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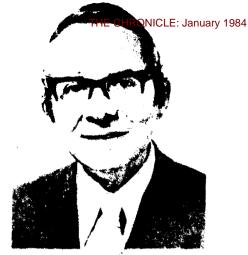
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FROM THE VESTRY



A YEAR OF EVANGELISM

This call to evangelism has been made by the Assembly of the United Reformed Church. We believe it to be the call of God.

At the core of the many variant and valuable means attaching to the word EVANGELISM is the GOOD NEWS OF GOD. Extend its meanings, according to ours, or the world's needs and it will meet them all. The Good News is that God has acted in the gift of Jesus Christ, to save His people from their sins, and to call them to REPENTANCE; the good news is that God has done in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that which we cannot do for ourselves. He, the Saviour, has reconciled us to God with His own precious blood; His life freely offered to God for us men and our SALVATION.

This Gospel (Good News!) is to be proclaimed by the people of God, and as a beginning, may I urge the following points upon us all:

- Let us give ourselves more earnestly to prayer -Make the Friday Evening Prayer Service a priority in your life.
- Let us study the Bible. Join, or with the Ministers' blessing, form a Bible Study Group in 1984.
- Give more attention to the means of Grace in Public Worship and especially in Praise and in the Holy Communion - a converting act in itself.

4. Always be ready to give account of your faith to others with reverence, gentleness, love and graciousness.

The final word for the moment is to invite you to continue to serve God faithfully at home, at work and among your neighbours. Many do this so well and bring the Presence of Christ wherever they go.

Love and blessing to you all in this new year of grace. 1984.



William Jonnelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

Elsie Maud GREEN 10th November, 1983

'She loved her Lord'

Rosa May RICHARDSON 29th November, 1983

'Patient in tribulation, looking

to Jesus'

Molly TAYLOR 5th December, 1983

'Her children rise up and call her

blessed'

Jack BOUGHTON 5th December, 1983

'So he cometh to his desired haven'

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

Sympathy and prayers are offered to all who mourn. May you find your faith in Christ be your comfort.

NRS. HILDA BEALE makes good progress after her time in hospital and we hope soon to have her back with us in church. Mr. & Mrs. Beale's daughter, Janet, sends greetings from Greece.

MRS. W. COX is having hospital treatment and we remember her with all friends who are ill at home or in hospital or nursing home.

MISS MADDEN in Heaton House is far from well.

MR. A. WHITE at St. Bernards N.H. is making steady progress. MRS. B. GREGORY is remembered as also is MRS. H.F. CATT. Both are unwell in nursing homes. We remember our friends the MISSES HIGGINS who are confined to home and also the MISSES SCHEARMUR who need our prayerful support. MRS. DORA NEWELL has unhappily broken her right arm but

is improving slowly,

Please try to inform the Minister in cases of illness.

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Holcombe Hotel

Dear friends,

I need hardly say that with the passing of Doris, my wife and companion for sixty-two years, the year 1983 brings with it a note of sadness. And yet there is a credit side -

- 1. Doris has been released from the pain and suffering which she gallantly bore for several years:

 Revelation 21 v. 4
 - Very humbly, let me add, I have been upheld in a wonderful manner by the prayers and thoughts of relations and friends.

How, as we approach Christmas, I trust that the words of the hymn:-

'Love came down at Christmas Love all lovely, Love Divine'

may be yours in abundant measure.

With New Year greetings and my best wishes to you all, GORDON

It was with real sadness and shock that I learned of the passing of Jack Boughton on 5th December. He was a former colleague of mine and a friend for many years; a kind and unassuming man who bore his ill health with great fortitude.

God as always is rich in his mercies enabling Jack to join his beloved wife, Joan, whom he missed greatly. Jack will be missed by his many friends. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family at this time.

DOROTHY M. TURNER

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Connelly and all my many new friends, who welcomed me into the church last Sunday. To me it was a very moving experience and very uplifting.

When my dear husband died, in July, I thought my future looked very bleak and lonely, but starting with the memorable service at the Crematorium by Mr. Connelly and my first Sunday in the church, I have felt surrounded by a great warmth and friendship.

I would especially like to thank Mrs. Bobbie Hitchin - my sponsor - for her tremendous help and friendship during my husband's long illness. She was a pillar of strength to me and still is. Thank you all once again, and to quote from a letter in the December Chronicle - "you are not alone, if you are part of Goring U.R.C."

Yours sincerely,
DOROTHY MILLER

CHURCH HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Change of Address

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"I wish to thank the church for its kindness to me on my recent birthday, to the Minister, the Girls' Brigade, the Women's Guild, the Flower Secretary with the beautiful flowering plant, and several other friends. A big 'thank you' to all from DOROTHY M. HEDGCOMBE

THE FAMILY CIRCLE wishes to thank all those who have been part of its growing success during the past year. We have been delighted at the response we have had and have taken great joy in bringing together so many church members. We were particularly delighted to finish the year in grand style when we entertained over 100 at our Christmas tea party.

We are now busy planning for the coming year and look forward to offering you some interesting events, including perhaps, some old favourites. Meanwhile we would like to wish everyone best wishes for 1984.

> WILLIAM CONNELLY Chairman



While typing this issue I have heard by phone that our Minister, Bill, is very poorly. I am sure thatby the time this is distributed he will be feeling much better, and we want to assure him of our prayers as he leads our church into the New Year. God bless you, WILLIAM, and may you know that, in your own words for this season, He says: "Behold, I make all things new"."

AFRICAN DROUGHT COFFEE MORNING

Just a word to say - many thanks to everyone who contributed (in whatever way) to the Coffee Morning in the church hall on Thursday, 24th November. The sum raised from the sale of coffee and biscuits, cakes, brica-brac and donations, was £55.00 which is to be sent to 'Tear Fund' for use in the drought areas of africa.

DIANE CLAY "Contact"

I should like to express my grateful thanks for the many kindnesses shown me by our members during my recent illness. In particular I wish to offer special thanks to Mr. Connelly, Irene & Richard Tuley, Michael Donnelly, Hanny Weber, all of whom visited me; and to Susan Clark, Megan Williams, Ron & Jean Courtnadge, Ron & Eileen Jordan, and Mrs. Turner & the Flower team for their kindnesses.

A very special 'thanks' is due to Irene, Hanny and Susan in cleaning and putting up curtains in my new flat at 5 Valencia Road, ready for when I move in shortly. It is a blessing to be a member of a church where there are really caring people who show their concern actively when one is not well. It is good to see the spirit of our Lord so truly present in the hearts of our members and is further evidence of the movement of the Holy Spirit at work in our church. Let our prayers go out for any in this town who may be unwell or alone, with few to care for them, and if the Lord wants to use us to help any we are guided to, that we may be willing and able.

ROBERT WRIGHT Tel: 45805

WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Rev. Jack Money of St. Botolph's Church will be inducted as President of the Council for 1984 on - Friday, 18th January, 1984 at 8.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church. The speaker will be CANON PETER SPINK (Canon Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral). This will be an excellent opportunity to hear an outstanding figure in the Christian Healing Ministry today.

This will be a 'Service of Unity' for all churches throughout Worthing and District. Please make a note of the date and COME! It would be encouraging to see a much larger number of our church members on these occasions. Let us be seen to take our place in united witness with other Christians in this town.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

JUNIOR CHURCH



As a new year begins everything and everyone seem to have been busy and we aren't any different in Junior Church. Firstly, we had the toy service on 11th December, when the children brought along their toys to give to needy children in the area.

Then we had our Children's Festival on 18th December at 3.0 p.m. which was followed by refreshments in the Hall. On 3rd January, at 2.30 p.m. we will be carol singing for the old people at The Priory, South Street, Tarring. The children enjoy this as much as the old people do.

Finally, but not least, are the children's parties on Saturday, 14th January. Although the teachers run these, we are grateful to the ladies of M.E.F. who do the catering. Thank you, ladies!

In all the busyness that comes with Christmas it is good to remember why we do all these things. I hope that everyone takes some time to think about this and to remember the first ever Christmas and what the birth of Jesus really means to us personally.

On behalf of all the Junior Church we hope you have a very happy and blessed New Year.

WILMA SMITH

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS



Flowers for January, 1984

1st Flower Fund

15th Flower Fund

8th Mr. & Mrs. Boyce

22nd Mrs. Pat Stevens

29th Mrs. E. Dearsley

The list for flowers to be given during 1984 is in the Church vestibule. If you wish to contribute flowers on a specific date please insert your name. If in any difficulty - please contact me on 43843. A Happy New Year to all,

YOUTH CLUB

Many of you will be aware that, following several requests, we have combined with the Senior Section of the Junior Church for Bible Class on Sunday mornings. This has been taking place at 11.00 a.m. since September. As from Sunday, 1st January, 1984 the Youth Club Bible Class will be held at the original time of 9.50 a.m.

We recognised that the change from the original time to the 11.00 Class created both advantages and disadvantages, and therefore it was undertaken for a limited period only whilst we established the wishes of the Young People.

Leaders of both groups have shared and worked happily in this experiment. Both have a common desire to help young people find a true knowledge and relationship with the Lord for themselves. However, it is now clear that the majority prefer the flexibility of the original arrangement, and times of meeting.

Junior Church is already meeting for the Bible Class age-group in its original form, while the Young People's Class will be at 9.50 again as mentioned above. We hope all will feel able to support this decision and that some of the youngsters, whom we have missed of late, will be able to rejoin with us for the New Year.

RAY CLOSE

The Chronicle producers wish to thank most warmly, all those who help them with the production of the order papers, the church magazine and the Annual Handbook. We hope that 1984 will prove to be a year of peaceful production and punctual publication!



GIRLS' BRIGADE



Happy New Year! May it be for all of us, one of love and fellowship and peace. We are back on 17th January to what promises to be a long and busy session.

Girls' Brigade Week this year will be from 5th - 12th February, and in next month's magazine we shall have details of our activities for that week. During that time we are hoping for a visit from our Local Action Aid Worker, to hear about conditions in India and in particular to that part of India where Santhi, our adopted friend, lives. We have recently heard from Santhi and we are thrilled to know that she is doing well at school and is happy.

Thank you for your recent Christmas greetings and gifts. Our newly-launched blazer fund now stands at £150 and we are very grateful for your generosity. we have a lovely evening together on 10th December. a super ending it was to a wonderful year. May God bless us all. JEAN WEBB



Awards Evenings and Displays are, to any Girls' Brigade Officer, rather hard labour! Lots of preparation beforehand, a feeling of desperation somewhere in the middle, and on the actual day you wish you could be anywhere else in the world - Alaska maybe - or Woqqa Woqqa! Somehow, though, you and the girls get through it all, and then. Praise the Lord: it's over and it's a success. People laughed, people clapped and some even cried just a little!

CHURCH CALENDAR -

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS: 18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade

TUESDAYS: 17.30h Girls Brigade (Term commences on 17th)

WEDNESDAYS: 18.00h Anchor Boys

19.00h Boys' Brigade 19.30h Choir Practice

FRIDAYS: 19.30h Choir Practice 19.00h Boys' Brigade

19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

SATURDAYS: 19.00h Youth Club (12 years and over)

SUNDAYS: 09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITES & SERVICES:

1st SUNDAY 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel

11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion

18.30h Divine Worship

3rd Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

8th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel

11.00h Divine Worship 18.30h Divine Worship

10th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - New Year Party

14.45h Men's Fellowship - "Safety in the

Home" Talk by Mr. Hitcock & film

12th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy

Communion

14.45h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in the

Chapel

14th Saturday Junior Church & Bible Class Parties

15th Sunday 08.300h Holy Communion in the Chapel

11.00h Divine Worship

18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion

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16th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs.Turner "Christmas in Denmark" with slides
17th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
19th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
22nd Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Divine Worship
24th Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h	Women's Guild "New Zealand Holiday" Slides - Mrs. Burrage
26th Thursday	19.30h 14.15h	Church Meeting Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
29th Sunday	08:00h 11.00h 18.30h	Divine Worship
30th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Talk on "The Work of the Royal British Legion" Mr. Stanford (Open Meeting)
31st Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close The Group's 10th Anniversary

5th Worthing's recent Display was no exception to this format, but we are luckier than other Girls' Brigade Companies. We have as our Captain, Jean Webb. The hard work and dedicated organisation that Jean puts into anything concerned with her beloved Company, is truly amazing, and each of us - her Lieutenants - are proud to stand alongside her; proud and Privileged. Thank you, dear Jean, for all you do - for the girls, for we officers and for the auxiliary helpers.

May God Bless You and give you strength to carry on His work in the coming year, and many years to follow. (by request) ANON.



'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Mr. Brian Greenaway is the visiting speaker for our evening service on 22nd January. Mr. Greenaway is a Prison Evangelist of the London City Mission and friend of Mr. Basil Norgate, a former visitor in this series of services. The hour of fellowship and praise following that service will be in the hands of members of our Youth Group.

We have been aware, since its introduction some 18 months ago, that 'Praise Service' was not an ideal designation for the series, but it was short and to the point of what we had in mind. 'Celebration' has been suggested as an alternative. Do you have any other ideas?

The next meeting of the Worship Discussion Group has been arranged for 10th January at 7.0 p.m. at 3, Arun Close. If this earlier time is impossible, please come as soon as you can.

RON JORDAN Convenor

WOMENS GUILD

On 29th November, Mrs. Jenny White, the Worthing representative of Tear Fund, gave us a very interesting talk about the work in India, Africa and other parts of the world. This was followed by slides, It was good to learn that help is also given to Northern Ireland and Glasgow. Students on Voluntary Service Overseas do much of the work.

JEAN HILLIS

Our last meeting of the Autumn Session, on 13th December, was our "Christmas Afternoon" in which we were joined by the Men's Fellowship. What a joyful occasion it was as we were entertained by the boys and girls of West Park Middle School. Their carols, solos and recited poems, so heartily delivered, and the carols in which we were invited to join, made up a delightful programme which all enjoyed. Their teacher, Mrs. Clarke, and the children had obviously worked hard to produce such results. Mince pies and tea followed and were much appreciated. A collection taken for St. Barnabas' Home amounted to £20.50.

A New Year Party opens our next Session on Tuesday, 10th January, at 2.30 p.m. and it is hoped that all members will be there. New members can always be assured of a warm welcome. The Officers and Committee wish members and all our friends in the Church Fellowship many blessings in the New Year.

ETHEL GILBY

The Girls' Brigade Awards Evening

Christmas came early this year - so it was introduced in the finale portraying the Nativity; - beautiful singing, simple drama and clear narration - a memorable evening in every way.

