson who this year is one of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants of Surrey. She will speak on her work as High Sheriff.

23rd October is our Anniversary, a special day for us, when we are joined by Guild Members of other Churches for the Service and for tea afterwards. Our Speaker is the Rev. D.M. Weller, and we invite all who can to join us that afternoon.

For a long time the Guild has been greatly blessed with the loving service of Mr. Young, who so regularly transported those with difficulty in getting to meetings.

Mr. Young, We all thank you most sincerely for your unfailing loving service and send our best wishes for better days ahead.

To all those in difficulty with transport, you ~~may not know~~ your Committee have this very much in mind. The 209 and 203 buses stop right outside the Church and your Committee are always there by 14.00h.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

### THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Following the announcement in July by Captain Webb that the 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade were sponsoring the supply and installation of a hearing aid system in the Church, I have much pleasure in announcing that this system is now installed and operative, and six hearing aids are available from any steward in the Vestibule.

From the comments received so far, these are proving very satisfactory, and it is the intention of the Girls' Brigade to supply sufficient aids to meet the requirements of the Church.

Captain Webb, the Officers and girls of the Brigade, wish to express their thanks to the Church for allowing them the privilege of proceeding with this worth-while scheme, and to all the people who have responded so generously with their donations to enable the Brigade to get the scheme off the ground so quickly.

A generous offer of a 5-year interest free loan will be a challenge to the girls to create schemes, which we hope will be generously supported, to enable us to pay off the loan as soon as possible.

Again, a very big 'thank you' to everybody from the 5th Worthing Company, and I think I should say a big 'thank you' to the Girls' Brigade from everybody in the Church for suggesting such a scheme.

W.E.WEST  
Treasurer of  
5th Worthing  
Girls' Brigade

Our first Parade of this new Session will be on 14th October, a very special day for us, when we hope to see Mrs. Brunton and Mrs. Craghill commissioned as Lieutenants. Both have worked hard during their training period and have now passed all the necessary tests. With great joy we welcome Brenda and Margaret into the Company. Please remember them in your prayers for there is a lot of hard work ahead.

We raised £125 at our recent Jumble Sale which will go towards uniforms and general funds. Our Coffee Morning was also a great success and the £103 raised then will start us off on phase two of the hearing-aid system. Phase two will cost £300 - this is for a special microphone so that all parts of the service can be heard, even those parts where the Minister wanders about! Phase three will come later! Thank you again for all your support and encouragement in so many ways; it really is appreciated so much.

19th - 21st October will see all our Brigaders at Seaford Baptist Church for their Annual Young Leaders' Training Week-End, together with officers from the District whose job is to teach them and train them for further work within Brigade. As Commandant of the District it is once more my pleasure to be responsible for the Week-End and in particular for the devotional sessions. Please remember us all that Week-End, for the girls who attend then are tomorrow's potential officers. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

GIRLS' BRIGADE CAMP 1979  
Bournemouth

On Saturday, 11th August, twenty-four girls, Warrant officers Batchelor and Baker, Lt. Norris and Captain, boarded a coach. Its destination was West Cliff Baptist Church in Bournemouth.

We arrived in time, only getting lost once! The hall was found to be well kept and we lost no time in settling ourselves down. The weather during the week

managed to keep dry for most of the time but occasionally it gave way to rain. Nevertheless we swam a few times and managed to persuade Lt. Norris to dip her toes in!

We spent most of our money when we went to the Bournemouth shops and when we visited Poole's shopping centre. On Tuesday when it was so windy we managed to get across to Shell Bay by the car ferry though we had hoped to go to Brownsea Island. We spent an enjoyable day at Shell Bay in spite of the stinging sand which was whipped up into our faces by the wind.

Our big treat of the week though, was on Friday night, when we were taken to The Pavilion Theatre to see The Black and White Minstrels, Lenny Henry, Keith Harris and The Monarchs. The show was a great success and we all had a good laugh, followed by a late party on our return to the hall.

All in all a very good time was had by everyone. Thank you, Officers and Captain, for putting up with us all week.

CAROLINE BRUNTON

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I have been writing for the "Youth Corner" for quite a long time now, and I have tried to make each article interesting and informative, usually with some moral overtone. I have a strong suspicion that it is read more by grown-ups than by youngsters or children. Bearing this in mind, my articles will no longer be the comfortable little homilies or nature-chats to which you have become accustomed, but descriptions of scenes which I see daily in the streets of London. Sometimes we shall find out what goes on behind the scenes, with some thought of the implications, the consequences, the effects on others, old and young.

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LONDON LIFE

"Let me take you ..."

Looking out over the London sky-line - spires, towers, domes, office blocks, towering blocks of flats, roof and chimneys of buildings of lesser size - it all seems so peaceful! Only the continual hum of the local homeward bound traffic mays the scene. But it would take you only five minutes to find out the truth. Make your way back down towards Kentish Town, hear the hum of the rush-hour traffic become a roar, see the queues of cars, row on row, smell the fumes of the exhausts of cars, taxis and buses; see the people queuing for buses, going in and out of the Tube, hurrying home.

Then see the ones who don't hurry because they have nowhere to go, no-one to go to. See the old man pretending to read the paper while he waits for the time to make his way down to the doss-house. By seven o'clock there will be half a dozen men sitting on the steps waiting - waiting to make sure of a bed and a roof over their heads for the night. By ten o'clock there will be fifteen or twenty. On a cold wet night they will be huddled together for warmth, holding newspapers over their heads, trying to keep off the worst of the rain. Not all of them are old, some are quite young, but with a look of helplessness and sometimes hopelessness. Further down still, in Kings Cross, we are back at school. The children have all gone home, the playground is quiet. Suddenly a bottle smashes. It has been thrown over the wall from across the street. Just around the School, the blocks of flats are being emptied of families so that they can all be renovated. But as soon as the families move out, squatters move in. Some are people with nowhere to live, are "licensed squatters" allowed to be there, some don't want to pay rent anywhere, some come for both reasons, and to be with others who share their habits. "Punks"; - "punk-rockers", "Skinheads" - "Mierdos" we have them all! They sit in groups on the steps of the buildings enjoying the sunshine and often enjoying their bottles of cider, which they smash when empty. Then you will see them sitting there, or walking

about, their noses pressed in plastic bags - sniffing glue which they have squeezed into the bag. They sniff the poisonous fumes - it makes them feel good, it makes them feel drunk. They hold the bag over mouth and nose and inhale until they obtain the desired effect - excitement, exhilaration, intoxication. They often become dizzy, dopey, lie in a stupor, or lose consciousness. They cannot stand, cannot stop themselves falling.

Sometimes they feel they have incredible strength, sometimes think they can fly. I have seen one young man on the street convinced he was an aeroplane, zooming round until he fell and lay semi-conscious on the pavement.

Our children see them on their way to and from school. One child I saw yesterday who was allowed out on the street to play (being homeless, and accommodated in one of the small hotels on the next street) was sitting with them. How long before he gets hooked?

Last week, a 15 year old boy was carried out of the flats unconscious, his mother screaming and crying. She had been searching for him for several days. This week another young girl was taken to hospital. Only a few years ago they were in our school! Some hang about 'on the fringe' who only left us last year.

Glue-sniffing causes damage to the kidneys, liver, bone-marrow, heart and brain, and the drunken-type behaviour which happens now, eventually becomes the way they will be - damaged brains and damaged bodies - unable to look after themselves.

Of course, they may not live all that long - some have jumped from roofs, thinking they can fly, others become suffocated by the plastic bags.

Night-times can be very lively, especially Thursday. Thursday is Social Security day! The groups gather outside in their wierd clothes, their trilby hats, their shaven heads. A glue-sniffing session with cider-drinking can be a riotous combination. Fights happen, shouting, smashing bottles, beer cans, bottles and 'dead' glue-bags are thrown over into the playground.

Talking, laughing, shouting and enying, they can carry it on any time from 22.30h to 04.30h - 05.30h. (Had a good night's sleep lately?). Sometimes the girls go down to Kings Cross to beg for money, asking for 10p pieces, even as early as 18.00h to get money for the day's glue!

One old lady lives in the flats - waiting for a new place to live. She locks herself in, afraid to go out except at the time when the need for sleep clears the steps and the street sometime during the day.

Now where is our peaceful picture? Still there, if you're looking from a distance!

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

MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS

BOYS' BRIGADE

Our camp at Charmouth went very well and all enjoyed themselves. On the very last day the rain made up for lost time. Picture us somewhat wet, floundering about in mud and trying to take down tents and marquees. Despite such an experience and like all true B.B. campers, (outdoors) we look forward to next year when we will probably be camping at Torquay. Thanks to the good offices of Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Barnett the Juniors were able to have an enjoyable week-end at the Walton-on-the-Hill U.R.C. The Minister kindly geared the morning service so that the boys were able to participate.