Thank you, Girls and God Bless You All,

DOROTHY TURNER

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

How did you start the New Year? Were you thinking about all your troubles which you have had in the year just past? the sicknesses, the depressions, which you did not seem able to shake off? Your loneliness, the fact that the Lord did not seem to hear YOUR prayers and come to YOUR aid?

One year ago I was feeling just like that! I didn't think that I could take any more. Life was without much joy and my faith almost non-existent. How could I believe in a God who did not seem to care, at least not about ME?

Now, looking back one year later, I know that God was there all the time, listening to mine and the many, many prayers said on my behalf over a very long period; that He did and does care about me and that He loves me with an everlasting love. It was a slow progress, my way back to the only One who continually helped me, but half way through the year I once more knew the Lord's presence and, oh, bliss, the Lord's peace in my life and no words of mine can convey this beautiful reality.

My troubles seemed to disappear one after another, praise Him. And yet, He had more grace and blessings in store for me. Over a period of four weeks, I was healed by divine love in action of my croaky voice (I had been whispering after a bout of laryngitis in May 1982, almost 19 months!!) and also of my limp, which had been with me for nine years. Hardly had I recovered from the first miracle, when I was blessed once again. All I can say ... "My cup runneth over. Thank you, Jesus!"

What have I learned from all this?

First and foremost, to trust Him implicitly, no matter what my feelings may dictate. He is indeed faithful! Secondly, that there is a time and place for everything, and that God only knows the perfect time and place to deal with us and our problems. Not a minute too early, or too late. Lastly, but not less important, that I had to learn my lesson in discipleship, to let go of self and let God in.

Yes, to God be all glory, honour and praise for my double healing! In the words of Frances Havergal, I pray that I may only use my voice to sing praises to my King and that my feet may run swiftly for Him.

May I conclude in thanking all my many friends who stood by me, both in prayers and presence during my difficult time and both the ministers for their prayers and care. And to all those who at this time are sorely troubled, remember: Stand firm now and persevere, even if the hardship is great. God has already planned the moment when He will help you. He is greater than all your troubles and problems.

A Happy New Year in the Lord's Service!

HANNY WEBER

CHRISTIAN AID



Donators and collectors have been so generous of their money and/or their time during the past year, that for the record, monies paid in to the bank in 1983 are tabulated below: (regret error last month! EDITOR)

	£
Christmas Appeal (1982)	124.00
Austerity Lunch	100.00
Donation	200.00
Christian Aid Week:	
House to House collection	572.50
Church collection	142.50
In memory of Mrs. Pepperdine	71.00
From Estate of Mrs. Pepperdine	200.00
Harvest Thanksgiving	163.00
Turkey Earthquake Relief	100.41
Junior Church 'Widow's Mite' gi	fts
	6.50
Monthly donations per Mrs. Hele	
	1985.91
A date for your diary: collectors -	

Christian Aid Week, 1984 is 14th - 19th May.

RON JORDAN

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The Boys' Brigade

Goodbye 1983, being our Centenary year in the Brigade, and now onwards into this New Year. We do look forward to things going better for us as we seemed to have had more than our share of problems last year.

The best thing that happened was most likely the distribution of the special Centenary New Testaments to every boy in the Company, Junior & Anchor Sections. We hope and pray that each boy will truly treasure his copy of the Gospel. At our Jumble Sale in Boys' Brigade Week, we raised £165, which was good going. A few days after this event I sent a cheque for £168 to Brigade Headquarters to cover our capitation fees. It almost prompts us to sing "Pop goes the Weasel".

The Company has recently purchased a copy of the book "Sure & Steadfast" which deals with the history of the Boys' Brigade. As it costs £10 you may not consider buying a copy, but you may borrow ours for a small contribution. It was a joy recently to meet with a lady mentioned in the book. She was at a Leprosy Mission in India and started the 1st Dichpalli Company of the B.B.

Our Junior Section (originally the Lifeboys) reached its 25th Birthday on 21st December. Please keep praying,

DON STEWART Captain



THE ANCHOR BOYS

Friends of the Anchor Boys may be interested to know that a further £15 was sent to TEAR Fund in December to help provide clean, pure water for the poor people of India. The boys & their friends raised the money using "Water Drop" collecting cards distributed at their open evening in October.

EILEEN RHODES

Leader



CHRISTMAS SONNET

KNEEL & ADORE

KNEEL and adore - in humble reverence pray Beyond the stable door the manger stands
In which there lies, enwrapped in swaddlingbands

The Infant Jesus, on his Natal Day
The lowly shepherds simple homage pay,
And soon, the Magi from the Eastern lands
Shall greet the Child with present-laden hands
And with prophetic gesture point the way
To universal rule the Christ shall claim
Over the hearts and lives of all mankind.
His throne shall be established in the earth
And man, inured to sin shall find new birth;
Deaf ears shall hear, and eyes no longer blind
Shall make his glory their unceasing aim!

R.D. BROWNE

Taken from a Christian Periodical and was read at the Monday Evening Fellowship Christmas Evening. Thank you, DOROTHY B.

OUR STREET

In any street where 1,000 adults are living (that probably means about 300 homes and perhaps a block of flats) -

2 will be blind

13 will drink to excess and may be alcoholics

170 will be old age pensioners

30 will have accidents in the home

7 will be in a road accident and every sixth year one will die as a result

600 will go away for their holiday but 400 will stay at home

100 will receive supplementary benefits

2 will die of cancer

20 will be convicted in a magistrates court (mostly for driving offences)

100 will be hard of hearing

20 will need a hearing aid

l will be profoundly deaf

Put another way, this suggests that maybe within a few hundred yards of where <u>you</u> are living there are lots of people who need some help.

SOURCE - Patcham Parish Magazine - to whom - acknowledgments.

SOME THOUGHTS AS WE ENTER OUR CHURCH

Welcome and-

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



THE TRUTH



"What is truth?"

For a long time I have believed that truth, to be understood, must be lived; that Bible doctrine is wholly ineffective until it has been digested and assimilated by the total life. The essence of my belief is that there is a difference, a vast difference, between fact and truth. Truth in the Scriptures is more than a fact. A fact may be detached, impersonal, cold and totally dissociated from life. Truth on the other hand, is warm, living and spiritual. A theological fact may be held in the mind for a lifetime without its having any positive effect upon the moral character; but truth is creative, saving, transforming, and it always changes the one who receives it into a humbler and holier man. At what point, then, does a theological fact become for the one who holds it a life-giving truth? At that point where obedience begins.

"Theological facts are like the altar of Elijah on Carmel before the fire came, correct, properly laid out, but altogether cold. When the heart makes the ultimate surrender, the fire falls and true facts are transmuted into spiritual truth that transforms, enlightens, sanctfies. The church or the individual that is Bible taught without being Spirit taught has simply failed to see that truth lies deeper than the theological statement of it. We only possess what we experience.

"The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still".

DR. A.W. TO7FR

"Gems From Tozer" - Send The Light Trust 1969



HARD OF HEARING?

HEARING AIDS (acknowledgments to W.Worthing Baptists) If you move the control on your Aid to "T" you will automatically be connected to the church amplification system. If you have any difficulty please ask one of the stewards.

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FROM THE VESTRY



TWELVE MONTHS TO VICTORY

I have been asked to re-state some of the points made in the first of a series of talks on evangelism given on Sunday morning, 8th January.

The first point is that we regain that sense of URGENCY which belongs to the life and work of Jesus Christ. His coming among us is described in the Gospels thus: "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, saying - The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at Hand, Repent ye, and believe the Gospel. St. Mark l v. 15. We then considered the present year of Evangelism under two principal heads:

A. Let us assume that God will bring our work to an END at the close of 1984. What concentration of purpose, of zeal, of vigour this would bring among us. And yet, this is no hypothetical astatement. says "the time is short" and nowhere in the Gospel do we read of a PICNIC (!) except when Jesus fed 5,000 and 4,000 people - and far from being a Picnic, those events were demonstrative of the breaking in of the kingdom, through Christ, to the lives of people. How long have we left? How many souls pine for the gospel? what folly to assume that my work or yours may be preserved to go on for another year! The call to a "Year of Evangelism" is in itself a judgment upon what we have been doing with the Gospel entrusted to us in the life of the Church. Now let the Gospel do His work in us with urgency, hope and overwhelming victory.

B. The second point was concerned about our FELLOWSHIP. Our truest fellowship is to be found in Jesus Christ and without fellowship with Him there can be no fruit. "I am the Vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing." St. John 15 v.5.

Reference was made to that fellowship in the first century Church (Acts 2 v. 42) through which the Holy Spirit became active in the lives of men to bring the multidudes to Christ.

It may be that some among us flinched when I stated that I was not wholly pleased with the fellowship of the church, but this was given not to wound, but to heal, and to inspire us in sight of the work of evangelism that lies ahead. Nelson, it was observed, attributed his victories to his sailors, and not to tactics or building of ships; he said "I had the happiness to command a band of brothers". To a church whose concern is the victory of the Cross in the lives of men, a still nobler band of brothers and sisters in Christ is necessary - the question now is "Is Christ able to use our fellowship?"

We are victors through Christ, called to live victoriously over sin and death as a fellowship together. Live Christ from day to day and many will be brought into the Kingdom in this day which as ever is the APPOINTED TIME.

Blessings & Love,

William Connelly.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

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Mark Christopher BYERLEY
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Louise Anne ABURROW

18th December, 198325th December, 19838th January, 1984

"And they brought little children
And He blessed them"

MARRIAGES

Christine Florence ORMAN

to

Phillip Arthur MAY

7th January, 1984

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Angus Estelle THOMPSON 6th December, 1983

"So she cometh to her desired haven"

"Pip" BIGGS 13th December, 1983

who by his gentleness, good counsel and gracious following of his Lord, led many to Christ.

"Mark that man, and behold the upright. for the end of that man is Peace"

Helen Frances CATT 18th December, 1983

"Rest in the Lord"



Many gifts, greetings and expressions of Christian love have been exchanged among us at Christmas. The sick have been visited, and we urge you to continue your care. The months of January and February are very lonely ones for those who are kept at home by age or illness. To all who read this in hospital or nursing home, or in the quiet of a sickroom at home, may the light of God shine in the winter's darkness.

The Minister and his wife were pleased to learn of their daughter Fiona being received into membership of the Presbyterian Church in WESTWOOD, California.

Visits from our friends Beryl Chatfield, Edward & Jean Symmons and John & Barbara Titlow have been among our Christmas joys. We pray for them in their ministry.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to add my thanks to the kind actions of church, Girls' Brigade and Anchor Boys for their kind gifts for Christmas. It certainly puts a new heart into one to know so many care for others, and I am sure we all appreciate all the kindness shown. With very grateful thanks from

MRS. E. EDMUNDS

Two or three days before Christmas I was feeling very depressed when my bell rang. I opened the door and there stood a lady with a dear young lad, I was greeted with "Merry Christmas from the Boys' Brigade" and handed a charming Christmas card together with a most beautiful calendar showing two children praying. I was not depressed any more.

Something similar happened a few years previously but on that occasion it was a small girl (just like an angel) "Merry Christmas from the Girls' Brigade". On the envelope was a stamp "God loves You", which I have kept. Well done those two Brigades!

E.G. HANSON

The loving concern shown me during my time in hospital just before Christmas has been greatly appreciated. To all who upheld me by prayer, those who visited or enquired, and the Girls' Brigade who sent a "Get Well" card, my warmest thanks. Thank you, too for the lovely plant my husband and I received after my return home. May God bless you all.

FLORRIE FREEMAN

I am now home again after my hip replacement, and I would like to thank all the friends who so kindly sent me letters and flowers while I was in Dorking Hospital. Special "Thank you" for Bill Connelly's visit, and also to Captain Webb of the Girls' Brigade and Mrs. Turner, for the church flowers. I am now making good progress, and hope to be with you before long.



Many other 'thank you's' have been received by elders and ministers and among them were thanks from Mrs. A. Hopkins, Mrs. B. Wolleter, Mrs. M. Stephens, and Mrs. E. Dennis. All these friends received special gifts and greetings at Christmas from various organisations, and these have been much appreciated. EDITOR

Dear Friends. *********

I should like to thank the many good people who have remembered me with cards and letters this Christmas. I am afraid this letter will not reach the Editor until it is too late to be put into the January issue. Nevertheless, I will wish you all every blessing in the New Year. Your church is very dear to my heart. May God bless each one of you. With love,

MARJORIE HAYWARD



Dear Mr. Connelly,

On behalf of the children who will benefit from the toys your church has so kindly given us, may I ask you to thank your congregation. It seems incredible that there should still be families in need of this and that they increase each year. Our Society will be one hundred years old next year and the need for our work shows no signs of diminishing. I am very happy to take this opportunity to thank all those who support our work - Thank you. Insp. M. LONGHURST

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

OBITUARY.

My family and I wish to thank all who sent messages of sympathy on the death of Molly Taylor at the beginning of December last.

Molly was born on a small farm on the north coast of Ireland, near Coleraine. Farming was not then the prosperous industry it is today and even the smallest children had to work under conditions of near slavery. She had to help with the twice-daily ritual of milking the cows from the time she was four years old; hence the deformity of the two smallest fingers on each hand. Her escape, like many others in the same plight, was to nursing in Scotland, where she spent 4 years at Dumfries Royal Infirmary to do her training and a year at Glasgow Royal, doing her midwifery, mainly in the Gorbals area.

She had a very hard life when young, which may have resulted in her kind and generous disposition to others later in life. She is deeply missed.

ERIC R. TAYLOR

The Late Mrs. H.F. Catt

Mrs. Catt died after a long illness, on Sunday, 18th December in a nursing home. Our Minister, who conducted the funeral service gave us all a sense of peace and inspiration and he has our deepest gratitude.

As you may remember, both mother and I have been members since the days of Mr. Franks' Ministry and, although I am not able to attend services, my thoughts always move towards you all, and of course, Mr. Connelly brings me Communion regularly.

2 Strone Court, Wallace Avenue. Tel: 40428 JOAN CATT

CHURCH HANDBOOK AMENOMENTS

NEW MEMBERS:

AYLING, Mrs. E. 2 Durrington Gardens	502378
GREENYER, Mrs. J. 15 Durrington Gardens	44216
LEIGHTON, Mrs. D., 177 Terringes Avenue	46462
MILLER, Mrs. D., 4 The Strand	40623
ROSS, Miss M., 22 Keymer Crescent	40160
WOODHAM, Mr. W. 5 Southsea Avenue	42 79 3

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

MORTIMER,	Miss M.,	Flat 4, Hayward House,	
·	•	2 Shaftesbury Avenue	43698

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NO. CHALLIS, Mrs. N. 42575

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS



Flowers for February

5th The Rev. & Mrs. Connelly 19th Mrs. Ayling 12th The Girls' Brigade 26th Mr. & Mrs. E. Young

THE FLOWER FUND

My Sincere thanks for £13 received during December. Your continuing support is much appreciated.