We have started our new session in all the sections and already find ourselves running into difficulties due to lack of help. Please keep praying, particularly for the members in the Company and Junior Sections. Our Annual Enrolment Service and presentation of awards will take place on Friday, 5th Oct. and you are cordially invited. Thank you all,

DONALD STEWART

COMPETITIONTHE HYMNS CHILDREN SING

Would any children like to try and write a hymn (poem), say in 6 5. 6 5. metre, for young children or a hymn for older children? - and send it to the Editor?

Briefly the metre, is the number of sound syllables in the lines of a verse. Sometimes the metre is denoted a series of numbers, sometimes as letters, as words or combinations of two or three of these. For example, 8 8 8 means there are 8 sounded syllables in each of the 3 lines of each verse. Metres can be very complicated but it is interesting to find out what they mean.

Say what age group you are writing for, and, if you can, note the points mentioned in this month's "The Hymns we Sing" item on pages 7 and 8.

If you have written a poem in a certain metre, you may be able to find a tune of a hymn in the hymnbook of the same metre as yours. Try it - it may fit your poem when you sing it.

"WORDY"

No. 316November, 1979FROM THE VESTRYYou are never too old!

and those who think they are too old to serve God should look at Psalm 71, verses 17 and 18.

"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;  
 And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.  
 Yea, even when I am old and gray-headed  
 O God, forsake me not;  
 Until I have declared thy strength  
 Unto the next generation".

It is always a source of great hope, for us to reflect upon the work of our children's and young people's organisations, and I know that they are in your prayers and thoughts. What seems sometimes to be less than hopeful is the form that our Christian Testimony should take in old age. One sometimes comes across a man or woman who, having moved into Goring to retire, thinks he should retire also from Christian service. He hesitates to become a member of the new Church and is apathetic towards his Christian Testimony. Now, as we know, "Losing your faith at 50" is a great danger, more dangerous by far than losing it at 15! Losing your faith at 17 is a great disappointment to leaders of young people, but far less so than when a man or woman loses faith at 70!

I write to you in love. My hope is that these words, taken as they are from a recent Sunday evening sermon, will be a means of encouraging the older friends among us to maintain a good testimony. You are never too old to tell what great things God has done for you, and I thank God for the many whose lives shine out in this spirit. And, after all, what else do we really have to live for, other than praising God and declaring His strength and grace to the next generation, that

it too may share our blessings in Jesus Christ.

Yours with love & blessings,  
WILLIAM CONNELLY

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

### BAPTISMS

TARA JANE HALE                      30th September, 1979

"All families are one in Him  
Whose Name in ours we share"

### MARRIAGES

RICHARD HENRY ROBINSON              6th October, 1979  
GILLIAN EVE BUDGEN

### IN MEMORIAM

WINIFRED ELIZABETH BROWN	7th September '79		
LILIAN BEATRICE STOCKBRIDGE	19th "	"	"
FREDERICK GORDON CHESHIRE	29th "	"	"

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

We rejoice in the birth of a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. D. Clay and also in the news that Frances LEWIS (nee Sandling) has given birth to a daughter. May God bless these families.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Foster have celebrated their Diamond Wedding and it was good to see Mr. Foster home from hospital and looking well on the day.

Mrs. W. Emery and Mr. O. Willmott are now home from hospital as also is Mr. R. French. Dorothy Cozens-Walker is still suffering from an injury to her leg. Mrs. E.M. Townsend has suffered a fall, whilst Mrs. A. Hopkins continues her steady progress. Mrs. M. Hurt has entered hospital in London, whilst Miss M. E. Williams is home again after treatment in London. To these and all our friends we send loving greetings; do please help me to remember them at the time of The

Ministry of Healing. Please use the Prayer Book - consult prayer circles, and notes are always welcome at the Vestry.

Congratulations - to Reg and Do Goodchild on becoming Grandparents, and sympathy to John Almond on the death of his father. God bless Mrs. Almond and the family in their sorrow.

#### THE PASTORAL SECRETARY

Mr. Eric Bond assisted so ably and graciously by his wife, Jane, who has been responsible for the compilation of the Church Handbook, has now given up this office after years of dedicated and always kind and loving service. May I pay my personal thanks to them in advance of that which the Pastoral Committee, Elders and Church meetings will wish to make.

The best way in which I can do this, is to recall their hospitality when first we were considering your call - to recollect the unfailing kindness from Eric and Jane which made possible the first steps in this Ministry, and to thank God for their ever faithful service. It will long be remembered a blessing to Church and Minister.

Fred Marsh with the help of his wife, Jean, will succeed Eric and Jane in this work, and we pray God's Blessing upon them as they continue in this rewarding yet onerous task.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

Will friends kindly note that the Rev. W. Connelly's day off is Monday, and the Rev. R. Christopher is not available on Friday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL My sincere thanks to those who gave their assistance in decorating the Church. Particular thanks to Margaret Craghill and Jill Pownall for taking over from me and organising the distribution of gifts with their able helpers. A Job well done.

DOROTHY TURNER  
Flower Sec.

SMALL AD.

SMOKERS - please send me your EMPTY TOBACCO TINS, (for word cards and crayons), CIGAR BOXES, CIGARETTE BOXES, empty match boxes and struck matches that are not burned down to the stalk (for modelling).

MARY CONNELLY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I should like to thank all my friends in the Church for their prayers, cards, letters and flowers, including the Girls' Brigade, for remembering me during my stay in hospital and now at home.

AMY HOPKINS

We should like to thank all our friends for their cards, visits and beautiful flowers during and after our daughter (Lesley's) short stay in hospital. Being so far from home your love and caring is particularly precious. Thank you.

MATTHEW & WILMA SMITH

Many people have said to me 'what a caring Church Goring U.R.C. is' and this has been proved to be so, by the way in which so many kind friends have offered, and given, help in many ways since I have been out of action due to my fall.

My grateful thanks to our Minister and to all friends who have sent messages, cards and flowers etc. and have called to cheer me up.

DOROTHY COZENS-WALKER

THANK YOU for the Harvest Gift, a surprise and pleasant start to a Monday morning!

PHYLLIS SCUDDER

NEW HANDBOOK AMENDMENTSNew Members

- \* Miss D. Sands, Woodbury Cottage, Station Road,  
Rustington. Tel: R. 72473
- \* Miss A. Batchelor, 64 Willow Crescent. Tel: W. 67961
- \* Mr. H. Oakham, 'Westholme', Clive Avenue.

Change of Name

Miss L. Eassey to Mrs. L. Hood

Change of Address

Mrs. W. Coltart, 1 Rye Close.

Change of Telephone Number

Mrs. A. Seaton-Mills - W. 504251

BIBLE VERSESALL SAINTS TIDE

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Ps.103  
v. 8

Jesus said "In the world you have tribulation; but  
be of good cheer, I have overcome the world".

The eternal God is our dwelling place, and underneath  
are the everlasting arms.

With all these witnesses to faith around us like a  
cloud, we must throw off every encumbrance, every  
sin to which we cling, and run with resolution the  
race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on  
Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that lay ahead of  
Him, endured the cross, making light of its disgrace,  
and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne  
of God.

Heb. 12 vv. 1-2

Jesus said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give  
unto you ... let not your hearts be troubled".

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I.Y.C.

(INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD)

You are invited to a Coffee Morning and Sale at  
St.Paul's Church Hall on Tuesday, 27th November from  
10.30h - 12.00h.

In the Spring several associations in Worthing  
joined to help the local "Gingerbread" Group to raise  
money for their Children's Day and Holiday Centre.  
Now the same groups are working for an overseas  
project, a Mother & Baby Clinic at Dori in Upper  
Volta - near the Sahel Famine Area. This was chosen  
from those suggested by U.N.I.C.E.F., because a  
Worthing nurse, Margaret Piper, a former pupil of

Davison School, is working there under the auspices of the International Service Department. The Clinic needs medical equipment, a better water supply and a more regular electricity service, and much else.

Our Church as a corporate member of U.N.A. has been asked to support this effort by (1) providing goods for the Sale - groceries are suggested, (2) coming to the Sale and (3) giving a donation if you cannot come. I shall be pleased to receive such gifts and your help.

MABEL REDMAN

### REFORM INFORMS

One recent issue of Reform looked at

- the successes and failures of the churches in North East England, seen by visiting Christians
- the impact of the 'Moonies' on our churches
- the meeting of UNCTAD 5 in the Philippines through the eyes of U.R.C. Secretary, John Reardon
- legislation that hurts Indian Christians, described by a U.R.C. student in India
- Iona as a place of self-discovery
- the city of Lincoln's U.R.C. team ministry in words and pictures
- Muslims in Britain, by a U.R.C. teacher of Philosophy and comparative religion
- the unnerving discoveries of a U.R.C. District Secretary
- the U.R.C.'s Chief Accountant, Clem Frank
- the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, who have money and people to spare
- the Dr. Williams Library in London;

and listened to

Minister/Writer Eric Routley's views on our small moralities, wife and mother. Bell Cook's experience of 'praying through the ceiling' and Tavistock's sometimes reverent comments on the U.R.C. scene.

All this, PLUS

Church news from South West Province, Bristol, Teeside, Enfield, Morcambe, Uganda, Ilford, Rustington, Putney, Cambridge, Manchester, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sheffield and Bradford; with lots of pictures and reviews of 13 books, impassioned and even disgusted letters from 20 readers, notices of ministerial changes and deaths;

TOPPED BY A fuller-colour cover and an Editorial on whether we can learn to mix our education with enjoyment.

In every issue of Reform you get value for money: and you may well re-value your churchmanship. It's still under 20p per copy to annual subscribers. £1.85 per year. See your distributor, she is MOLLIE HAWKE, 46 Mersham Gardens, Goring-by-Sea.

"I do hope there will be no cancellations for the 1980 "Reform", and that there will be some new subscribers. I shall be sending in the order for Goring Church by 14th November". M.L.F.

#### WORLD CHURCH PAGE

#### THE DEPRIVED AND THE DEPRAVED

This has been the International Year of the Child and much publicity has - quite rightly - been devoted to the deprivations suffered by children, including the latest horrific publication by Amnesty about the deliberate torture and murder of children in various parts of the world. The Year is almost ended but I have not yet seen any reference to the deprivation which, at least in the Western world, is probably causing more physical and mental anguish to children and young people and through them to people of all ages than all the factors which are commonly deplored. This particular deprivation is unusual in that it has

been deliberately engineered by large numbers of respectable people, most of them with good intentions, including politicians, public servants, clergy, teachers and lawyers. It is still going on under our noses and very little is being done about it.

I hope you all read Mrs. Connelly's article in the last Chronicle. If you didn't, go and do so. If you did, go and read it again. Does it not conjure up a picture of degradation which inevitably recalls Hogarth's scenes of gin-swilling London low-life? \* How can things have got so bad again now that we have the benefits of universal education, information, health services and state aid? There is a clue in the fact that many of the people concerned are young or comparatively so. What Mrs. Connelly describes (though she may not recognise it) is the penultimate state of the first generation to whom everything was given EXCEPT DISCIPLINE; the first generation to whom nobody - not parents, not teachers, not ministers, not social workers, not magistrates - ever said NO and meant it. Anyone who attempted to make a stand against such disastrous folly was immediately crushed or ridiculed into silence by the mass of woolly liberals who were afraid that any discipline would impede these young people's development. Well, now we can see the fullness of that unimpeded development in Mrs. Connelly's graphic descriptions.

What can we do about this? I fear it may be too late (in human terms) to do much for many of those caught up in the maelstrom of addiction. What we can do is to try to prevent any more joining them. Those of us who are parents (or grandparents) can start to say NO and mean it. There are now a good number of teachers who will join us. There are some ministers who will not encourage young people to 'do their own thing' even if this involves deliberate disobedience to parents. Some magistrates and senior police officers have already declared themselves. There will be plenty of opposition from those who still equate discipline with bondage (yet what greater

and fouler bondage is there than drug addiction?)  
I don't know if there will be enough of us to influence events. But we must try.

(\* Incidentally, those who have complained that a Church Magazine is no place for the mention of such sordid scenes should go and read also the story of the Pharisee and the Publican and any other part of the New Testament (which is most of it) which reminds us that Jesus came into the world to save sinners).

R.F.B.

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FINANCE

Our Assessment for 1980 for our contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund has just been received, and is calculated as under-based on our average membership and income over the past three years.

Assessable Income	1978	£19577
Less Relievable Income	1978	<u>£10452</u>
Net Assessable Income	1978	<u>£9125</u>
Average over 3 years		£8418
Average Membership over 3 yrs.		336.3
Gross Assessment £8418 @ 50%		£4209
336.3 members @ £16.50		<u>£5549</u>
		<u>£9758</u>
Less Relief		<u>£2929</u>
Annual Rate		£6829
Add Minister's Supplement		£650
Total		<u>£7479</u>
	Per Month	<u>£623.25</u>
This year -		
Annual Rate		£5316
Add Minister's Supplement		<u>£650</u>
Total		<u>£5966</u>
	Per Month	<u>£497.18</u>

J.D. BLAKEY

THE HYMNS WE SING  
No. 9 in a series by "Wordy"

Some hymns bear little relationship to the experience of living and are not uplifting and therefore useless. A Christian's life is a series of crises and decisions, and it moves on, in this way. God is using our difficulties, successes and failures, and, we should accept in faith that process of change which leads to His completed work. 'Good' decisions and their subsequent actions are never safe.

Today's hymn writers have a decision, whether to write 'home and family' hymns, or to write hymns which treat people as participants in the struggle between good and evil, delineating the problems (which are always current) and not blanketing them in meaningless platitudes. Say something with understanding!

To be controversial - does "O for a closer walk with God" C.P. 476 (by William Cowper (1731-1800) say much, other than a nostalgic reminiscence and an agonised desire to find a lost faith. Many of Cowper's hymns are too intimate and personal for public use. One of our greatest poets, he had at least two mental breakdowns, the second lasting three years, and wrote the above in 1769 during the temporary illness of his devoted friend and guardian, Mrs. Unwin.

Modern hymns should not insist on conventional associations of ideas or they will continue to seem mournful. Our society consists of new things - new methods, new ideas, new social values, etc. We are well-informed, sophisticated and intellectual compared with our forebears. The meaning of the Gospel can be expressed differently and with alteration of rhyme and metre or lack of it.

Just a glimpse of New Church Praise (First published 1975) will show the welcome freshness and light which can come from recently created hymns. Some of these hymns cater for those who through one reason or another are not able to grasp the assurance of faith. Viz. The 'Song for a not-quite-converted Christian' N.C.P. No. 42, written by David Goodall

(b.1922) and arranged by Donald Swann. Sydney Carter's hymns, 'A carol of the Universe' N.C.P. 20 and 'Lord of the Dance' N.C.P. 41 are particularly well known.

So, do we continue using only our 'safe' hymns, or do we also use hymns which understand and deal with the new liberality, more leisure time, new musical tastes and the problems of living today? God requires our involvement in the life of the world about us.

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#### HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Upjohn and Mr. & Mrs. Willmer from Pulborough to morning service on 14th October. We were delighted to demonstrate our deaf aid system. Mr. Willmer brought along a conventional wear-behind-the-ear hearing aid, which had a three position switch - On, T. and Off. At the intermediate T. position, which I understand is designed for listening to a telephone, this particular deaf aid was able to receive the Church's public address magnetic field.

Thus, friends who wear such devices may find that they can receive loud and clear on their T. switch position, and thus will not need a Telesonic Lorgnette.

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ROY WELLS

#### STRINGS AND PIPES - OR CATCHING YOUR ORGANIST!

Organists share with other worthy people, like power station workers or sewer men, the invidious distinction of only being noticed when they make a mistake or when they don't turn up. The organist is in fact worse off than his fellow-sufferers, for his mistakes occur within sight, hearing and often reach of his clientele. He suffers the further disadvantage that his clientele all want different things. Broadly

speaking, everyone wants light and heat from our powermen and free flowing sewers from our other brethren. The unfortunate organist however is simultaneously alleged to be playing too fast and too slow; too loud and too quietly. If he plays the traditional tunes he is 'driving the young people away' and boring the rest. If he introduces a new tune he is advised to return to the end-of-pier show from whence he obviously came.

Small wonder then, that advertisements for organists do not exactly result in large queues of qualified applicants winding through the streets around the deprived churches. Yet despite all the abuse and maltreatment they are wont to receive there are still a small number of organists so addicted to their hapless and hopeless calling that they cannot give it up. It is occasionally possible to bait, trap and tame one of these and it is to this end that this short series is devoted.