I extend my grateful thanks to my regular quartet of ladies, together with Alison Batchelor, Bobby Hitchin and Mr. Groves for their help in decorating the church for the festive season. To the following organisations - The Women's Guild, The Monday Evening Fellowship, Anchor Boys and Girls' Brigade - many thanks for the shelf decorations. Boys' Brigade too, for the life-size Christmas card and the beautiful star in the E. Transept. Also, thanks to one of the Youth Club Leaders, his wife and Mr. Colin Nodes for erecting and dressing the Christmas tree. A warm thank you is due to Mr. & Mrs. Groves who took down the decorations by 6th January. God bless you all,

DOROTHY TURNER Flower Secretary

CHRISTIAN AID



"WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?"

There will be a Conference at The Old Rectory, Fittleworth, Sussex, from Tuesday, 7th February at 1.30 p.m. till breakfast time on Friday, 10th February. Accommodation and meals are provided. Cost varies from £43 to £59 but if more than three attend, one free place is allowed. Anyone interested please contact Robert Wright, Tel: 45805.

Amount Collected for January - £8.00 Christmas Appeal - £118.20

Received with grateful thanks,

HILDA HELE RON JORDAN



GIRLS' BRIGADE



5th - 12th February is Girls' Brigade Week and on Saturday 11th February we are holding a 'sponsor day' in the church hall between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Money raised will go towards our annual fees due in the Spring. During the morning we shall be serving coffee, so why not come along for a chat and also to listen to the Explorers as they have their sponsored 'sing' between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. At the same time you will be able to see how the Company Section are doing with their sponsored 'knit'. We look forward to seeing you.

At the time of writing, we have no further news of our Indian Evening. We had hoped for a speaker from Action Aid.

Meanwhile, our 1983 gifts to the church have arrived. We have placed six kneelers in the Little Chapel for folk who wish to use them for private prayer.

Captain has been asked to make clear to parents the fact that there is a waiting list for girls of Explorer age (5-8 years) to join Brigade. If you haven't already put your daughter's name on the list, you are advised to do so. Taking into account the names already on the list, there will be no further intake of 5-8 year olds until January, 1985 unless any little people leave. There's no waiting list for girls of 8 years and over. If in doubt 'phone 40546.

Blessings & Love,

JEAN WEBB Captain

BIBLE SOCIETY

I am grateful for the contributions amounting to £20 in the envelopes on Bible Sunday.

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER Associate Minister

CHURCH CALENDAR — FI

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS: 18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade

TUESDAYS: 17.30h Girls' Brigade (half term 21st Feb)

WEDNESDAYS: 18.00h Anchor Boys

19.00h Boys' Brigade

19.30h Choir Practice

FRIDAYS: 19.00h Boys' Brigade

19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel SATURDAYS: 19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)

SUNDAYS: 09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

5th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the	Little	Chapel
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11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion

18.30h Divine Worship

7th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - "Civic Affairs in

S.E. London" Mr. A. Groves

14.45h Men's Fellowship - "Holiday to India

& Kashmir" Talk & Pictures by

N. Prattent

19.00h Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Cl.

8th Wednesday 10.30h Bible Study Group at The Manse

9th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with

Holy Communion

14.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

11th Saturday 10.00h - 16.00h G.B.FUND RAISER IN THE HALL

(see G.B. Article)

12th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Little Chapel

11.00h Divine Worship - Parade Service

18.30h Divine Worship

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13th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. W. Kimber - "Light Bearer" Talk with slides
14th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
16th	Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
19th	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
21st	Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h	Women's Guild "The Sudan, A Country in Crisis" (slides) Mr. G. Dearsley Men's Fellowship joint meeting with the ladies
23rd	Thursday	14.30h 19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel Church Meeting
25th	Saturday	19.00h	Family Circle - QUIZ EVENING
26th	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship - Mr. John Rowlands followed by Fellowship & Praise in the Hall with refreshments
27th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Talk on "Home Safety" Mr. Hitchcock
28th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

ADVANCE NOTICE - A Date for your Diary!

The FAMILY CIRCLE will be holding a Barn Dance - with Live Music - on Saturday, 28th April

OBERAMMERGAU

The 7-day holiday in Austria, taking in the 350 th Anniversary performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play still has one or two vacancies.

We leave on 11th August, 1984 and the inclusive cost is £280. If anyone is interested please contact me or Mr. Connelly.

MARGARET BRIGGS

THE CHURCH IN INDIA CHEMA?

The Rev. Doctor Peter LEUNG, one of the Secretaries of the British Council of Churches, has recently returned from visiting China. He will be addressing a meeting at St. Columba's Church Hall on Tuesday, 28th February, at 2.30 p.m.

He will be able to give information on present situation of the Church in China and the relationship between Chinese Churches and the British Council of Churches.



HAYWARD HOUSE

Vacancies may occur in Hayward House from time to time and any member of the church or congregation who wishes to apply for residence, is invited to write to the Secretary, who will be pleased to furnish further details: Mrs. R.M. Hitchin, 12 West Park Lane, Goring.

WOMENS GUILD

Pt. 1

It was cold outside but the warmth of good fellowship greeted us as we came to our New Year Party. The occasion was made happier by our being able to greet Ethel again after her weeks of pain following a nasty fall.

As usual we were made to test our brains in the many competitions cunningly devised by Ethel. Do you know the date of Princess Anne's wedding? the maiden name of the Duchess of Kent? and have you heard of the nursery rhyme "Diddle diddle dumpling" (shades of childhood)?! Having worked so hard we were rewarded by tea and a mouthwatering display of cakes so kindly provided by Dulcie and even 'would be' slimmers yielded to temptation.

Thank you, Ethel and Dulcie, for such an enjoyable beginning to the Spring Session and for all your hard work during the year.

FREDA CALSTEREN

Pt. 2

On 7th February, Mr. Groves, who is joint secretary of the Men's Fellowship with Mr. Frazer Finlay, talks to us on "Civic Affairs in S.E. London". To those of us who know that district well and have worked there, this will be a fascinating talk. On 21st February there will be a joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship. Mr. G. Dearsley will talk on "Sudan - A Country in Crisis". He returned just before Christmas from a six weeks' tour of the Sudan and Nigeria and attended the International Conference of the Sudan United Mission in the Cameroons.

We give a warm welcome to all interested in mission work.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

THE CHOTR

How many people in the congregation are really concerned about our Choir? I feel it may be beneficial to have a referendum. Give all the folk coming to church on say - three Sundays - a slip of paper with three questions listed thereon:-

Yes No

- 1. Do you support a Choir for Church services?
- 2. Can you read music?
- 3. Would you consider joining the Choir given necessary information or assistance?

If the answer to question 3 is yes, please write your name and address on the back of this slip.

Do you think the referendum a good idea?

As some of you are aware, on two occasions at least recently there has been no Choir at the services. This was due to so many of the <u>very few</u> existing choir members being on holiday or away through illness. The Choir at our evening services presents a sorry spectacle. There may be three or four or maybe five members present.

Now I would ask, can this number "carry" the congregation, or prove adequate to introduce new songs to the congregation.

If there is no choir how will we, as a congregation, learn a new hymn and the chance of listening to an anthem will disappear. Again, is it fair to those who come for practice on Wednesday evenings to discover that, due to other commitments, there will be very few available on the Sunday to attend the Choir? Then too, we are asking

our Choirmaster, Mr. Bown, who is very diligent and devoted to the task, to attend practice and play the organ. It must be most discouraging for him to train only five or six choristers. I would not wish to be a Choirmaster under these conditions - would you?

So, lets have your replies and suggestions in the Chronicle. Let's see if you, the members, care. I trust some folk - somewhere, must, in our large congregation.

for an anonymous Church Member,

FRAZER FINLAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The West Sussex Education Committee (on which I serve to represent the Free Churches) have recommended to the West Sussex County Council the acceptance of the R.E. Handbook as aid to those conducting Assemblies and teaching R.E. in the schools in the County. It reflects a variety of successful teaching approaches in use in our schools. Much of the approach reminds me of the "Partners in Learning" courses in use in many of the Free Churches in Junior Church and Sunday School; the approach of commencing with the experience of the child - going from the known to the unknown. The Education Committee is of a definite mind that Christianity should be the basis of R.E. in our schools. This does not prohibit the reference to other faiths in the Handbook, especially as a comparative illustration. The Handbook is one for the schools of West Sussex. Other areas of inner cities with different cultural, ethnic and sociological surroundings, would require their own handbook as an aid to R.E. in their situation. In our area it is right to have an emphatic emphasis on the story of Christianity and a biblical basis. I am glad to see so many references to the Bible in the Handbook. A good knowledge of the English Bible is equal to a good liberal education.

There is a need to distinguish between Religious Instruction and Religious Education. Instruction is the

responsibility of the Church and of the Home. "Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life". (Proverbs 22 v. 6, G.N.B.) Regligious Education, on the other hand, has a wider canvas on which to teach. R.E. cannot ignore other subjects on the curriculum. The effect of Christianity on European Civilisation and history for example. I would like to see in R.E. an emphasis on ethics. The teaching of right and wrong. Also, I would like to know that young people leaving school knew the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, the Beatitudes of Jesus, and 1 Corinthians Chp. 13. These are a basic part of our heritage.

I hope the R.E. Handbook is soon in the hands of the teachers. Only they can test its value as an <u>aid</u> to inculcating that quality of life which Christianity proclaims. R.E. is the one compulsory subject which must be taught in our schools, and it is the most difficult subject to teach. Those who take on the responsibility of teaching R.E. need our understanding and support, also our prayers. As Solomon prayed for his people "Teach them the good way wherein they should walk" (1 Kings 8 v. 36 A.V.) "Teach them to do what is right". (G.N.B.) If the R.E. teachers in our schools do this they will earn our gratitude. The choice of denominational instruction is a matter for parental decision and guidance, or the choice of the student. We in the churches should not expect R.E. in schools to do our work for us.

RON CHRISTOPHER

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Those who heard Mr. John Rowlands speak to us at the Youth Group's Family Carol Service will be pleased to learn that he is to be our guest speaker on 26th February. This evening service will be followed, in the large hall, by an hour of fellowship, with praise led by our talented young people.

The next meeting of the Discussion Group has been arranged for 7th February, at 7.00 p.m. as usual at Jean and Fred Marsh's home.

RON JORDAN Convenor

The Boys' Brigade



Not a very good start for the New Year, as we suffering some loss of boys in the Company Section. It is hard to accept the fact of losing a boy especially when we feel we may be partly to blame. It would be so easy to say that it is entirely the boy's fault because he is unable to accept the objects of the Boys' Brigade. Do you feel that if you were a boy of the present day you could live up to the objectives? Even in our disappointment of a boy leaving, we generally part on the best of terms and pray that we may have sown in his life the seed, and that one day that seed will germinate. just ask you to keep praying, not necessarily for our membership to increase, but that we can indeed fulful our purpose in extending Christ's Kingdom in the lives of the boys we still have with us in all the sections of the 5th.

It has been good to have seen the B.B. a little more in evidence in television programmes recently. Two highlights have been the Songs of Praise from Romsey on the 21st December and the Smith Boys on 2nd January. We are hoping to obtain video recordings of these programmes so that you may have the opportunity of seeing them in the near future.

DONALD STEWART

THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER, The Rev. R.C. Christopher, would be grateful for someone to help him by undertaking shorthand/typing or audio-typing. Please phone him on 30330 if you feel able to do this.

CONTACT

Looking back over last year, it was a year of change for the Group, with several new members coming in, and others moving on to deeper commitment to the Lord.

I wish to say 'thank you' to Janet, both for her prayer support, and for being available while I was leading the Group along; to Diane, who stepped in to the lead with me later in the year; to Mary & Bea for making the Coffee; and to Carole for looking after our finances. I'm sure many will wish to say 'thank you' to Dulcie for her much valued work in the creche, and for making the effort to get to know the mums, also being an important link with the new mums coming into the church.

My time as Leader has now ended so please, girls, give Diane the support she needs and deserves. We are all required to play our part in the Body of Christ. I am confident that by now there will be someone to lead with Diane, and I wish the Group well for the coming year. I know the Lord has great things in store if we are open to His Presence and His leading.

This month's meeting is on 2nd, with no Coffee Morning, as the 4th Thursday falls in half-term. Any mums new to the church, please feel welcome to come along for coffee and fellowship.

With love in Christ,

BARBARA WATSON

Dr. Barnardo's 1984

Last year we as a Fellowship failed to send a contribution to Barnardos through lack of communication in the higher ranks. This year, however, Barnardo's Week will be 5th - 17th March, and Mrs. Lesley Richards has undertaken to organise the house-to-house collection instead of me. I know that those of you who have helped in the past will give her your support, and if there are any folks who would like to add their help by doing even just one road, perhaps you would be kind enough to contact Lesley. I know she will do well, and trust that we shall be able to send up to Barnardos a worthwhile contribution. With many thanks to all those who have helped in the past.

STONHAM HOUSE

As the Church assisted this project last year by a donation, I thought that it would be a good idea if I gave you a progress report on the establishment.

The house, a large one, has now been converted into a hostel for nine residents and two staff. The residents are all suffering from psychiatric disorders and having received medical treatment (usually at Graylingwell Hospital) are now well enough to contemplate returning to their former homes. The pressure on the Hospitals is so great that there is no opportunity for them to stay in Hospital until they are completely better, which in some cases my take years, so the provision of such accommodation as Stonham House offers, is of vital importance to all of us. During the last year we are pleased to report that there have been great improvements in some of the residents, who will be taking the great step back into the hurly burly of everyday life in the near future.

This house was the outcome of theWorthing and South West Sussex Association for Mental Health's initiative in obtaining the backing of the Stonham Housing Association to establish the project. (The Worthing & S.W.S. Assn for Mental Health is the local branch of MIND). Further moves are afoot, and it is hoped to establish a second hostel this year. The strategy is established to produce one more each year for the next five years, giving a total of about fifty beds for the patients who will be eventually coming out of the new Psychiatric Unit to be built at Worthing

Hospital starting next year. Without these hostels, the new 40-bedded unit would soon be completely blocked with 'long stay' patients for whom there will be nowhere to go for recovery.

If any of our Church members would like to have a visit to the Hostel, I would be pleased to take them. Just give me a ring.