Dai A. Pason

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#### BOYS' BRIGADE

God's blessings on Chris Chatfield and Malcolm Nicholls on their promotion from Warrant Officers to Lieutenants. We will be losing the services of Paul Richards this month on his transfer to the Horsham Company and so we also pray for God's blessing on him. We still anxiously wait for more Officers and helpers to come forward from amongst our own Church membership. Did you know that of the four leaders in the Junior Section, three are members of another church?

Have you been praying for us or do you think it is not worthwhile? Deep down I feel the devil is having too much of his own way because somewhere our defences are not what they should be. At the Parade service in October, whilst our Minister was linking up youngsters with their respective parents

and grandparents, I must confess my thoughts wandered somewhat. I just thought of 12 boys in the various sections of the Company who come from some form of broken home. Just to think that a boy might well not have been on parade because he was away from home visiting one of his separated parents.

We will be very pleased to see you at one or two of our functions being held during our Boys' Brigade Week fund raising activities. The week starts on Saturday, 17th November with a Bazaar and Coffee morning commencing at 10.30h and ends on Saturday, 24th November with a Jumble Sale commencing at 10.30h. Would you please seek out some useful articles for the stalls at the Bazaar and of course all kinds of paraphernalia for the Jumble Sale! We don't mind climbing up into your loft or clearing out the shed or garage. Just let us know if you would like us to collect by ringing 43787. Thank you.

DONALD STEWART

#### GIRLS' BRIGADE

Many of you have expressed great interest in the sunflower which has been in the Church garden all the summer. This was one of many around Worthing, for all girls and officers have been growing sponsored sunflowers in their gardens and now that the task is complete, we can add a further £100 to the deaf aid scheme, keeping the remaining £100 for our general funds. We are delighted with this result, particularly as we now face raising £800 over 5 years and not £500 - due to inflation we are told!! This however only presents us with a greater challenge and to see the enjoyment of those using the deaf aids, only adds to our joy in giving. Again we would say "Thank you" for your continued interest, encouragement and support.

We are glad to welcome Mr. French as our pianist whilst Muriel Hurt is in hospital. He has endeared himself to us and with his help our Christmas Concert

can proceed. Please make a note of the date - Tuesday, 11th December at 19.00h in the Church Hall.

We now have 30 explorers (5-8 year olds) and regret that no more can join until after Christmas when we shall have 3 vacancies. If it is that you have a daughter who will be 5 years old in 1980 and would like to join, then May I suggest you ask Lt. Brunton to put her name on the waiting list now. There's still room for those of 8 years and over. Our prayer is that we may be worthy leaders for the Lord in our ever increasing Girls' Brigade family.

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

### BASIL

The herb Basil, originated in India, and therefore only thrives in the warmer parts of this country, but it can be found on the chalky cliffs in Sussex. The plant is rather insignificant, only growing to a

height of 5 or 6 inches, usually straggling across the ground, and is only discovered accidentally when touched, by the distinctive aromatic perfume it exudes.

Its leaves closely resemble thyme, in fact the plant's true name is Basil Thyme. The flowers are mauve in colour with a white lower lip, and grow in clusters around the stem. Because of its pleasant perfume it is often used in the manufacture of soaps and bath salts.

The leaves, when cooked, have a hot, peppery taste. Medicinally it is used for the relief of digestive disorders, and as an anti-depressant.



### ACINOS ARVENSIS

"and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field"  
Genesis 3 v. 18.

ROBIN BRADLEY

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during October - £45.10  
including a donation of £20 for the Special Appeal  
for the Vietnam Boat People.

Harvest Festival collections - £122.50

received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A message from the Secretary of the Sussex West District  
states:

A cordial invitation is extended to all Church  
Members in the Sussex West District to attend the  
following events on the occasion of the visit of  
the Moderator of the General Assembly, The Rt. Rev.  
R.O.Latham, M.A., B.D., to Worthing on SUNDAY,  
2nd December, 1979.

15.00h A consultation with the Moderator  
at our Church, followed by tea in our  
Church Hall.

18.30h A United Service for all friends  
from the area in our Church at which  
the Moderator will preach.

In order to assess numbers for catering purposes,  
please let Mr. Ray Newell our Secretary, know if  
you intend to attend the tea.

DORA NEWELL

FAMILY CIRCLE & YOUTH CLUB

Come and support our new venture on Saturday, 3rd  
November, 1979, commencing at 18.30h.

(Display at 19.30h approx.)

GAMES - FOOD - FIREWORKS

Charge 50p

(30p for 12 yrs. & under)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Autumn session commenced with two very interesting  
talks; on "Egypt" by Mr. Pat Tye, beautifully illustrated  
by slides and on the "German Occupation of Guernsey"

by Mr. Leslie Roussel who had us rivetted with an account of his personal experiences.

There are just a few vacancies for our visit to the Gateway Building Society on 6th November. The title of the Rev. Lloyd James' talk on 20th November sounds most intriguing and we look forward to a very good attendance. It has been a pleasure to greet new members but we have plenty of room for more.

REG GOODCHILD

#### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

I open my first report as Secretary by expressing the sincere thanks of the membership, to last year's Committee, for all their efforts on our behalf, with a particular vote of thanks to my predecessor, Robin Bradley, for all that she has given of herself during her term of office.

Our Autumn programme commenced with a most useful talk and film on Fire Prevention and was followed by an unusual but entertaining night with the Worthing Bamboo Pipe Players. Our own Don Stewart addressed the last meeting, giving a very interesting talk and display of Philately.

November will see a talk by The Rev. R.Christopher on Robert Raikes on the 5th and Mr. Mercer will provide a Cake-Icing demonstration on the 19th, both of which I am sure will be most interesting; so if any ladies would like to join us, do come along and you will be made most welcome.

WILMA SMITH  
Secretary

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

The Autumn Session has begun well. We have been pleased to welcome old friends and receive as members many new friends who are already beginning to feel "at home". Our roll is now in the seventies!

The first three meetings have been so very different. An inspiring and thought provoking opening talk by our Minister, a visit to Hong Kong

and Bangkok by Mrs. Hobbs, and then an hilarious afternoon with Mrs. Du Buisson when she related her experiences as the 1st woman High Sheriff of Surrey.

We have unfortunately had our casualties. Mrs. Cozens-Walker, our Vice-President had a very bad fall, Mrs. Towneend also has fallen badly and Mrs. Hurt, our pianist, is in hospital. To them all we send our love and wish them well.

Mrs. Jenkins has very ably conducted our meetings in Mrs. Cozens-Walker's absence and to her we say "Thank you". On 1st October Mrs. Jenkins and I attended the A.G.M. of the West Sussex Guilds on your behalf and on 8th October 14 of our members joined the Women's Guild at Shelley Road as part of their 175th Church Anniversary. It was an inspiring afternoon. Speakers for November:

6th Mr. Phillips from the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

30th A Police Officer on "The work of the Police Dogs". Please remember all are welcome at any of our meetings.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

#### THE CHOIR

Under the splendid guidance of Mrs. Hilary Redman the Choir continues to serve us well, and especially so at Harvest when the Anthems greatly enriched the worship.

A need arises for trained singers to join the Choir and for any others willing to learn, to share in the Ministry of Music. Enquiries please to:

Mrs. H. Redman, tel: 45026

or to The Vestry " 48259

TRANSPORT Offers of help in providing transport are invited and the Minister or Church Secretary would be grateful for any who are willing to help in this vital service.

THE MINISTER

SMALL AD. If anyone has need of a mobile HAIRDRESSER, I can give them the phone number and particulars. Please phone me on Worthing 47200.

PHYLLIS SCUDDER

LONDON LETTER

"What's happened?" asked someone the other day, "It's so quiet!". There were no 'Punks' sitting out on the steps opposite school, no-one there drinking or 'sniffing' - not anything. Where have they all gone? Are they in bed? sleeping off the effects of last night?

Some discreet enquiries and a little quiet observation soon showed that it really was quieter than previously. Quieter for us, but not for those people who had lived in the buildings and had moved out to a newly-furbished block of flats. Oh no! They had moved to empty the buildings for re-development and to get away from their noisy, drinking, drug-taking, glue-sniffing, squatting neighbours, only to find that their new-found peace was very short-lived. Their noisy, drinking, drug-taking, glue-sniffing neighbours had decided that they would like somewhere better to live and as the flats had been re-furbished for new tenants, they had followed them there to enjoy the privilege, and without paying rent!

What seems to happen is this. When it is known that there is an empty flat or building, someone goes along, somehow breaks in, or finds some way of getting in, then goes away, leaving the door undone. If that person moved in he could be accused of breaking and entering. However, other 'homeless' people come along, find the door to an empty flat open, and move in. They are then protected by 'squatters' rights.' They then stay there until it can be proved in court that the property is needed for legitimate tenants and there then has to be an eviction order and the whole fuss of an eviction, together with the usual demonstrations by squatters and homeless people.