ERIC POPPLESTONE

Chairman of the House Committee STONHAM HOUSE



FAMILY

OUIZZ

SATURDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 1984

ALL ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO ENTER A TEAM OF 3 PEOPLE
(There will be questions to suit all ages)

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Come and support your team and see if you can answer the questions

Teams to be notified to Robin Bradley (40908) not later than Saturday 10th Feb.

ENTRANCE 20p FREE Refreshments Transport Available on 63755

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE . WEST WORTHING



FROM THE VESTRY



BELIEVING PRAYER

The Pastoral Committee has been given the responsibility for doing much of the preparatory work for the Year of Evangelism and by the time you read these notes will have met over a working breakfast! This is not because we believe that Evanglism begins with more and more meetings, but because the Minister has no more evenings available for meetings, unless pastoral and preparatory work is to be neglected. You would, no doubt, agree that such neglect would be a poor contribution to the work we have before us.

One of the most important contributions to our Year of Evangelism is that of truly believing PRAYER. The reason for qualifying the meaning of prayer will quickly be seen by a perusal of the following texts. The Disciples, and we must be among them, asked "Lord, teach us to pray". (St. Luke XI.I). With them we are called to enter into the LORD'S School of Prayer. The words which follow in this chapter, known as The Lord's Prayer, indicate the principles upon which believing prayer begins. Read and follow these rules well, and you may then begin more clearly and earnestly to pray in that believing and trusting spirit of Jesus, whose prayers commanded the attention and even astonishment of the Disciples, and were wonderfully blessed and answered by the FATHER.

The Psalmist (Ps. 62 v. 8)- "Pour out your heart before Him". Moses, (in Exodus 34 v. 8) "Made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped". Job 23 v. 3 says "Oh that I knew where I might find Him! that I might come, even to His seat". Habakkuk 2 says "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower". The Lord Jesus prays, (St. John 17 v. 19) and for their sakes I sanctify myself". At Gethsemane, St. Matthew (26 v. 36) says "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder".

St. Paul prays "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father". (Ephesians 3 14 - 19). Jeremiah hears a way to pray to God "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me when ye shall search for me with all your heart - (Jeremiah 29.13.) Isaiah speaks "Let us plead together" (Isaiah 43 v. 26). In St. Matthew we read of Jesus "When thou hast shut thy door PRAY - (Matthew 6 v. 6.) In Revelation 4 v. 8 those who wait before the throne are "full of eyes and without rest".

We are called to pray as LEARNERS AND BELIEVERS in Christ's School of Prayer; pouring out our hearts; making haste to bow down; in uncertainty, that with Job we may find and be found of Him; watching in prayer with Habakkuk; in prayer that we may be sanctified, for the work of evangelism; without ceasing in private and public; seeking with all our heart; pleading in prayer; full of eyes in imaginative prayer; Lord TEACH US TO PRAY.

with every blessing,



William onnelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS! to Julian Brewer on attaining his qualification as a Certified Accountant. God Bless you, Julian as you offer this service to the Lord.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM MUIRHEAD 17th January "and He is mine for ever"

ERIC JONES

20th January

whose gentle ways in Christ were honoured by God in his gentle removal from earth to heaven. In ERIC, the text "there is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear" became a living experience and we commend in the same Holy Love Betty and their family to God's keeping.

PHYLLIS BLENKINSOPP 20th January whose quiet brave endurance inspired many

ERNEST STENT 20th January reunited with the wife he cared for and loved in sorrow and in joy

HARRY LEADER

29th January

A man renowned as an outstanding member of the community; water engineer of the Borough of Worthing for many years. A good neighbour whose generosity to those in need was known only to a few - and they remember with thanksgiving.

"He cometh to his desired haven"

HEATHER CLAPCOTT

3rd February

"O Love that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

WILLIAM HOWARD 4th February One who served country, home and family. Reunited with his loved wife in heaven.

BAPTISMS

PAUL COLIN EASEY 12th February NICOLA CHARLOTTE MARTIN 19th February

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee"

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Mrs. B. Reynolds, who sustained a fall recently, Miss J. Dyer, who bravely struggles to overcome her disability. Mrs. D. Clapcott, recently bereaved, and many others whom you are invited to add to your prayer list. May God bless all those in need, and bring us near to His throne, with them, in his healing work.

Mrs. E. Bown, who is unwell in Southlands Hospital. We send our love and reassurance to Mr. & Mrs. Bown (our Choirmaster & his wife).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

"May I offer my sincere thanks to the Girls' Brigade and friends in the Congregation, for their enquiries and good wishes during my recent illness".

NORA GROVES

"It is difficult to find words to express my appreciation for all the kind messages, flowers and visits from dear Bill, and also Mr. Christopher, Irene Tuley, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Bradley, and the many other friends sent to me since my dearest husband, Eric, passed peacefully to his rest.

The beautiful service in church was something I shall never forget. My son, Peter, joins with me in sending our most grateful thanks for all yourlove and prayers. God bless you all,

BETTY D. JONES

Eric & Barbara Popplestone wish to thank all their fellow elders and friends at the church for their prayerful support over a very prolonged and difficult time last year. May God richly bless all who seek to serve Him in this wonderful way.

ELECTION OF ELDERS

THE ELECTION OF ELDERS will take place at the Church Meeting to be held on 26th July, 1984.

The Elders who will retire by rotation, but who are eligible for renomination are:-

MR. C. NODES, DR. A CLARK, MR. P. ARCHER, MR. K. IRVING MRS. B. POPPLESTONE, MR. E. POPPLESTONE

There are, therefore, six vacancies.

Nominations which should be in writing and seconded by the proposer and seconder, but not needing the consent of the Nominee, should reach the Minister or Church Secretary, not later than 31st March, 1984.

Nominees will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who agree to stand for election will be announced at the Church Meeting to be held on 28th June, 1984. Each Church Member will soon thereafter receive a ballot paper and will be asked to vote for up to six of the Nominees, and to return the ballot paper to the Minister or Church Secretary before the commencement of the Church Meeting on 26th July, at which the Election will take place.

All are asked to prayerfully consider the nomination process and to submit nominations by 31st March, 1984 at the very latest.

RAY H. NEWELL Church Secretary

THE MINISTER will be very pleased to meet those who desire to consider Church Membership, either on Profession of Faith or by Transfer from another church. This year of Evangelism invites us to commit or to recommit ourselves to the Lord.

A word by telephone - best times-early morning or 5-6.00 p.m.; or a note in the collecting dish, or a word to an elder or steward, would help.

THE STOCKELE: March 198

More about the Choir

If you had considered joining the Choir, following Hr. Frazer Finlay's article last month, perhaps you will be interested to know that, at the Annual General Meeting of the Choir held on 15th February, it was agreed, with the Minister's blessing, that in general, there would be no choir at our evening services for the time being.

Following this decision, if you can attend Choir Practice on Wednesday evenings, and are normally regular at Morning Worship, we would be pleased to welcome you, S.A.T.or B., into our number. Please ring our Choirmaster, Mr. E. Bown, on Worthing 65712, or me on 65047, if you are interested.

CATHERINE HUNT Choir Secretary



COVENANTORS

If you use the weekly envelopes system will you please ensure that your giving is up to date on Sunday, 1st April if valuable Tax Relief is not to be lost.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all Covenantors by whose thoughtful giving the Church received Tax Refunds totalling £3,185.00 in 1983.

RICHARD TULEY Covenant Secretary

FAREWELL:

to Matthew, Wilma, David and Lesley Smith as they prepare for their imminent removal to Scotland. May God bless them richly in their new home surroundings, and in their future lives and vocation.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Many members of our congregation give most generously to the church in various forms. Some, annually by cheque, some by Direct Debit with their bank, some at set periods by cheque or contribution, but, a large number like to give regularly each week. This has many benefits to many people. The outgoing is less, and can be more easily regulated or budgeted for by many of us. It also helps our Treasurer to estimate his income and align with his projected expenditure.

Although we are now into the third month of the year, I should be very pleased to issue a set of Envelopes for your regular weekly giving, under the Free Will Offering Scheme, to any member of the congregation who feels they would like to contribute by this means and do not, at present, utilise one of the other systems of giving.

This may mean a bit more work for me to do; not only to issue the envelopes, but to record the amount each week. However, that will give me pleasure, and I should think the Church Treasurer would be very happy if our annual income meets all possible expenses for the year.

As we are all aware, material costs and others keep increasing each year and so, may I ask you to sincerely and prayefully consider your regular giving to church funds, under this very suitable scheme, of a weekly Free Will Offering.

FRAZER FINLAY F.W.O. Treasurer

TRANSPORT - If anyone from Ferring has a spare seat or two in their car on Sunday, please let me know. E. Dearsley (Tel: W. 45751)

BABYSITTER - For a babysitter-

Sharon Burningham, 142 George V. Avenue, West Worthing, Tel: 49070

for a reliable, experienced babysitter at a reasonable charge, or contact THE MINISTER.

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

The Rev. Robert Boulter is to be our guest speaker at our Evening Service on 25th March. Mr. Boulter has been invited to conduct our services on a number of occasions since moving to Pagham U.R.C., and he is a welcome visitor.

Following the Service: -

PRAISE will be led by the capable and musical members of our Youth Club.

REFRESHMENTS will be served by Mrs. Robin Bradley and her willing helpers.

FELLOWSHIP is in your hands!

The Next meeting of the Discussion Group has been arranged for 20th March, at 8.00 p.m. at 3 Arun Close.

RON JORDAN Convenor

Church News Service -

"A tribesman in a remote island in the Philippines was lent the famous book by Dr. Billy Graham 'Peace with God'. He returned other books but retained this one, reading it several times. Eventually he came to the missionary reluctantly to return the book and said "It feels as if something new has happened to me". All unwittingly, he was describing the work in his surrendered life, of the Holy Spirit, through whom as his subsequent life bore eloquent witness, he was "born anew", "The new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness".

("Life of Faith")

"Inflation protest from top German banker, Alwin Muenchmeyer: 'The Lord's Prayer has 54 words, the Ten Commandments - 317, but a Common Market directive on the import of caramel and caramel products goes on for 26,911 words!"



WORTHING & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

UNITED SERVICE In St. Paul's Church

This service had three main facets of interest and importance:-

First: - It marked the beginning of 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'

Second: - The Induction of Sir Ronald Gould as President for a second term.

Third: - A very interesting Address by CANON PETER SPINK.
(Canon emeritus of Coventry Cathedral) and
Prior of Kent House, Tunbridge Wells, the
Centre of the Omega Order, of which he is
the Founder.

It would be appropriate to entitle his Address:-

WHOLENESS WITHIN A NEW DIMENSION

The hall mark of the Omega Order is 'Contemplation in action'. To contemplate is to see in a certain way. Such seeing only comes from the practice of those spiritual disciplines which awaken the heart to 'the truth as it is in Jesus'. It begins with insight into oneself - extends to an accurate perception of others - a seeing into those great movements of history which shape the destiny of man.

There are today many Ministries of Healing operating at different levels. Healing at the deepest level is related to inner harmony and spiritual growth. It seeks to direct man towards his true Source, and is therefore 'Christ Centred'.

The Omega is concerned with 'The New Ecumenism' - that is, unity at the level of a common spirituality.

Thirty years ago divided Christians began to re-discover the meaning of essential unity. Today Unity which unites 'all the people of the Way' is coming into consciousness.

CHURCH CALENDAR --

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	18.00h	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys)
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

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lst	Thursday	10.15h	Contact Coffee Morning in the Cornwall Room
4th	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
6th	Tuesday		Women's Guild "Worshippers of the Sun" Slides & Music - Dr. B. Shaw Men's Fellowship "Work of the Salvation Army in Worthing for 100 Years" Lt. Col. Dale (retired)
8th	Thursday	10.30h 14.30h	·
llth	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Parade Service Divine Worship
12th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "The Arts & Crafts" - Mr. Pennells, Adult Education

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Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
Saturday	10.00h	Coffee Morning with Contact & M.E.F. See separate notices
Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h 20.00h	Women's Guild "An Afternoon of Song" Goring Townswomen's Guild Men's Fellowship "Members' Afternoon - A Summary of Work & Moves we've Madë" Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Cl.
Thursday		ELDERS' MEETING Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship - The Rev. R. Boulter followed by Fellowship & Praise in the Hall with refreshments
Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Talk on "Action Research" into crippling diseases in children (slides)
Tuesday	14.30h	Film on the Holy Land to be shown in the Hall, with commentary by courtesy of friends in the Worthing Probus Club - ALL WELCOME
Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
Thursday	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING
	Saturday Sunday Tuesday Sunday Monday Tuesday Tuesday	11.00h 18.30h Tuesday 14.45h 14.45h 20.00h Thursday 19.30h 14.30h Sunday 08.00h 11.00h 18.30h Monday 20.00h Tuesday 14.30h

In an age when long established patterns of life are disintegrating, and civilisation appears to be on the verge of collapse, Omega is aware of the urgent need to foster a vision of 'WHOLENESS' so that man can find meaning in the present, and hope for the future, within the Christian Religion, and the disciplines of Science, Medicine and the Arts.

Conferences and Seminars are held at Kent House to that end. Canon Peter Spink has travelled, so far, to New Zealand, South Africa, and the U.S.A. to help extend this work and 'Vision' abroad.

At the end of the Service the whole congregation made the following affirmation:-

"We accept anew our calling to make visible our unity in Christ.
We commit ourselves to serve one another in love - not only in word but in deed.
In the coming year we will strengthen our efforts for common action, prayer, and worship.
Come. Holy Spirit, help us in this task".

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

P.S.

It was very encouraging to see a number of our own congregation present at this service.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS



FLOWERS for MARCH

4th Mrs. Barnett 11th Mr. Turton 18th Mr. C. Nodes 25th Mr. & Mrs. Beale & Chapel - Mr. Wraight

Flower Fund - Our grateful thanks for £16 received during January and February.

DOROTHY M. TURNER Flower Secretary

EVANGELISM TODAY

1. Introduction

One of our members complained to me about the use of religious terms. What did the word Evanglism mean? Why not express the meaning in plain language more easily understood? I do not think religion is alone in having special terms, even a language of its own. Music, sport, art, or any hobby you like to mention will have its own terms in language. The term Evangelism looks at first sight a strange word. The Evangelism looks at first sight a strange word. The Evangelism is the Gospel, the Good News. Evangelism is the preaching of the Good News that Jesus Christ died for all, whatever their colour, language or race. In the Reformed tradition of the Church the Evangel has emphasis on FAITH in Jesus as Lord and Saviour as the intital step towards salvation. This does not deny that the Church's sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are a means of grace.