So that's where most of them have gone - not all of them, though! Other squatters are moving into their old haunts and a few of the old crew are still

there. Hummering and banging and the sound of an electric drill was going on most of the night last Friday, together with music from one window, shouts from another and some screams from the street. Then, as early as six or six-thirty A.M., two of our glass-sniffing friends tottered out of the building and made their way towards King's Green station to beg for money for their day's supplies. These two looked in quite a bad way. They could hardly walk. One was trying to support the other, but neither was able to walk properly. They looked really ill.

Further down the road is another block of flats, largely occupied by squatters, and others. The local vicar was telling me that one of his parishioners, an old lady of between 70 and 80, woke up one night to find eight men in her bedroom. "Don't worry", she was told, it's only the police, we're looking for drugs! They were making a raid on the flats, not knowing she was still living there. "Oh, well, you can't find any here," she said. Apologising to her they went to the next door flat and found what they were searching for. No doubt she is sleeping better for the time being!

MARY COBBELLY

### STOP PRESS

Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you God for everything.

To ring the children's hymn. I too thank God for everything, especially for the sight I still have, but in doing so I also want to say a very sincere 'thank you' - to our Minister for all his kindness; to all our friends for their interest, their prayers and good wishes; to those who have kept the transport service going to the Church Fellowship and to those who in the future may extend it; and to the one who has taken the trouble to see that there is a large-print hymn book handy wherever I may be sitting in Church. Thank you first, for everything.

TED YORRIS

No. 317DECEMBER, 1979FROM THE VESTRY

Behold, the great Creator makes  
Himself a house of clay,  
A robe of human flesh He takes  
Which He will wear for ay.

Christmas is here to be enjoyed and to be experienced. One supposes that those philosophers who specialise in the meaning of words could make quite a good Christmas Dinner out of the distinction between enjoying and experiencing! Suffice it to say that for the purpose of this thesis we shall use the word enjoy to describe surface knowledge and take the word experience to mean entering into the depths and heights of knowledge ... and this, whether we speak of human or divine knowledge is a distinction which Christians need to make in order to know the fulness of God.

It will not have escaped the theologically observant that even when we are ready to experience instead of merely enjoy Christmas, we are only following Christ's initiative in His Experience of becoming man in what we call the Incarnation.

What I am really getting at is this. Do not despise enjoyment of Christmas. I certainly shan't, but do not begin and end your Christmas on the surface of enjoyment. Christ, who has become flesh, entering into the experience of the human predicament, invites, even demands a response from us that dares to enter into the experience of His Coming.

This may mean spending a time of quiet reflection upon the Lord's Presence and intentions for us at this season. It may mean some fasting of the soul in the midst of the feast. Certainly it will mean loneliness, exile, imprisonment for Christians in many parts of the world whose faith in experience

of Christ has challenged them to enter as Christ entered into a world of hatred with a message of love and peace.

It may even be true that we never really experience Christmas until we are fully sharing in His sufferings for the world - martyrs like Bonhoeffer and Bunyan would have agreed with that - and in the words of "Imitation of Christ": Custodi diligenter cellam tuam et custodet te (look after your cell, and it will look after you).

This is why the Stable shone so brightly when He who is Lord of all became man, imprisoned in our flesh<sup>to</sup> set us free by the experience of salvation's new birth.

Blessings, love, and a  
Christmas of joy and experience,

WILLIAM CONNELLY

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

In memoriam

ROWENA LOUISE COLLINS	13.10.79
HENRY JOHN MEPSTEAD	5.11.79

"My peace I give unto you"

A number of friends have been ill at home or in hospital. We rejoice in Muriel Hurt's return home and in Rosemary Kitto's quiet courage after yet another period in hospital. Mr. O. Willmott is home again, and congratulations and thanks to Mr. R. French for helping Girls' Brigade at a time of their need for a pianist.

Thank you all for your kindness in giving us such a happy morning on the occasion of our Silver Wedding Thanksgiving. The Connellys  
The Mundays

and all the friends who signed the Book of Thanksgiving 1979 which contains over 100 names of those who thank God for blessings in 1979. Special thanks to Arthur Mercer for his lovely cake, to Vi Beaulish who catered so well and to the Church Officers.

Our Congratulations to Elsie and Jim Mason on the Occasion of the Celebration of their Ruby Wedding on 16th December.

Miss L. Harris

Our thanks to Lilah whose faithfulness as F.W.O. Secretary, as in so many other things, has been a means of blessing to us. The Elders will be making their own act of Thanksgiving for Lilah's work and we join in recording our warm appreciation to one of our most faithful friends and Elders.

Mrs. Valerie Close has been appointed to serve in the work of Free Will Offering Secretary, and we wish her well as she begins this task.

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Miss M.B. Curtis is having treatment in Ward 21 of Worthing Hospital. We send our love and blessings to her.

The Memorial Fund in memory of Miss E.M. Ryde is still open and gifts should be sent c/o The Treasurer or Minister.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

It is hoped to hold a group or class for any who wish to consider joining the Church or else to be refreshed on the meaning of membership within the U.R.C. Names please should be given to The Minister. We hope to begin early in January.

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FROM A MEMBER

One Sunday recently, I went to Church early, thinking to myself that I would enjoy being in God's House where I could collect my thoughts in peace and quietness. I was surprised to find that I was surrounded by talk of all sorts and kinds!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear friends,

May I express my thanks to all friends in the Church for their prayers and kindness shown to me during my recent illness, also for the lovely flowers. "Thank you" to the Girls' Brigade for their card and good wishes. The words were a great comfort to me.

Our Minister's visit in hospital and at home were very much appreciated. I am more aware than ever of the very loving and caring Church to which I belong. God bless you all.

ALFRED MARSH

Margaret Joyce would like to thank all the friends and members of the Church for the flowers which she found on her return from Court on 12th November.

Many thanks to everyone for the Harvest gift, and all the beautiful flowers and cards, after the birth of our daughter, Jennifer. They really were appreciated!

DIANE CLAY

"Have you had a kindness shown, pass it on". Well, I'll do my best, but it will keep me very busy for a long time! I feel as though I have been carried on a cushion of love and goodwill. Thank you very much to all kind friends. I look forward to being abck among you soon.

MURIEL HURT

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTSNEW MEMBERS

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* Mr. & Mrs. W. Rhodes, 36 Hythe Rd. Worthing	48263
* Mr. & Mrs. G. Young, 10 Southview Drive "	47191
* Mrs. K. Flory " " "	
* Miss E. Glue " " "	

CORRECT ADDRESS

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CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

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FLOWER SECRETARY Mrs. D. Turner

CHURCH FLOWERS " "

GIRLS' BRIGADE: Explorers meet at 18.00h on Tuesdays  
CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday 19.30h until further notice.

DELETIONS: Miss L.B. Stockbridge

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A TRIBUTE TO MY PREDECESSOR - Vi Turton

The Church owes much to the service rendered by Vi during her office as Flower Secretary brought to an untimely end by ill health. I personally owe her a great debt because without her able teaching and guidance I could not have carried on the rewarding work of the Flower Secretary. God Bless you, Vi.

DOROTHY TURNER

I regret the "Flower Rota" did not appear in the November Chronicle due to my being on holiday.

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

2nd	The Connelys	16th	Mrs. Cozens-Walker
9th	Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine		& Mrs. Turton
		23rd	Mr. & Mrs. Brunton
		30th	Flower Fund

The Flower Fund

Grateful thanks for £3.70 received during September, October and November.

Church Flowers

My thanks are due to those who entered their names on the Flower Rota for the Sundays of 1979 and to those who gave so generously to the Flower Fund. Please choose your date and enter your name on the list for 1980 which is on the notice board in the Vestibule.

D.M. TURNER  
Flower Secretary

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BIBLE VERSESWISE SAYINGS

A gentle answer quietens anger, but a harsh one stirs it up.

When wise people speak they make knowledge attractive, but stupid people spout nonsense. The LORD sees what happens everywhere; he is watching us, whether we do good or evil. Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.

PROV. 15 vv. 1-4

LORD, Place a guard at my mouth, a sentry at the door of my lips.

PSALMS 141: 3

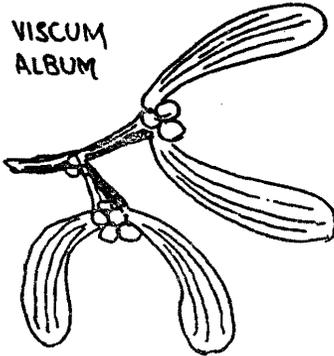
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"Don't doubt that you can serve  
The Lord with talents small and few.  
Remember that the mighty oak  
was once a nut like you!"

(taken from a Church Magazine)

MISTLETOE

This evergreen parasite lives on the trunks of trees, often Oak or Apple, more commonly in the southern part of the country. Our forefathers at a very early period cherished the mistletoe as a plant which had magical properties, and when gathered and placed indoors, would cure disease and avert the evil eye. Earlier still, the Druids treated the plant with superstitious reverence and it was associated with rites at which we would now shudder, and although the sacrifices were made in the name of Christianity, they were far removed from what we know as the great Truth that God is Love.



"Greet one another with  
a holy kiss" Rom.16 v.16

In some countries it is carried from house to house on New Year's Day as a gift of friendship, and we at least use it as a token of love when we use it as a kissing bough.

At one time it was used medicinally for both lowering blood pressure and as a wash for chilblains, and there are recent experiments for its use in the cure for cancerous growths.

ROBIN BRADLEY

OUT AND ABOUT

Paul started it when he set sail from Antioch to Seleucia, then on to Cyprus, to Perga and Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Perga and then back to Antioch, 'preaching the word of God'. To most of us these are merely names of places of long ago ... but the church of today has its own journeys to make which usually involve those conducting worship in travelling some 30/50 miles for each service. Richard Tuley will be at Petworth on 13th January, Dora Newell at Petworth on 10th February. I will conduct the New Year service at Bosham on 6th January and then on to Pulborough on 17th February. Dora Newell, Beryl Chatfield, John Cook and Edward Symmons are taking intensive training courses to

equip themselves for the Lord's service. We are known to be a caring church and we are sure that we will have your prayers as we are 'Out & About'.

LIONEL KNIGHT

"Let the Beauty of the Lord our God be upon us"

When Beauty whispered "Wake, and see"  
 The world became resplendent.  
 Each earthly thing revealed to me  
 God's loveliness transcendent.  
 O happy soul to find such grace!  
 So undeserved a blessing  
 To lead you on, through time and space  
 All that you need, possessing.

When Beauty touched my heart with fire  
 Then, in a moment vanished,  
 I knew the desolate desire  
 Of one forever banished.  
 O foolish soul to have such fears!  
 Your mortal eyes deceive you;  
 'Tis Beauty's shadow disappears  
 The substance cannot leave you.

When Beauty set my heart aflame  
 And broke the chains that bound me  
 I longed no more for wealth or fame  
 My treasure was around me.  
 O happy soul, to journey on  
 With such sweet tokens given  
 And find, when earthly scenes are gone,  
 The wonderland of Heaven!

E.G. HARDING

WORLD CHURCH PAGEHOPE AND CHEER

A seasonal, if uncharacteristic, determination to find good (or encouraging) news for this December page has given me the longest search for material for many a day - unfortunately Christian periodicals seem to be as full of gloom and despair as the secular media. I offer the following items :-

Two from Communist countries :-

Despite the clampdown against so-called dissidents on the political front, good news of the activities of the church in China continues to come through. Former centres of Christian witness like Shanghai have suddenly become alive again, with reports of thousands of people worshipping in the reopened churches.

There is also a gleam of light shining through the western Iron Curtain. The Bible Societies have been given permission by the Cuban authorities to supply 10,000 bibles in modern Spanish to those countries, where the Societies have not been able to work for over 10 years.

Two encouraging stories about the younger generation :-

Two scruffy-looking youths were in a Cheltenham newsagents when an elderly lady came in. She asked for her ordered Baptist Times. The newsagent told her that the price had increased. She sadly replied, "Oh well, I must cancel it". The two youths overheard and asked the newsagent the cost of the paper for a year. On being told they turned out their pockets and found him enough cash to pay for the old lady's paper for a year! (Adapted from the Baptist Times).

It is well worth recalling the tragic but magnificent story of the young man who was determined

to join the Army despite being an asthmatic. He somehow got through the medical exam only to die during the route march at the end of his basic training. They then discovered that he had had to treat himself in secret throughout his training so that he could endure its physical rigours. What courage and determination!

Two illustrations of genuine multi-racialism:-

A constituency in Kenya has recently elected the first white MP that country has had since it gained its independence.

The success (in every sense) of the multi-racial South African Barbarians rugby tour despite the efforts of our well known professional thugs and their hired hooligans to wreck it will have heartened all those who genuinely believe in multi-racialism in sport or indeed in anything else.

News of progress from two missionary societies :-

The Baptist Missionary Society announces that it has more missionaries in service and more candidates in training than for many years past.

Friends of the Leprosy Mission in Hastings have raised £5,000 to buy a sturdy vehicle to enable their workers to take treatment and the Good News to outlying villages in Papua New Guinea.

R.F.B.

"Love Suffereth Long & is Kind"

Mr. Bruford blames "lack of discipline" for the degradation of pot smokers and glue sniffers. Surely there could not have been more discipline in the home than in the Victorian era! Children were "to be seen and not heard" and were very repressed. However, there was a terrible amount of drunkenness, squalor and deprivation. One only needs to read the books of "Dickens". There is one common denominator lacking in "drop outs" of all ages and times i.e. LOVE. No one should have a child unless

one is prepared to give time and energy in a loving context to that child. Of course, there must be rules and discipline - but always to instruct in a caring way so that the child feels secure and able to confide in the parents. This love is not the sickly kind of the parent who buys an expensive toy or sweets but cannot be bothered to talk to the child or give time to play with him. Parents have to "suffer long". Its difficult - but so worthwhile and so needed in each society.

FAY BLAKEY

FROM THE FREE WILL OFFERING TREASURER

Most members will be aware that I have recently taken over the responsibilities of Freewill Offering Envelopes Treasurer from Miss L. Harris, and we are most grateful to her for the most devoted way she has carried out this task over the past 4½ years. I will do my best to maintain the same high standards.

On the first Sunday in December (2nd Dec.) the new envelopes for 1980 will be available for collection from the vestibule, and I should be grateful if you would draw my attention to any omissions or changes, so that I may adjust the records accordingly.

Approximately 200 members support the Lord's work in the Church through the Envelope Scheme. However, we have some 50 spare sets of envelopes available, and to those who do not already belong I should like to commend this to your prayerful thought. In these days of high inflation the Church is not immune to rising expenses. Planned, regular weekly giving helps our Treasurer in the difficult task of controlling our budgets, and it also means that we can continue to support our Church on Sundays when we cannot attend.

Forms for members wishing to join the Scheme for the first time will be in the Vestibule on 2nd December. Please take one and give it your

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CHURCH CALENDARWEEKDAY ACTIVITIES:

<b>Mondays:</b>	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Autumn Session ends
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	17.30h	Anchor Boys 18.1.79)
	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
	20.15h	Bible Study at 38 Trent Road
<b>Thursdays:</b>	19.30h	Badminton Club
<b>Fridays:</b>	19.15h	Boys' Brigade
	20.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
<b>Saturdays:</b>	19.00h	Youth Fellowship
	19.30h	Badminton Club

OTHER MEETINGS & SERVICES:

2nd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	15.00h	A consultation with the Moderator of the General Assembly, The Rt. Rev. R.O. Latham, M.A., B.D., followed by tea
	18.30h	Divine Worship - Preacher: The Rt. Rev. R.O. Latham, M.A., B.D.
3rd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Members' Christmas Evening
4th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "The Life of a Wonderful Woman, Dr. Neave" - Miss E. Mann
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Mr. S. Donovan, M.B.E. "Behind THAT Curtain" (Illus)
	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
6th Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
9th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship) Preacher:
	18.30h	Divine Worship) The Minister

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- 11th. Tuesday 18.00h Girls' Brigade - Open Evening  
and Awards  
20.00h Bible Study Groups at 37 Ashurst  
Drive (joint Christmas Communion)
- 13th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with  
Holy Communion
- 15th Saturday 19.30h Family Circle Christmas Party
- 16th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel  
11.00h Divine Worship  
15.00h Children's Festival  
18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
& The Ministry of Healing  
Preacher: The Minister
- 18th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild ) joint Meeting  
Men's Fellowship)  
Sing a Song of Christmas - Miss  
Lena Phillips  
20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
- 23rd Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel  
11.00h Festival of Lessons and )  
Carols ) Preacher:  
18.30h Christmas is Coming - ) The Minister  
A Service with Lessons )  
and Carols )

Deadline Date for Chronicle Copy - Sunday, 16th December

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consideration. Should you wish to know more, please discuss it with me. Acts 20 v. 35

VALERIE CLOSE

FROM: THE BOOKSTALL

Oh happy day that brought to us  
Our Saviour from above, That One who fills  
Our hearts and lives  
With His own heavenly love;  
May you this happy Christmas Day  
Know Jesus in a special way.