It is of note that it is our own United Reformed Church which has called us to a Year of Evangelism. We do not enjoy an "evangelical" reputation. Of course, we have an evangelical ancestry with our roots in the 16th and 17th-Century. The London Missionary Society, and the Presbyterian Mission in the past, and the Council for World Mission in the present. have a creditable missionary achievement. us would claim to be as keenly concerned for the propagation of the Gospel as any. The fact remains that we do not enjoy an "evangelical" reputation. Scholarly preaching, dignity in worship, a strong system of church government and equity in finance are generously attributed to us, but we have not convinced our generation that we are efficiently equipped for the popular presentation of the Faith. While we should no doubt be in the forefront of any defence of the gospel, few would think of us as its spearhead. This Year of Evanglism provides an opportunity for our Ministers, Elders and Members to think about and examine that Evangel which our Lord has commissioned us to proclaim. First of all, is it Good News for ourselves?

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

Radio Sussex gave some Bible Society statistics recently. Scripture translation is now available in 1785 languages. In 1983 new translations were made in 24 languages. The complete Bible is available in 285 languages: The New Testament in 570 languages: In addition at least one book of the Bible is available in 930 languages. importance of Scripture translation and production is that THE SCRIPTURES ARE THE CUTTING EDGE OF EVANGELISM. motive behind the Good News Bible translation is that of providing a tool for evangelism. The Bible speaks today. The missionaries were surprised to receive a request to a visit a certain village. They did not know the village. When they found the village, they were told how one of the villagers had visited the town and purchased a copy of Mark's Gospel, and he was the one in the village who could Towards the end of the day the folk would gather under the tree and the man would read from the Gospel of Mark. The village became cleaner and better behaved. They said to the Missionaries "please come and tell us more about Jesus". This is what Evangelism is all about - to tell more about Jesus and His love. RON CHRISTOPHER

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

I expect many people have heard of the Open University and some of the short courses such as "The First years of Life" and "The Pre-School Child". However, here are many more: "Parents & Teenagers", "Planning Retirement", "Energy in the Home", (how to save it!) and "Caring for the Older Person" - to name but a few.

The material is very flexible, lending itself to usage in a wide variety of ways: study by oneself, or with family and friends, use by self-help groups, volunteers and/or professionals. It can be bought (or some parts bought) hired or loaned, whatever is required. If anyone is interested do give me a ring for further information.

DIAME CLAY Tel: W.49225 We started 1984 in grand style with another interesting travelogue from our dear friend, Dorothy Turner, with the seasonable title of "Christmas in Denmark". At our second meeting we had a talk from Mr. Stanford of the British Legion. Many of us were enlightened by his description of the work carried out by this fine organisation so much more than the making of poppies!

For the future, our Secretary, Betty Razzell, has a varied and interesting programme lined up for us. Any lady who would like to enjoy this is sure of a warm and friendly reception.

For our members, potential members and all Church Hembers, here's news of a special event being organised by H.E.F. and Contact to raise funds for Brian Greenaway and his Prison Evangelism. This will take the form of a Coffee Horning. See separate notice in this magazine and please do give us your support. Put it in your diaries now - Saturday, 17th March at 10.00 a.m. God bless you all, 30AN FOOIT

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We have been very fortunate in our "Speakers" at the start of our Spring Session. Mr. Hitchcock gave a most interesting and informative talk on "Safety in the Home". His anecdotes assisted to emphasize some aspects of this major feature of everyday life. The heavy load of exhibits brought along by our second speaker, Mr. A. Bing, did much to illustrate his in-depth story of the development of Cissbury, also the type of people who lived and worked in the area. His exhibits were only a fraction of those he possessed, but his knowledge of this area is widely sought by teachers of archaeology. Our third interesting and illustrated talk was given by our church member, Mr. N. Prattent. Norman and his wife had a recent holiday in II. India, and so we saw and heard something of the impressions one obtains on a brief visit to this vast country. Finally, may I on behalf of the Fellowship, extend an invitation to any new Church Members or even older Church Members not yet attached to the Fellowship, to come and join us on Tuesday afternoons. Our next meeting will be held on 6th March - we meet every fortnight at 2.45 p.m. in the East Hall. You will be most welcome.

FRAZER FINLAY (Half of Secretariat)



CHRISTIAN AID

Amount collected during February

£34 received with thanks, HILDA HELE

WOMENS GUILD

February! Not a very happy month weatherwise, but within the Guild, marvellous attendances and warmth of friendship have prevailed. We were taken for a holiday in New Zealand by Joan Burrage. She shared with us the holiday she and Les had had with their family last year. The slides depicted the sheer beauty of those two islands and were breathtaking. Two contrasting islands, each with their own beauty. How wonderful to be able to "share" each other's pleasurers!

Civic Affairs in S.E. London, a talk given to us by Mr. Groves, brought us down to earth. It left some of us bewildered by the changes wrought in that part of London over the last sixty years; changes very necessary in some cases, but extravagant in others? - Better homes, but families ruthlessly split! Do we understand any better the problem of the G.L.C. and the powers that be at the moment?

6th March - Worshippers of the Sun (Slides & Music) with Dr. B. Shaw

This, I think, will be a fascinating afternoon with a trip to S. America. Dr. Shaw has a degree in Biology.

20th March - An Afternoon of Song with Goring Townswomen's Guild, arranged by

Mrs. Calsteren.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

COFFEE MORNING FOR BRIAN GREENAWAY'S WORK

BRIAN GREENAWAY - A Prison Evangelist with the London City Mission - spoke at our evening service on 22nd January. Having once been a prisoner himself at Dartmoor, where he was converted, he has a special understanding of the needs of the prisoners he visits and the 100 or so with whom he corresponds.

Mr. Greenaway shared with us some of his own needs as a prison evangelist and as a result, Monday Evening Fellowship and Contact Group are holding a COFFEE MORNING with a CAKE STALL & BRING & BUY STALL on SATURDAY, 17th March at 10.00 a.m. to raise funds for his work amongst prisoners outside the London area.

We are also collecting CHRISTIAN PAPERBACK BOOKS for Brian to send to prisoners. There is a collecting box for these books in the Church Vestibule.

Brian in his newsletter said "Christians should be involved with prisoners, and many are, but many don't even know that God is at work in our prisons!! Jesus came to earth as much for the unlovely, the lepers, the prostitutes, and those in prison; He told us to forgive those who sin against us and to love our enemies, that requires action not just prayer.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR COFFEE MORNING IN THE CHURCH HALL on SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1984 from 10.00h until 12.00 noon.

THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER, The Rev. R.C. Christopher, would be grateful for someone to help him by undertaking shorthand/typing or audio-typing. Please phone him on 30330 if you feel able to do this.



GIRLS' BRIGADE

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Captain and all Officers to say "thank you" to all those who supported our Sponsored Knit during our Brigade Week, either by your sponsorship or by coming to share a coffee whilst listening to the Explorers' joyful singing. What a happy band of 19 they were who managed 30 songs for their sponsors. There were about 40 girls in the older sections, knitting or doing "jobs"; obviously so glad of the fellowship and encouragement of each other and having a good sing to finish up with. What a lovely day it was! The sum of £70.00 was raised during the day with sponsor money to come in.

We received a lovely letter from Santhi, the little Indian girl we sponsor, and it is good to follow her steady progress. Captain has asked me to say that, with the abolition of the half-penny at the end of December next, we will still gratefully receive the $\frac{1}{2}p$ until then and afterwards we shall be collecting lps. thank you.

Thank you for saving Toilet Roll Insides, which we no longer need, but we would be grateful for empty Cereal Packets, Crispbread boxes, etc. please.

Our Bible-a-Month Scheme this month goes to Zaire.

We shall miss Jackie Medlycott at Brigade during the next few weeks following her visit to hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

MARGARET CRACHILL



The idea, probably emanting from Captain Jean Webb, that members of the Girls' Brigade should take an interest in an elderly person, is excellent from all points of view.

It has been my privilege to receive from Emma West, aged 10, letters, drawings, paintings and in December last, a design of an Indian Wall Creeper, all of which I treasure.

Of course, the privilege carries a responsibility, namely, letters to Emma, so I have to put on my thinking cap in order to send a satisfactory reply.

The process by means of which the "idea" is fostered, results in mutual understanding, which is good for both parties, yes, and for the Brigade.

GORDON WRAIGHT





"Thank you for your sermon, Vicar - it's one of my favourites!"

CONTACT

CONTACT COFFEE MORNINGS will be held in the Cornwall Room on the following dates:-

Thursdays -

1st March 5th April
3rd May 7th June
5th July 6th September

4th October 1st November

6th December

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THE TREFOIL GUILD

Were you a Brownie or Guide? Now older or retired? Come and meet - The Highdown Trefoil Guild. You will be sure of a welcome. We meet every third Monday at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's Hall, Ripley Road, W. Worthing. Ring: Mrs. Mary English (Secretary) on Worthing 501966 for more information.

The Doctor went to see him,
The Vicar didn't go,
The Doctor had been sent for,
The Vicar didn't know.
The Doctor was rewarded
With a handsome little cheque.
The Vicar for not knowing,
Just got it in the neck.



JUNIOR CHURCH

As I write my last report, I think back to the last two and a half years that I have been part of Junior Church. It has not just been a time of teaching children, but a time of fellowship with other teachers, the children and most of all, with The Lord. Through the discipline of prayer, preparing lessons, attending a teaching course and everything else that teaching involves, I have grown closer to the Lord. It is true where the Bible says 'give and you shall receive' because through teaching the children I have received many blessings, and I thank God for them.

February and March sees Junior Church busy again preparing for the Scripture Exams which are to be held on Friday, 16th March. As a reward for all the hard work done, we intend to have a lunch for the children, directly after Church on Sunday, 18th March. Soup will be provided by the teachers and children are to supply packed lunches. We found this to be a success last year and extend an invitation to any parents who would like to join us. It is planned that the afternoon will finish at 3.00 p.m.

A future date for your diaries - Sunday, 20th May CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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FROM THE VESTRY

CLAIM YOUR PLACE!



This is my call to YOU on the morning of PALM SUNDAY, 15th April at 11.00 a.m. All who are members & friends of the Church are asked to take their place at a special service to PROCLAIM this Year of Evangelism. EVANGELISM means GOOD NEWS of God's act of salvation to us in the gift of JESUS CHRIST. The purpose of our coming together is PROCLAMATION with an invitation to all to share in this GOOD NEWS.

The present state of our world is indicative of our need to stand up and be counted on the Lord's side. Complacency and apathy have too long been symptomatic of the life, or death of the institutional church, and the United Reformed Church emphasis has always been "United for Mission". It is our prayer, our hope and our trust that all those who look to this church as being their spiritual home, will claim their place on Palm Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

We hope that the evening service will emphasise the need for a clearer and more convinced COMMITMENT to CHRIST, and that you will be present to make your response. A DAY of PRAYER is being held in the church on Friday, 6th April from 10.00h - 12.00h and from 15.00h in the afternoon till 17.00h and from 19.30h to 20.30h in the evening. At these services we shall acknowledge our weakness and pray for the strength and guidance of God in this present year of grace.

You will receive this "Chronicle" in time to make preparation for these services and all on the membership

and adherents list will in addition receive a letter. All look forward to the great Easter Celebration of Christ Victorious on the Cross and in His glorious resurrection.

May this coming Easter seal His grace to our souls and strengthen our resolve to become the body of Christ.

"The Lord bless you and keep you"

William Jonnelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

There are many among us who are in need of prayer and help. The long days of winter have brought depression and frustration to many friends who cannot yet get out and join us in worship and fellowship. Please remember them.

Mrs. G. Simcoe and Mrs. H. Garwood are in Southlands Hospital, and Mrs. E. Bown is now in Swandean, all are in need of prayer. Mr. Bert Johnson has a broken leg and is in Hospital in Hampshire - we remember him and his daughter and family. Mrs. Mooney needs our thoughts and prayers in her time of sorrow on the recent passing of Douglas.

Nursing and rest homes care for a number of our people and we do not forget them. Hr. White is at St. Bernard's, Hrs. Gregory at Westleigh, Hrs. Wiggin of the Hurst, Hrs. Ben n is at Mormanton. Hiss Madden Is at Heaton House and is better now after a time of great weakness, and we are always glad to great Mr. Wise In Swandean Hospital. Hr. V. Grice is presently in Eachery Merton Hospital. The home-coming of Mrs. W. Cox, Mrs. M. Wiseman and Mrs. 3. Hedlycott, has brought happiness to their families and to their many friends.

May I urge you to fill up this list of these whom you remember with your own prayers; those who have removed from the district, young people away from home at work or college, or the one who has been ill for so long that may have been forgotten.

"Let us for each other care, THE CHRONICLE: April 1984
Each the other's burden bear,
To Thy Church the pattern give,
Show how true believers live".

"Whom oceans part, O Lord unite"
We send our loving greetings to Bill and Gwen
PERRETT who have flown to Australia to be near to their
son, Clive and his family. May their settlement bring
them great joy and fulfilment. They will be missed here,
especially as Bill is a non-serving elder and former
secretary of HAYWARD HOUSE.

Matthew and Wilma Smith and their family have removed to Scotland and their new address will be found in the Handbook Amendments. During their time here in Goring both have made im portant contributions to the church - Matthew as publicity Officer and Church Meeting Reporter and Wilma as a Junior Church Teacher and leading member of the Monday Evening Fellowship and Contact Group.

God bless you all in Scotland, we give thanks and remember you with joy.

THE MINISTER'S SABBATICAL

A Hebrew custom "when every seventh year fields were not to be sown nor vineyards pruned, and slaves and debtors were to be set free" - that was the original meaning.

In today's meaning - a period of time being set free from normal responsibility, refreshment and new insights may be gained to further future work.

I shall be leaving Goring during the first week of May and making my home in WESTWOOD, Los Angeles for six to eight weeks, with opportunity to visit many churches and institutions in America, chiefly to observe at close hand the Ministry of Healing, the Care of the Dying and of the Bereaved.

The months of July and August will see me back in this country visiting Crowhurst and following up some of the studies and experiences I hope to have gained. During the time of my absence, the elders will lead the church, and a committee of reference under the Chairmanship of The Rev. Ron Christopher, our Associate Minister, will be available, together with the Pastoral Committee, to meet day to day needs. The Sunday services will provide opportunity for meeting and hearing ministerial friends old, and new, as well as some of our own people.

May God bless us all during this period. I am grateful to you for this opportunity, and trust to return to a church stronger and visibly blessed during my absence.

I shall resume my ministry on 2nd September at the 08.00h Communion service in the Chapel.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

5a DENNIS, Mrs. E.M., 'Normanton', 52 Shelley Road 0 MANN, Miss C., 6 Fairlop Walk, Elmbridge Road, Cranleigh. Surrev. GU6 8TQ. Tel:0483275442

5a REYNOLDS, Mrs. B., Holcombe Hotel, Heene Road SMITH, Mr. & Mrs. M., 15 Northfield Court, PRESTONPANS, E. Lothian,

PANS, E. Lothian Scotland.

9 WATSON, Mrs. B., 35 Pendine Avenue, Worthing 210946

TRANSPORT FOR RON

During our Minister's absence during May, June July and August, Mr. Christopher will require transport, so as to visit sick members either in hospital or at their home, and also to attend to the various church activities, including all services on Sundays.

Would members and friends who are prepared to undertake this task of service, please contact me on Worthing 65593, as soon as possible, so that we can draw up a rota and give it to Ron. A car allowance will be paid per mile, which will be claimed on a monthly basis, again just let me know your mileage.

We as a church must be sure that Ron does not have to catch buses etc. When the need arises for a hospital visit or to comfort a member in trouble, we should provide this, during the time when he will be leading Digitalisation by Graham Redman - gurc.org.uk/digital - Copyright 2009 our church life. Once again Ron, thank you for all you are doing and have done in the Goring and Durrington area.

If you are able to offer help as set out above, please phone me on 65593.

NORMAN A. DOBSON Steward Secretary

EASTER TRIUMPH

All shall be well For on our Easter skies See Christ, The Sun of Righteousness, arise.

All shall be well The Sacrifice is made; The sinner freed, The price of pardon paid. All shall be well, The cross and passion past; Dark night is done, Bright morning come at last.

All shall be well, Within our Father's plan Death has no more dominion Dominion over man.

Jesus alive, Rejoice and sing again; All shall be well For evermore, Amen.



Timothy Dudley-Smith

Minister's Team Wins Quizz!

The Family Circle was delighted to entertain 16 teams and their supporters at the Family Quizz held on Saturday, 25th February. To the surprise - and delight - of everyone, including themselves, the winners were the Minister's Team, consisting of The Rev. William Connelly, The Rev. R.C. Christopher, and Mr. Lionel Knight.

It was unanimously agreed that the star of the evening was Mrs. Robin Bradley, who provided nearly 400 questions covering a wide variety of subjects. Thank you, Robin.

MANCHESTER LETTER

By the time you read this, a quarter of 1984 will already have gone, and with it, the winter. An occasional warm day has recently given a hint of spring and there are many snowdrops in bloom around Park Church, although up on the tops of the hills there are still small tucked-away patches of real snow - at least, there were about ten days ago, when I had a hill-top walk.

Since I last wrote, I have been involved in quite a few activities. At Park we have been busy with an annual Church Meeting, the election and ordination of two new elders, a Len#Easter programme of discussions and worship, and a Park Newsletter. I have also been involved in visits to two churches in the London area, each seeking a minister. The first was a combined U.R./Methodist church which would I think, have been quite a demanding pastorate. Although very cordial relationships developed, in the end neither the church nor I felt that it would have been right for them to call me to be their minister. I am now in touch with another church in the London area - purely U.R.C. and look forward to the possibility of preaching there shortly. It is interesting to hear about the current problems and hopes in our churches in different districts, and I am encouraged by the general impression that people are wanting to move forward into new ventures, especially in the areas of relationships within the Church, forms of worship and personal witness.

As we move towards Easter and Whitsun may we all seek to draw nearer to our risen and living Lord, for only in obedience to His direction can we hope to tackle new ventures in the right way and receive His blessings. On Easter Day I shall be Christening a baby girl, and thanking God personally for the manyways in which He has blessed and guided me since I was Christened, and that will include thoughts of Goring U.R.C.!

A joyous and blessed Easter to you all,

Boryl Chatfield.



PRAYING

This little talk with God which follows was originally written by a Flemish contemporary of Thomas a Kempis in Latin in the 15th Century. It was found and translated into English by an Italian student at London University.

Think of our Lord speaking to you and saying - You do not have to be clever to please me; all you have to do is to want to love me. Just speak to me as you would to anyone of whom you are very fond. Are there people you want to pray for? Say their names to me and ask of me as much as you like. I am generous and know all their needs, but I want you to show your love for them and for me by trusting me to do what I know is best. Tell me about the poor, the sick and the sinners; and if you have lost the friendship or affection of anyone, tell me about that, too. Is there anything you need? If you like you can write out a long list of all your needs. and come and read it to me; and tell me about your sins, your pride, your touchiness, self-centredness, meanness and laziness. Do not be ashamed: there are many Saints in Heaven who had the same faults as you; they prayed to me and little by little, their faults were corrected. Do not hesitate to ask me for - blessings for the body and the mind; for health, skill, success. I can give you everything and I always do give everything that is needed to make you holier. What is it that you want today? Tell me for I long to help you. What are your plans? Tell me about them. I long to help you. there anyone you want to please? What do you want to do for them?

And don't you want to do anything for me? Don't you want to do a little good for your friends who have perhaps forgotten me? Tell me about your worries. Tell me about your failures, and I will show you the cause of them. Who has caused you pain? Tell me about it, and add that you will forgive and forget, and I will bless you. Are you afraid of anything?

Have you any tormenting, unreasonable fears? Trust yourself to me, I am here. I see everything. I will not leave you. And have you no joys to tell me about? Why do you not share your happiness with me? Tell me what

has happened since yesterday to cheer and comfort you. Whatever it was, however big, however small. I prepared it. Show me your gratitude and thank me. Are you determined to run into no temptations? Have you made up your mind about sins that disturb your peace of mind? Are you going to be kind to that person who has hurt you?

Well, get along now. Get on with your work. Try to be quiter, humbler, more submissive, kinder; and come back soon and bring me a more devoted heart. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you.

(Thank you, Hanny, for this contribution)

SOMETHING MORE

I wonder if I am alone in feeling a sense of disappointment sometimes, after reading through the latest edition of the "Chronicle"? I alwayss read it with interest, but after digesting the contents - usually over a cup of coffee after church - I often feel I have missed out somewhere.

What do I usually find? There's the Minister's letter, news of the Fellowship, some personal acknowledgments, sometimes an editorial, the church calendar (most essential) various accounts of church organisations, perhaps a piece of social or political comment, the occasional poem or excerpt from another publication ... and what else?

The mysterious missing ingredient was to be found in January's "Chronicle". It was a personal testimony. This item, so rarely to be found in our magazine, jumped out of the page at me. (For those of you still mystified, it was entitled "How did you Start the New Year?" by Mrs. H. Weber). A personal account of God's love eand power, especially that of someone we know, seems to have an authenticity and liveliness which no amount of theologyby itself can supply. That is why I long to hear something more of the Lord's work among us. Especially would I like to hear and know more of His saving and healing power now - this year, this month, this week, IODAY!

So please, dear Editor and readers, jot down your recent thoughts and experiences for others to share. That little incident which you could describe in a few lines, or that answer to prayer you have just received, could be a word of hope and encouragement to others in the pages of the "Chronicle".

JANET KNOWLES

COVENANT NEWS

The Church Meeting in January appointed Mrs. Violet Jones as a Covenant Secretary, jointly with myself, in order that the hand-over may be effected over a period of months.

I pray God's blessing upon this Ministry to which Mrs. Jones has been called, and ask that our people may be a source of support and encouragement as she commences her work amongst us.

All Covenant enquiries should now please be made to Mrs. Jones of 15 Chute Avenue, High Salvington Tel: 63257.

RICHARD TULEY Joint Covenant Secretary

A VISIT TO THE HYDE

Members of the Worship Discussion Group recently visited The Hyde, the home of the Bethany Fellowship, at Handcross near Haywards Heath, to invite one of their leaders to conduct a service at our Church later in the year. The Director of the Bethany Fellowship is The Rev. Colin Urquhart, who is supported by The Rev. Robert Gordon and The Rev. David Webb and others. Many have been blessed through their ministry of meetings, leadership weeks, teaching courses, tapes and books. To God be all the glory!

CHURCH CALENDAR —

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)

SUNDAYS: 09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

lst	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship with Holy Communion Divine Worship
3rd	Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h	Women's Guild "My Work with Arthritis Care" - Miss A. McFarlane Men's Fellowship - A Visit to Shoreham Lifeboat Station
4th	Wednesday	19.30h	Worthing & District Council of Churches Lenten Service at Steyne Gardens Methodist Church:Preacher: Preacher: Canon Peter Kiddle
		20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
5th	Thursday	10.15h	"Contact" Coffee Morning in the Cornwall Room
		14.15h	Prayer & Praise in the Little Chapel
8th	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship (PARADE SERVICE) Divine Worship
9th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - A Talk on Sussex Churches by Mr. Haynes
10th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

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llth Wednesday	19.30h	Worthing & District Council of Churches, Lenten Service at St. Paul's Church, Preacher: Major Thomas Wilson
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
15th Sunday (Palm)	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
17th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship JOINT EASTER MEETING
18th Wednesday	20.15h	Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road
19th Thursday (Maundy)	14.00h	Contact Group afternoon at 9 Wykeham Road (see separate notice)
20th Good	19.30h	Holy Communion Service in the Church
Friday	11.00h	Family Service followed by Procession of Witness to St. Richard's Church
22nd EASTER DAY	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship with Holy Communion Divine Worship " "
24th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
26th Thursday	14.00h	Contact Group - Littlehampton Swimming Baths (see separate notice)
204b Cda.	19.30h	Church Meeting
29th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Little Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship followed by Praise & Fellowship in the Hall

After receiving a very warm welcome, we attended their weekly Communion Service - a service which began with praise, worship and prayer, and continued in quiet reverence as we shared the Holy Communion. During this service, The Rev. Colin Urquhart spoke on The Cost of Discipleship, based upon Romans 8 vv. 9-21. He said that God wants us to walk faithfully with Him, day by day, through an intimate, personal, living relationship with Jesus Christ, and being led, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We need to be sensitive to hear God's voice and to be willing to obey Him. The cost of obedience for Jesus led Him through suffering to the Cross, and we must expect that for us also, obedience will be costly. We need to be God-pleasers, not men-pleasers, and we must not compromise our faith.

Yet God, who calls and chooses us, knows all about us and loves us so much that He is gentle and patient with us until we too desire what He wants to do, in and through us. If our eyes are truly upon the Lord, then Jesus will be more important to us than the cost of our discipleship, and we shall experience that deep joy and peace which comes from being in union with Him.

As Easter approaches, may we be willing obediently to take up His Cross and follow Him as disciples. "For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess". Deut. 30 v.15.

IRENE TULEY



CHRISTIAN AID

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 19 MAY More volunteers will be needed for the House to House collection during this week. There are a number of roads in Goring, north of the railway line, still not covered and newcomers to the church are invited to join our "willing" band of collectors. Please Ring Worthing 503791 for further details.

RON JORDAN

Amount collected for March - £7.00

received with thanks

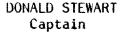
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The Boys' Brigade

The Junior Section boys raised nearly £30 in the B.B. Christmas Appeal. The money raised will go towards provision of hymn books for the Church of Tuvalu (Ellice Islands, nr. Fiji). Each book costs something in the region of £3. We try not to forget that the B.B. exists in many other parts of the world and during last year we were able to contribute nearly £50.00 towards the B.B. International Extension Fund.

Easter week will find some of us enjoying a narrow boat journey on the Rivers Wey and Thames. Please pray that the week's programme in all its aspects will go well. Are you contemplating disposing of your colour television? We need a set to use with our computer as the existing portable set is not quite adequate for the job. We feel that it will not be long before we will have to yield to modern ways and resort to using video tapes for instruction purposes.

We have been pleased over the past few weeks in having help from Warwick Davis, the father of one of our Junior Section boys.





GIRLS' BRIGADE

What looked like a very long first Session to 1984 is now nearly over, and we have indeed been very busy. Badge Work has covered Scripture in both Junior and Senior Sections, also Menu Planning, Percussion, Handwork, Keep Fit and Young Leadership Training. 'Your turn to Speak' has kept the Brigaders busy and Mrs. Dearsley too! She has been kind enough to come along each week to take that particular class. Thank you, Ethel!

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

Our Brigade Week effort - coffee morning and sponsored 'Sing' and 'knit' brought in £325, so now we can pay our fees and still have a little left over! We are grateful to everyone who has helped to make this Session such a happy and successful one.

We much enjoyed our Indian Evening, when we saw slides of life in India and now understand a little more about our friend 'Santhi' and the way she lives. Many of the girls have made their own cards for Santhi's birthday this year and these will soon be winging their way across the miles to reach Santhi by 10th May.

We are delighted that Lt. Jackie Medlycott has made such good progress since her recent operation, and trust that it won't be too long before she is back with us all once again.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - THURSDAY, 10th MAY - JUMBLE SALE. Captain will be happy to collect anything you may turn out whilst spring-cleaning, preferably after Easter, but 'phone her anyway!! May every blessing be yours this Eastertide.

JEAN WEBB

WOMENS GUILD

1. "Jesus shall reign where'ere the sun". This was the hymn with which we commenced our meeting on 21st February when the Women's Guild and the Men's Fellowship combined to hear Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley talk to us about "The Sudan - A Country in Crisis". With the aid of slides, Geoff took us to the Sudan where despite turmoil among the people, a military coup, Christians having been jailed, churches destroyed, Geoff assured us that Jesus still reigns in this troubled part of Africa.

Churches are being rebuilt and many of the people are hearing the Word of our Lord and coming forward for baptism. We learned that men and women are preparing themselves to go to the Sudan to spread the good news of the Gospel, to help these people in crisis by the teaching of education, agriculture and medicine. We were asked to remember these men and women in our prayers. Will you also remember them in your prayers and, as we do so, may we pray that ere long "Jesus shall Reign" throughout the world and the earth will repeat the loud AMEN. (A collection for S.U.M. came to £64.

2.

6th March 'Worshippers of the Sun', slides and music, was the intriguing title for the meeting on 6th March. Nude bathing on Brighton Beach?? Oh no! we were taken to Peru and learned much of the Luca people and their civilisation. Dr. B. Shaw had visited Cuzco, high in the Andes once the capital of the Lucas - now a tourist centre. She started her talk by reminding us that the Sun is the source of energy and necessary for growth of plants and animals, and then led on to the Luca people who depended entirely on natural resources for food, clothing and shelter etc; and yet had been a great civilisation from about 1100 to 1500 until destroyed by the Spaniards. Dr. Shaw told us a little of their history; showed some pictures of the people and explained how physically they had become adapted to life at a high altitude, as had also their chief animal - the Llama. These animals were strong, had long silky hair or wool and their flesh was extensively eaten.