The above verse is from one of the boxes of assorted Christmas cards for sale on the bookstall. Prices range from 70p for a box of 12. Many of the cards have a briefer greeting. Do come and see for yourself!

Also for sale are 1980 calendars (from 80p). I shall be pleased to order Bibles or any special books you would like for presents. There are some beautifully illustrated children's books obtainable, and many other excellent Christian books - biographies, devotional aids, etc. - and framed pictures. What better gifts to give than those which tell of God's greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ?

All materials are supplied by the Christian Book Centre in Worthing, and the Church benefits by 10% from all sales. Please let me know if you wish me to order any books, cassettes etc. for you. (Tel: Worthing 32897).

JEAN SYMONS

A WORD OF GREETING

During the past months we have much appreciated the way in which we have been made to feel at home at Shaftesbury Avenue. This applies to all the various age-groups in our Church. I find I am remembering faces rather than names. If you meet me outside Church please speak to me as, owing to short-sightedness, I am apt to pass people by without acknowledging them. I would regret doing

this to anyone connected with our Church. Through "The Chronicle" Elspeth and I send each one of you our good wishes, and that during the Christmas Season you may know the peace of God and the Joy of Christmastide.

RON CHRISTOPHER

The Chronicle Treasurer thanks our supporters for their contributions which enable us to continue publication on a "free" distribution basis. He would however like to point out that production costs, as everything else, are rising, and (for those who receive their copies by post) postage is now running at over £5.00 per month! Your contributions are thankfully received and even a 10p piece is of great value!

The Editor, Printer and production Team wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

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AN EVENING IN THE LIFE OF  
THE CHURCH

It was only my second attendance at a Church Meeting and little did I know what was in store. It started harmlessly enough. If one might so describe the singing of Hymn 333 "Christ for the World we Sing" and the reading of that beautiful Psalm No.100 - read it for yourself - truly a most wonderful way to commence a time of praise. There followed the formalities of reading the last minutes, which I'm afraid we must bear at any meeting of a regular nature, and news of the family. You know, I found that I hardly knew any of the names mentioned. Funny how things strike you. Here I am, a member of a caring, sharing church and I don't even know the names of my brothers and sisters in Christ. If I don't know them, how can I really care? Am I sharing in the caring? It is so easy to switch off when we deal with the standard items on an agenda, such as "family news". But I was not allowed to do so this time. The Lord

touched my heart and I realized that interest (or in this case caring) makes the subject interesting. Thanks be to God for this truth.

Our Minister, as often happens, was looking for a volunteer - this time to report to your magazine on Church Meetings - and, as equally often happens, there were no takers. Or were there? You know, its surprising. Anyone who knows my rather sizeable bulk, will wonder at Our William, of somewhat slighter stature, being able to twist my arm, but twist it he did. Mind you, he did have the Lord on his side and, to paraphrase scripture, if God be for him who can stand against him? As a result I was conscripted, on a trial basis, and this is my maiden contribution.

My intention, in this and future reports, is not to provide a blow by blow account of the meetings, but to communicate, if my limited knowledge of your language will allow, something of the atmosphere, of the joy and fellowship, experienced at the meetings. In short, I hope to demonstrate what you are missing and to invite you to share with us this added opportunity of communion with our Lord. For, rest assured, while the Minister takes the chair, our Lord most certainly presides. (To those of our members who are unable to attend, I hope to bring you to a closer and more personal involvement in Church activities. Your prayers will, and do provide vital support).

You should have heard the laughter - a joyful noise indeed. You should have felt the family atmosphere. You should have heard "young " Chris Chatfield and "old" Ernie Munday (or is it the other way round) praise the Lord in eloquent testimony and report. But don't take my word for it. Come along - Bill isn't always after a "volunteer"!

Bill closed the meeting, describing it as having been one of joy and one where we had come close to the throne of grace. I'm sure that everyone present echoes those sentiments.

I should like to close this report by quoting, from Chris Chatfield's report on the Synod, a fundamental truth. It was expressed in the context of that body's discourse on the financial resources and priorities of the U.R.C. but it is a beautiful truth, worthy of our meditation: "The Church's first priority ( and resource) is Jesus Christ and the preaching of his Gospel."

YOUR PUBLICITY OFFICER

### THE HYMNS WE SING

#### No. 10 in a series by "Wordy"

Last month it was suggested that we should consider the relevance of the hymns we sing to our experience and the age in which we live; and the value of recently created hymns. The Passover Hymn was used in remembering the Goodness of God when the destroying angel passed over the houses of the Israelites and their subsequent deliverance from from slavery in Egypt. Jesus and his disciples sang this hymn before going out to the Mount of Olives (Matt. 26.30; Mark 14.26). The Passover Lamb was to be slain.

In his letter to the Ephesians (4.19) Paul says 'speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and songs: sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord'. In Colossians (3.16) he says 'sing thankfully in your hearts to God, with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs'. We read in Acts 16 v. 25 'About midnight Paul and Silas, at their prayers, were singing praises to God, and the other prisoners were listening'.

The Orthodox Jew's life had been always full of praise of God and the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament provided a ready-made handbook of hymns for the Early Christian Church. However, early hymns (as opposed to psalms) must have been spontaneous. The fullness of praise is something we require.

"Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise", C.P. 42, may be the hymn which is sung most frequently in Goring U.R.C. One of Horatius Bonar's hymns (1808-89) which show spontaneity in construction. It was his custom to take a notebook in his pocket when travelling or out for a walk. To praise with a hope of unseen things, a moving forward with an unchanging God, led to a life of richness, whose battle was already won by Our Lord. Hoaratus Bonar knew his wonderful destination. Surely here was a man who lived by praise. He was a learned minister of great devotion who in 1883 was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church. He filled his life with praise - visiting, preaching, writing and praying always. Most of his ten hymns in C.P. are sung frequently. C.P. 376, "I heard the voice of Jesus say" is one of my favourite hymns.

Hymns are our 'life'. Does the degree of favour or tenor of our lives go hand-in-hand with the way we sing our hymns? - or vice versa?

Because "praise in every part" means light on what we sing, we can sing what we know to be true with involvement and emphasis (if we know the tune, of course!) Should our pleasure disappear when we sing a hymn and/or tune we do not know well? We are greatly blessed, therefore, if we can declare our experience corporately and rejoice in our faith, as did Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi.

In the succeeding articles of this series, I shall seek (D.V.) to relate the words of certain hymns to the age and lives of those who wrote them.

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#### WORDS AND MUSIC - CATCHING YOUR ORGANIST (II)

A church in search of an organist should first ask itself what it wants of one, apart that is from roughly the right number of fingers and feet! Some may be looking for a recitalist or for a musician

who can gather and train a high-class choir to charm a congregation of listeners. Most Nonconformist churches, while certainly not disdaining these talents, will pre-eminently be looking for a player who will, with or without a choir, give a real lead to the congregational singing.

Now most organists, even occasional ones, can if they concentrate on it play most of the right notes of a hymn tune. That is the easy part of the job. The more important and more difficult part is to play the words of the hymn. It comes as a surprise to many churchpeople, and even to a few organists, to find that the words of hymns are not merely vehicles for the tunes but are intended to have a meaning. If you think that a trifle hard, just listen when, say, the line 'changeless, eternal, infyentye' is sung. Have you in any other place heard the adjective 'infinite' given such long vowels? Or who in their senses would introduce a hymn entitled 'Blest be the tie that binds' - if there isn't time for the full two lines surely the proper abbreviation is 'Blest be the tie'. I fear we are all lazy about this - though how pleasant it is on occasion to have a completely new and uplifting interpretation of familiar words revealed to us by the way the organist accompanies them.

DAI A. PASON

A letter to Mr. Dai A. Pason

The writer of "Strings & Pipes" (pp 13 & 14 of the November Chronicle) sadly misunderstands the mentality of the church organist who, week in and week out, and wherever he or she is, is thinking constantly of the best way that our Lord can be served by the music of the church. Of course no one can please all the people all the time, but I have never (in nearly 80 years as probationer, full choirboy and organist & choirmaster) considered for a moment, or heard of, the congregation being the clientele of the organist.

The purpose of the congregation, the choir and the organist is to serve God as best lies within

the compass of their attainments, with the Minister to guide, help, comfort and most likely, organise as well as instruct.