Dr. Shaw is an Ecologist and Conservationist, subjects very important today as man is rapidly using up all the natural materials and reducing the surface of the earth to a dust bowl.

MABEL REDMAN

3.

lst May is the last meeting of our Spring Session and our Annual General Meeting, when our new Committee is elected. With this in mind, will you pray that members will think carefully and sincerely of offering themselves for service within the life of the Guild?

ETHEL DEARSLEY
Secretary

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP "PROGRESSIVE SUPPER"

This is a real treat for those who have not participated before. A surprise meal, and transport can be laid on for those with difficulty in getting about. Tickets will be £1.50 and may be obtained from Mrs. Razzell. This year the Evening will be held on 14th MAY, earlier than in previous years.

CONTACT GROUP

April promises to be a busy month for the Group, so if anyone reading this is a mother with babies or small children, do come along to our activities - you are very welcome.

THURSDAY, 5th APRIL at 10.15 a.m. in the Cornwall Room.
The Monthly Coffee Morning, with a visit from the Samaritans.

THURSDAY, 19th APRIL 2.00 p.m. at 9 Wykeham Road. A "Coffee and Hot X Bun" afternoon. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, and the opportunity to win an Easter Simnel Cake.

THURSDAY, 26th APRIL at Littlehampton Swimming Baths - meeting there at $2.00~\rm p.m.$

So, if you are interested and would like further details, please contact Diane Clay Worthing 49225, or Anne Rowlands Worthing 201070.

ANNE ROWLANDS

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Minister has been invited to be the "Guest Speaker" on 29th April, this being his last Sunday before embarking on his Sabbatical. Fellowship and Praise will follow in the Large Hall - the music by our "resident" Youth Band.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

RON JORDAN Convenor

flowers for APRIL

lst Miss I. Wingrove 15th Miss F. Wharhirst
8th Miss A. Hambleton 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone
& The Flower Fund
EASTER

29th Mr. & Mrs. Patterson

The Flower Fund.
Sincere thanks for £20 received during February/March.

DOROTHY TURNER

Distribution of Flowers.

During the period of the Minister's Sabbatical and Annual Holiday, would organisations and congregation please let me have the names of anyone who is ill or in need of cheering with flowers. Tel: 43843.

DOROTHY TURNER

Flower Secretary

LEPROSY MISSION

The Annual General Meeting of the Worthing Branch will be held on Friday, 13th April, 1984 in St. Paul's Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Lady May Richardson, Chairman of the Leprosy Mission of England and Wales. It is hoped that some from our church may be able to attend this meeting.

F. FREEMAN (Hon. Sec.)

FAMILY CIRCLE

BREAD & CHEESE LUNCHEON will be held in the Church Hall after Morning Worship on Sunday, 13th May. It is hoped that YOU will be able to come along. Proceeds from the Luncheon will be in aid of CHRISTIAN AID. Further details in the May issue, or from Mr. E. Foott, Tel: 45570.

SMALL AD. Young Business Lady connected with our church requires small furnished or unfurnished flat in the Worthing to Hove area. Please Tel: Mr. J. Mason, W.46380.

THINK ON !

Some weeks ago on the 31st January, there was a little celebration within the Congregation and within a section of the Congregation. It was to celebrate no less than ten years of a Bible Study Group at Irene & Richard Tuley's. To me, this is a very long time for two people to persevere and continue with such good work. One can truly say it has been done for LOVE in the real meaning of that word: "The love to serve and the love for others". As St. Mark 12 v. 13 states - "There is none other commandment greater than these".

Many people over the years have attended Richard & Irene's Bible Study Group and frequently 13-15 still attend fortnightly. Not all are church members and, some have different faiths, but the result is stimulating and interesting.

One feature which always appeals to me at Bible Study is the wealth of knowledge which Irene possesses concerning folk both within and without the congregation, and for whom we all earnestly pray at the start of each meeting. That many prayers have received the blessing of

God there appears to be much evidence; and the letters received from friends and pastors now moved from the district, guite often support this.

I am sure it would be the wish of all our Church Members to say "thank you" and many blessings on you both, for the great work you have undertaken over the years. Also, thanks to the two young members of your family - Mark & Sarah - who possibly have had to endure restrictions due to these meetings at your home, which has been 'open house' to so many for so long.

God's Richest Blessings upon you all,

(Richard, Irene, Mark & Sarah),

FRAZER FINLAY on behalf of the Group

CLAIM YOUR PLACE EARLY

As you will have read in Mr. Connelly's editorial, the first event in the Year of Evangelism (or 'Good News' as he prefers to call it) is the special Palm Sunday morning service entitled "Claim your Place", the idea being that everyone connected with the church - past or present - should make a special effort to attend.

The idea has already fired the imagination of those who have heard about it from what we have learned, and it looks like being a bumper attendance. It would seem, therfore, that if you want to make sure of your seat, it would be advisable to "Claim Your Place" early!

TED FOOTT.

LONDON LETTER

Since I last wrote, I have had the delightful? experience of taking 24 children - boys and girls of 8 and 9 years old - away for a week at a Rural Centre! For some of them, it was the first time they had been away from home, or the first time away from their parents to live and sleep together with their friends and class mates. Some found it very difficult and I found being woken several times in the night very wearing, and hardly the best preparation for the next day's events!

Making bunk-beds and keeping their dormitories tidy, seemed to be one of the most difficult things some of them had to do. For others, alas, the idea of washing and undressing and putting on night-clothes was unheard of, and a great deal of diplomacy was needed in order to get them to take a bath even when all the others were otherwise engaged! Once they got settled in to the routine of community life, they really enjoyed themselves. They made butter and bread, stirring and shaking, kneading and baking in an outdoor oven fired by sticks and fir-cones which they had collected in the woods. They made pottery with clay from the ground which they had to work through and clean before they could start to shape their pots, ashtrays and models.

They went to Guildford market and saw animals herded into pens to be auctioned, some to grow more before being brought back again and some to go straight to the slaughter-house. A great deal of sadness was shown when they realised that the meat on their dinner plates in a few days time might be a piece cut off that very same, interesting pig, sheep or cow!

Happier times were spent looking for and at animals of the soil, or 'mini-beasts' - slugs, worms, spiders, woodlice and such, also animals they dipped up out of the pond. They spent a long time looking through magnifying glasses and seeing the wonders of the tiniest of creatures. They had a go at spinning wool on a spindle, after a lady came to show them an old-fashined spinning wheel and wool straight from the speep's back, greasy with landing.

They and others, are asking when they can go again! But proparations are in full swing for another School Journey - this time, the one for the top juniors - for a week on the Isle of Wight. There is much arranging and rearranging and too many details to describe even briefly! Huch heart-searching went on to decide whether or not to keep the number to 24, or allow up to 33, which is the number of children who want to go! It is, and will be, until it is all over, a formidable task, which one views with a certain amount of trepidation!

The programme I am preparing is to be as wide as possible to allow varying experiences of travel; train, ships and shipping, Nature Study in all its forms and a look at life in other times and in other styles. So, if

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any of you would like to join and help 33 children and three teachers going round the Isle of Wight from 18th - 25th May, you will be welcome. Smaller groups get more satisfaction than large ones and interest is usually stimulated more easily and lasts longer!

Back at School, I have just taken leave of Mr. & Mrs. Bulstrode after taking them into the School grounds to look at the garden. At long last, the scaffolding was taken down and we were able to get into the Nursery playground to tidy up the flower beds and to get back into the garden. We have nearly finished putting in the new pond and will soon be filling it with mud, stones, water and plant and animal life. It's not all that big, but in keeping with the size of the garden and should be big enough for the children to have experience of pond-dipping and seeing life found in fresh-water ponds.

The mini-greenhouses have been delivered at last and await assembly - tubular poles and plastic sheeting - then the growing can begin! We look forward to a flowery and fruitful year!

MARY CONNELLY

STOP PRESS

During typing and producing this edition, Mrs. Lesley Richards has undergone an eye operation. We trust that she is recovering well by now.

Mr. R. Wright has removed to a new flat in Valencia Road, and we wish him every blessing as he settles down in his new surroundings.

I am sure we all wish to send our dear Minister, Bill, on his way with the reassurance of our prayers during his travels. May God richly bless him and may he return to us in the Autumn, not only with tales of his adventures, but feeling very much refreshed.



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FROM THE VESTRY



"And now friends, I commend you to God, and to the word of His Grace, who is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified".

Thirty one years in the Ministry, and nearly a third of that time here in Goring! The reflection is a salutory one, and the more so since as St. Paul says "the time is short".

The next few months will be very strange to me for this will be the first time since I began my ministry that I will have no settled preaching or pastoral responsibility. Holidays there have been, but by God's grace, no time of illness has clouded the horizons of this ministry. We must bind ourselves together in that love and prayer which has so wonderfully sustained us down the years, in trust that we shall all be nourished and blessed in this sabbatical period.

My dear friend Ronald Christopher and the elders will have many blessings to give and to receive among you in the coming days and we pray that God will strengthen and bless them. I shall look forward to coming home, all travels and discoveries past. The church will be stronger, welcomes will never be warmer, and at Harvest Festival. "EACH ONE BRING ONE" for this year of good news must go on from heart to heart, from home to home, that all may be safely gathered in.

Yours with blessings & love,

William on ally

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

ETHEL ELIZABETH BOWN

died 27.3.84

One, whose gracious and quiet charm commanded the love and loyalty of many friends. To Edwin, our greatly loved Choirmaster, a source of strength and beauty. To us all a Christian lady upon whose remembrance we give thanks.

THELMA MAY ALLAN

died 27.3.84

One who bore widowhood with a quiet, brave endurance and whose children rise up and call her blessed.

ETHEL MAUD CHARMAN

died 31.3.84

By whose heart and hand beauty has come to many.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted"

BAPTISMS

CATHERINE CARTER

4.3.84

MICHAEL JOHN FEEST

8.4.84

MARRIAGES

KATHLEEN PHYLLIS NOWELL to JACK BUCKLEY

14.4.84

"The Lord bless you & keep you".

Mrs. Lilian Pike has sustained a severe fall and is in Southlands Hospital.

Mrs. Gwen Wills is making progress following a time of weakness.

Mrs. B. Reynolds is unwell and having a rest in hospital. Mrs. Hilda Garwood now at home, is beginning to improve

and is happy to welcome visitors.

Mr. Arthur Mercer has returned home and is always glad to welcome his old friends.

To all who are ill, in sorrow or who have been victims of the recent spate of illness among us, we send loving thoughts and prayers.

The Associate Minister, The Rev. Ronald C. Christopher will be available in the Ministers' Vestry on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 10.00 & 12 noon, at other times by appointment. Tel: 30330.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

NEW MEMBERS:

BUSHBY, Mrs. 0., 9 The Boulevard Tel: 502759
DONNE, Mrs. M.V. 6 Herm Road, Ferring " 45984
GREEN, Mrs. C. 4/7 West Avenue " 504713
HEYDON, Mrs. R. 14 Dene Court, Mill Road " 44820

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

WRIGHT, Mr. R., 5 Valencia Road, Worthing " as before

OBITUARY

ETHEL ELIZABETH BOWN

- We had not known her long, and somehow it seemed we had always known her - she was a quiet and reserved person, but also very warm and very kind - We are thinking, of course, of Mrs. Ethel Bown, our Choirmaster's wife and fellow chorister, who passed away last month, having suffered a severe stroke. We consider it a privilege to have known her. We thank God for the peace that abides with our dear Mr. Bown, in his sad time, and we thank God also for the precious love of Jesus Christ, which as a choir has bound us in unity.

CATHY HUNT Choir Secretary

To all those good friends who supported and sustained us in our recent time of sorrow by their prayers and messages of sympathy; to the Revds. K. Wilkie Denford, James Rees and William Connelly for their time and practical help so willingly given, my family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks.

A partnership of 49 years is not broken without a sense of pain and grief, but we give thanks to our heavenly Father for the countless blessings of those years and that our loved one is now safe in His keeping, free from earthly trials and frustrations. Thank you all and God bless you,

EDWIN BOWN, MARION, MALCOLM AND JENNIFER

CONGRATULATIONS go to Mr. Bill Marshall, our friend of many years, who has served as a steward and as a choirmember over the years, on his attaining the SILVER ACORN AWARD in the Scout Movement at the St. George's Day Awards recently. This Award is given for distinguished service, and we rejoice with Bill and Gladys and their family on this occasion.

A PRAYER FOR MAY

Dear Lord,
When playful winds
Toss my hair
And stroke my
Bare, sun-warmed arms,
It's easy to be lazy
About my faith To forget how,
When winter's icy fingers
Pinched my face
And slid under my sleeves,
I clung to You.

Oh, Lord,
I want to stay
As close to You
In lighthearted May
As I was in the dark
Heart of winter When the brightest sunshine
Was my knowledge
Of Your love.

From "Guideposts".

BIBLE SOCIETY

You are invited to a Buffet Supper in the Shelly Rd. U.R.C. Hall on Wednesday, 9th May, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. You are asked to bring with you something for the supper in the way of savouries and sweets. These will be pooled. The Speaker will be Mr. J.D. Knight who has worked in E. Africa. Fill your cars and come along! There will be a collection for the Society.

The Monday Evening Fellowship and Contact Group would like to thank all who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday, 17th March, in aid of Brian Greenaway, a Prison Evangelist with the London City Mission, when £101.50 was raised.

Brian was very encouraged both by the concern and interest shown in his work among prisoners, and especially for the practical gift of money and the mounting pile of Christian paperback books which he will be able to distribute.

When my husband died I felt completely lost, having had a very happy marriage for many years, and it was extremely difficult making a new life for myself. Friends persuaded me to attend Goring U.R.C. where I found very caring people.

On Mothering Sunday I became a member; it was a wonderful experience, one I shall never forget. My grateful thanks to The Rev. Connelly, the Elders, the Girls' Brigade, Monday Evening Fellowship, plus old and new friends. God bless you all, yours sincerely,

RHONA D.E. HEYDON

May I, through the Chronicle, thank Bill, Dorothy Turner, for the cheering bunch of flowers and everyone for all their kindness during my recent operation. Colin and I would like to say 'thank you' for all the prayerful support we both received at this time. God bless you all,

JACKIE MEDLYCOTT

Mrs. Hilda Garwood would like to express her sincere thanks to all the kind church friends who sent flowers and kind wishes to her during her recent stay in hospital. God bless.