It may surprise (is it Mr?) Dai A. Pason how many people take the trouble to thank the organist for various things connected with the music at services and how well worthwhile to him when an anthem well rehearsed is sung just as it was hoped it would be sung.

I shall always be grateful to Goring Congregational Church (as it then was) Choir for the support they gave me, especially when we started chanting the Psalms from Congregational Praise. (Incidentally they did not suit everyone).

JOHN RATHBONE

Thank you John, and may God Bless you and dear Paddy at Christmas and in the New Year. M.B.P.

#### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Aid Amount collected for November - £11.25 received with thanks,

HILDA HELE

Leprosy Mission A cheque for £13.35 has been sent to the Mission. Many thanks to all who have donated or saved with a phial.

MARY LUCKIN

THE I.B.R.A. Missionary Appeal The following is a copy of the letter received from the Secretary: "I write to thank you for the gift of £7.50 which we have received from you in response to our Missionary Appeal. We depend a great deal upon such gifts from our readers and friends to enable us to continue the work which we have undertaken of providing Bible reading notes for our overseas members.

We are most grateful to you, both for the gift and for the encouragement which it brings to us to know that we have the support of so many friends both in the United Kingdom and overseas".

E. SHEARMUR

The Men's Fellowship We have a very happy recollection of our joint meeting with the Women's Guild on 23rd October when they celebrated their Anniversary and very much appreciated the refreshments provided after the service. Those of us who were fortunate enough to visit the Gateway Building Society on 6th November were given a most interesting conducted tour of the premises and came away knowing a lot more about the use of computers and V.D.U.'s (Visual Display Units).

Our two meetings in December are noted in the Calendar and we welcome an old friend in Mr. Donovan on 4th. The Christmas meeting with the Women's Guild on 18th should be an exciting experience when we shall hear a programme arranged by Miss Lena Phillips, the well-known Mezzo-Soprano. May you all have a very happy Christmas!

REG GOODCHILD

Women's Guild Our Anniversary Service on 23rd October shared with the Men was a happy occasion. We welcomed the Rev. Don Weller from Christ Church Road Baptist Church and thank him for his helpful address. He spoke of God's Grace for us, ever present. We were glad to have with us groups from neighbouring churches and from Sompting Guild, their first visit to us.

The collection of £30 was added to money already in hand to be given to Horniman's School in Worthing for children who find it hard to communicate. After the service 132 sat down to tea and chat in the Hall.

MABEL REDMAN

On 26th November Mr. S. Phillips told us of the work of the Invalid Children's Aid Society with special reference to Horniman's School. We were able to hand him £39, one of our efforts for the Year of the Child. This money will go towards the purchase of a "bus" for the School. Do support this when you see the chance in Worthing. On 4th December Miss Mann will tell the story of Dr. Neave a truly remarkable woman - several of us have met

her. Then on 18th with the Men's Fellowship we look forward to Miss Lena Phillips, who will bring with her the Spirit of Christmas in "Sing a Song of Christmas". May we take this opportunity of wishing all Church Members a Happy, Peaceful Christmas.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

### THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Excitement and anticipation is running high as we go into December as every girl waits for awards evening. You will be with us won't you? Mr. Ron Christopher is to present the awards which will be preceded by a musical tour of London. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th in the Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. with coffee and mince pies to follow. Various stalls may help you to purchase a 1st minute Christmas present, and we shall also have a Blue Peter Stall for their appeal for relief work in Cambodia.

By now most of you will know that we have completed phase 2 of the hearing aid scheme. A small, very special microphone, has been presented to the Church, a microphone that will allow the Minister to go "walkabout", but everyone, including folk at home who listen to the taped services, will now be able to hear the whole of the service, because the microphone is small enough to clip onto his surplice and there are no restricting wires attached to it. We pray that this will add to the enjoyment of those who use the hearing aids and help those at home to feel very much a part of our Church Family as they listen to the recordings. In just four months we find ourselves about half-way to our £800 target. We've raised money by means of a jumble sale, coffee morning, sponsored sunflower grow and direct giving by the girls from their pocket money. We have been much encouraged by your interest and once again say "thank you". We shall now move on towards phase 3 and the completion of our gift - 6 more hearing aids. What a marvellous year it has been, and how very caring

and giving our Girls' Brigade (84 strong plus Officers and helpers) family has been. To all of them and to all of you - God Bless and a Happy Christmas!

JEAN WEBB  
Captain

Family Circle The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 15th December from 7.30 p.m. to 10.0 p.m. and it is hoped that the entertainment provided will be of interest to everybody. Tickets are now available from the Officers & Members of Committee of the Family Circle, the price being 50p (30p for 12 yrs. and under). These are limited to 120, so do please get your tickets early.

MOLLIE HAWKE  
Secretary

From the Choir Vestry

It has come to the notice of the Choir Committee that some of the congregation have trouble with the Chants. If you come from a church which did not sing them, and do not understand the 'pointing', this is not surprising. But take heart - in the New Year we hope to be able to help you. Chanting is not really so difficult; it is like so many other things in life - you find you can do it when you know how!

The morning service of 23rd December will be a Service of Lessons and Carols and Christmas Hymns (NO chants!) We are working hard on the carols, and hope you will enjoy the result of our efforts.

HILARY REDMAN  
EILEEN FISHER

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL

COME ! SHARE ! PRAY !

You are invited to join the Annual Prayer Vigil in the Little Chapel on New Year's Day, 1st January, 1980, to pray for the life, work and witness of the people of this Church, for our neighbourhood, our town or Worthing, our Nation and the World. Let us pray that Jesus may be made known to all people in this year of evangelism. The Chapel will be manned from 08.00h until 23.00h and we pray that

many may be led to share with us, and will feel free to come and go as they please. "Be joyful always, pray continually". I Thess. 5:16,17.

IRENE TULEY

### LONDON LETTER

Well, let's see how things are getting on here in London. I'm afraid its a place of violence, Not only do we see such violence on Television, but it becomes all too real especially when it occurs within one's own place of work. A few months ago my own room in School was broken into on more than one occasion, things were stolen and telephone wires cut. However the Police have now installed an alarm so that when this was attempted again only a fortnight ago, the culprits were thwarted in their efforts!

Nov. 20th (Fiona's 18th Birthday). Soon after 6.00 a.m. this morning a crowd of men were seen outside the flats beside School. Many of them were carrying sledgehammers. Most of them looked rather disreputable and, of course, very suspicious. On being asked 'What are you all doing here?' a finger was put on lips 'Sssh!' and a whisper 'We're Police'. 'You don't look like Police!' - at which a Police identity card was produced.

By this time, uniformed police were seen to be around and they all disappeared into the building. They knocked loudly on the doors, those which were not opened were knocked open by the sledge-hammers and the premises searched. (The buildings are supposed to be completely empty now).

You have probably heard about the boy of 15 - son of a chauffeur at the Australian High Commission - who has been missing since 5th November, last seen at King's Cross underground Station. With every passing day, fears are mounting for the boy's life and that this search will become a murder hunt. The 50 strong Police party searched every block of flats in the area. Some of the squatters thought that it was a raid on them and disappeared quickly as the Police approached!

Our dear little Chinese girl, Choy Leen Lin, who is beginning to read well and to speak much more clearly than she did and becoming very friendly, lives in Whidborne Houses - old flats scheduled for demolition and re-development just round the back of School. Quite a lot of our children live in those flats. A man of about 70 years also lived there until about the time I wrote the last letter.

On Friday, 19th October, Council workmen called at his bed-sitter to carry out repairs. When they could not get into the flat, they called the police who discovered his body with wounds, probably inflicted by a knife: He had been dead for some days, but the stab wounds in his chest and back had festered, so he had probably lain helpless for several days before dying. The man, Mr. Rawes, was known as "The Feather Man" because he used to work in a local feather factory and made himself popular with the local children by giving them unwanted feathers to use as quill pens.

Although he was somewhat of a local character he was a man who kept himself to himself and did not seem to have many close friends. Dressed in shabby clothes, he almost always wore a flat check cap and being a quiet man, he became part of the

local scene in King's Cross, apparently without being known personally by anybody.

A youth of 17 from Carlisle has been charged with the murder. I asked a Police Inspector at a meeting the other day, whether he was one of "our" glue sniffing squatters" - but all he could say at this stage was that 'he was not a local rent-paying tenant'. No more details are available to the public so far.

Perhaps Choy Leen and the others haven't noticed the absence of Mr. Rawes. Perhaps for them there will be a Happy Christmas.

MARY CONNELLY

## SERVICES

### DIVINE WORSHIP

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning

Third Sunday in the evening.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Second Thursday in each month at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion following morning session.