THE YOUTH CLUB want to thank everyone for their help in contributing to the most successful Jumble Sale we've had which raised £175.

PAUL ARCHER

My husband and I would like to thank the church for the kind gift of a plant on the occasion of our Silver Wedding Anniversary. It was a very kind gesture and much appreciated. God bless you all,

from

BOBBY HITCHIN

May we give a sincere 'thank you' to Mrs. Dorothy Turner May 1984 for her visit to us at Storrington, to bring the good wishes of the church on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary, and to the Girls' Brigade also for their good wishes. Thank you, Dorothy, for the delightful plant and for the church flowers as a get well wish following my (Vera's) recent sickness.

VERA & KEN IRVING

FROM MY SCRAP BOOK

Extract from article in the Christian World, 3.7.58 by Dr. Trevor Davies.

We sing the hymn -

We limit not the truth of God To our poor reach of mind, By notions of our day and sect Crude, partial and confined.

But do we, God forgive us!

We have our little, narrow, party divisions and aims, and prevent God doing what he would, "How often would I" says Jesus sadly, as He looks at us preening ourselves over our stupid prejudices "and you would not."

It is so much easier to discuss religion than to live it. Do we seriously think that the Saviour of the world is much concerned about doctrines and dogmas, creeds and confessions, ritual and rubric, whether we worship in this way or that, on one knee or both, face east or west, have our eyes shut or open? Have we the mind of Christ in us, love we one another as He loves us, serve we our brethren in His Name. These are the tests and only so can He work freely in us and through us.

GORDON WRAIGHT

CATERING COMMITTEE CONVENOR

After six years as Convenor of the Committee, Robin Bradley has resigned. She leaves the job with the grateful thanks of us all. Now we need a new Convenor. From what Robin said, it would seem it is a most satisfying job, particularly as you meet so many people and, as she said, you don't have to have any particular experience - only a willingness to do the job. If anyone feels they would like to know more please let her know. Will someone take on soon this more important job?

Once a month a group of mothers and "friends" of our local schools (of all denominations) gathers at St. Mary's Church. We pray for the life and work of our local schools and for the children, remembering especially those with particular problems. Christian staff of the schools tell us any special needs. We feel that we are contributing to the well-being of our community through this means, which God has given us, of meeting him in prayer.

Please join us if and when you are able, on third Thursdays each month during term time, at 9.20 a.m. in St. Mary's. Our next meeting will be Thursday, 17th May, We are there for about half an hour and often join for coffee afterwards. We would be very glad to see you and welcome your prayerful support of our children.

JANE BOND

Regretfully I am having to resign as convenor of the Catering Committee, and wonder which lady amongst us could consider undertaking this most enjoyable and worthwhile service to the church. I can thoroughly recommend the job as an ideal way to get to know people.

There is a very willing and competent band of ladies available to prepare and serve refreshments, but someone is required to organize the help on the occasions when refreshments are needed.

If anyone feels that this is a service she could consider, I shall be only too willing to give all the help and information necessary to facilitate a smooth handover.

ROBIN BRADLEY

CHURCH PIANOS

The pianos in the Church Hall and Cornwall Room are worn out and in urgent need of replacement. If any member of the church or congregation has a piano which they wish to dispose of, or know of any suitable instrument, would they kindly contact Mr. Colin Nodes (Chairman, House & Fabric Committee) 5 Parklands Avenue, Worthing, Tel:42731(after 5.00 p.m.) Thank you.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

flowers for May

6th Mr. & Mrs. Calsteren 20th Miss Hedgcombe 13th Mrs. Bucklev 27th Mrs. Pike

Flower Fund: Sincere thanks for £10 received during March/ April.

Easter: Grateful thanks go to friends for help with the Easter Flowers and for the floral shelf arrangements provided by the Women's Guild. A Blessed Easter,

DOROTHY TURNER Flower Secretary

The Worthing Healing Fellowship

This Fellowship is holding a public meeting on Wednesday 23rd May, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church, Worthing, at which the Rev. David Payne, the Warden of the Crowhurst Home of Healing, will speak on "Christ Heals Today".

ALL ARE WELCOME

IRENE TULEY

Jesus Folk

The musical "Jesus Folk" is being performed by the members of Hove Central Free U.R.C. and Hounsom Memorial U.R.C. in Hove at 7.30 p.m. on: 15th & 16th June at Hove Central Free Church 22nd & 23rd June at Hounsom

Memorial U.R.C.

Admission by Programme Adults £1 Children 50p

For further details please contact IRENE TULEY

Goring & Ferring Friendship Centre (Goring Branch)

Can you help us, please, to provide lunch for the 'elderly lonely'. We require help in washing up, equipment, waiting, driving and cooking. We meet on Wednesdays at Bury Drive Methodist Hall, Goring. This is an ecumenical venture supported by all the Goring Churches. Please contact me for further information - Pam Stower: Worthing 43050.

It is always a privilege to attend the Synod and this one was no exception, even though on this occasion the Moderator apologised for the fact that many would wish to be elsewhere (two important Rugby Internationals and the "Boat Race" or was it?)

It was generally felt that it was both interesting and a challenging Synod; a day that showed so much concern for the Church and its people, at the same time so much encouragement.

Encouragement - Firstly, Finance - Maintenance of the Ministry - the Province was asked to contribute £779,300 and received £773,895 (99.3%) including our Sussex West District £99,300 and £94,296 respectively. Unified Appeal £173,160 asked for and £175,270 received (101.2%) our own District showing £23,400 and £24,033 respectively. Secondly - it was reported that in answer to our prayers that more candidates come forward for training for the Ministry, 70 had come forward of whom 6 were from our own Southern Province.

Concern - this was expressed in its several Reports. The Inner City Churches Research Project Report was concerned, not only with Finance within these churches, but expertise amongst its officers. The idea of twinning was very much uppermost in the thoughts of those responsible for this report. London was divided into two Provinces by way of the river but this called for far greater co-operation between the two Provinces. We heard from a great number of Inner London Ministers referring to the 21,000 homeless, the degradation of Newham, Tower Hamlets and Hackney and so on.

We received a Report from the Church and Society Department of which our own Assistant Minister is the Chairman. It dealt most strongly with Poverty, Peacemaking, Homelessness and Housing Needs, Unemployment and other social problems. Christ said, we were reminded, 'In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

We heard from the Rev. Dr. Colin Thompson who is Chaplain to the Sussex University who in turn brought with him three West Indian students. He gave an impassioned plea for the Church to speak out, for in his own words, and I quote, 'Universities are now demoralised places in which to

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CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS:

5th Saturday 6th Sunday

8th Tuesday

10th Thursday

MONDAYS:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade	
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade Term Starts 8.	5.
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18.00h Anchor Boys WEDNESDAYS: Boys' Brigade 19.00h

Choir Practice 19.30h FRIDAYS:

Boys' Brigade 19:00h

Prayer & Praise in the Chapel 19.30h Youth Club (12 years & over) SATURDAYS: 19,00h

09.50h

18.30h

20.00h

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

lst Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - A.G.M. & Exhibition
. •		"Treasures from Abroad"
•	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - A.G.M. & Further
		Summary from Members

10.30h "Contact" Coffee Morning in the 3rd Thursday Cornwall Room

14.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel GIRLS' BRIGADE, Royal Albert Hall Rally

Youth Club Bible Class

08.00h Holy Communion - Conducted by Mr. Lionel Knight Divine Worship with Holy Communion 11.00h

Conducted by The Rev. R.C. Christopher Preacher: Mr. J. Rowlands Divine Worship conducted by

The Rev. R.C. Christopher Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close GIRLS' BRIGADE JUMBLE SALE -

Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Close 20.00h 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion conducted by Mr. L. knight



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loth Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h 12.30h	Holy Communion - The Rev. R.C.Christopher PARADE SERVICE) Conducted by The Rev. Divine Worship) Garside, M.A. of Horsham AUSTERITY LUNCH
14th Monday	14.30h 20.00h	Spring Meeting of Churches of Sussex West District at Littlehampton U.R.C. Monday Evening Fellowship - Progressive Supper
17th Thursday	14.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
20th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion conducted by Mr. Lionel Knight Divine Worship conducted by Hugh Theobald, M.A. Divine Worship with Holy Communion Conducted by The Rev. R. Boulter of Pagham U.R.C.
22nd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
24th Thursday	19.30h	ELDERS' MEETING
27th Sunday	11.00h.	Holy Communion - The Rev. R.C.Christopher Divine Worship conducted by The Rev. R.E.G. Norris, Minister of Burgess Hill, U.R.C.
	16.30h	Divine Worship "Praise Service" Conducted by The Rev.R.C.Christopher Preacher: Miss Joan Ellis followed by Praise in the Hall with refreshments
31st Thursday	14.30h 19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel CHURCH MEETING

work, for they are starved of Finance ... the problems experienced in the NHS are the problems also that are experienced in the field of education. He asked for our prayers, remembering that the Chaplain ministers to the Atheist and the Christian, the Protestant and the Catholic. There is no gathered church, the 'Church' is marginal and 'denomination' has no basis in the University.

The Synod concluded with a most encouraging and helpful address from the Assembly Moderator, the Rev. Alasdair J.G. Walker, M.A. He reminded us of the fact that our Denomination is so much a part, and is involved in, The World Church; that there are now more Christians in Africa and Asia than in Europe and North America; that the United Church in Zambia is growing by leaps and bounds and that one Sunday School in the Copper Belt is 2,000 strong. But even in our own country he felt that in this Year of Evangelism, there is a growing confidence on the part of the Christian in what he believes and seeks to spread. The heartening thought is that the Young People in our churches are showing us the way. We must see that more and more of the under 35s are encouraged to serve as Elders.

KEN IRVING



CHRISTIAN AID - This year the Worthing and District inaugural service for Christian Aid Week is being held at West Worthing Baptist Church on Monday, 14th May at 7.30 p.m., when the Right Reverend Peter John Ball, C.G.A., Bishop of Lewes, will give the address.

We are grateful to Family Circle for again providing a Bread and Cheese lunch on Sunday, 13th May on behalf of Christian Aid (see other notice for details). These and many other events during Christian Aid Week are listed in the programmes obtainable from the stewards.

About 40 collectors will be going out from our Church on House to House collecting and our sincere thanks go to each one. If you have been overlooked and would like to help, please ring Worthing 503791 and the oversight will be quickly remedied. (Envelopes will be available in the church on 13th May to ensure that you have an opportunity to make your contribution.)

ROH JORDAN

Amount collected for April - £31.10p received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

WOMENS GUILD

"Women & Music should never be dated" said Adam Lindsay Gordon. How true! Our meeting on 20th March proved this when the Goring Townswomen's Guild, under their Choirmistress Mrs. Calsteren, sang with great gusto, giving enjoyment to all. In fact, many of us were joining in with the songs we knew and had learned many years ago; and even with the selection from 'Oliver', proving music of all ages gives pleasure. Thank you Freda for a very happy afternoon.

On 3rd April we had a happy time together. The Speaker for that day, Miss Anne Macfarlane, had unfortunately been taken ill, but our able Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dearsley, offered to talk to us on "Drama". She had been interested in poetry and drama from her early years and is still intensely enthusiastic on these subjects. We were taken down "Memory Lane" before the time of radio and television when drama was an important part of church life. Nativity plays, pantomimes, concerts and plays were rehearsed week by week and performed in the church hall, bringing the members of the church together, whether they were actors, scene shifters or part of the audience. A very interesting talk, and we all enjoyed it.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

What a pleasant afternoon was had by all on our visit to Shoreham Lifeboat Station. The coastal ride, beside a calm sea, with the sun in attendance was a joy to begin with. The Lifeboat Motor Mechanic, Mr. Levinson, who is also crewman, gave us 40 minutes of past and present history, explaining the call out drill and launching of both small and large lifeboats.

We owe a tremendous debt to all men of the Lifeboat Service for risking their lives to save the lives of their fellow beings. God keep them safe at sea.

AG & FF.

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

TRANSPORT FOR RON

Mr. Connelly leaves us late in Aprilon his Sabbatical, returning late August. During his absence much of his work, will be undertaken by Mr. Christopher and for this he will need transport.

Volunteers are therefore asked for. You can state precisely how and when you would like to help - but please say you will help, however little. The only stipulation is that you receive 20p per mile. MR. N.A. DOBSON IS THE MAN TO CONTACT

PREACHERS FOR MAY

We welcome to our pulpit:

6th 11.00 a.m. An Elder of our Church: Mr. John Rowlands Holy Communion with: Associate Minister

13th 6.30 p.m. The Associate Minister

13th 11.00 a.m. PARADE SERVICE: The Rev. J.E. Garside, M.A. Minister of Horsham U.R.C.

6.30 p.m. Divine Worship: " "

20th 11.00 a.m. The Rev. Hugh W. Theobald, M.A.

6.30 p.m. The Rev. Robert F. Boulter, Minister of Pagham U.R.C.

Holy Communion

27th 11.00 a.m. The Rev. Ronald E.G. Norris,
Minister of Burgess Hill U.R.C.

6.30 p.m. EVENING PRAISE: Mrs. Joan Ellis

On Sunday, 3rd June, the Services will be conducted by the Elders and the preacher will be our Associate Minister, with Holy Communion at the Morning Service.

COVENANT NEWS

Please note that all Covenant enquiries should be made to me and not to Mrs. Violet Jones, who feels unable to continue as a joint Covenant Secretary. Many thanks,

RICHARD TULEY

GIRLS' BRIGADE

At the time of writing, I am looking forward to having progressed sufficiently to be able to be back at Girls' Brigade by the time you read this. summer session begins with our JUMBLE SALE on THURSDAY, 10th MAY at 6.30 p.m. If you have any Jumble, please ring W. 40546, 43660 or 41761, when arrangements will be made for collection. After the success of our day at Butlins, Bognor Regis, last year, we will be repeating the trip again this year on 19th May, taking the Explorers and girls not going to summer camp.

An advance notice for your diary. On Saturday, 9th JUNE, from 10.00h till 12.00 noon in the Church Hall we shall be holding a mini-fayre and coffee morning. Do come along and support us - the money will be going towards this year's project - namely, new blazers for our girls. Your prayers would also be appreciated as we prepare to take the morning service on 10th June.

May I take this opportunity to thank Captain, Officers and Girls for all the cards, gifts and prayers during my recent absence from Girls' Brigade. God bless, JACKIE MEDLYCOTT

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH CLUB NEWS - We do not always do as good a job as we should in communicating our activities in the Youth Club, which is a pity because many folk kindly ask, and there is so much for us to be so thankful for. In an effort to correct this, here are some brief details:

- The Club has two sections, both mixed (boys & girls) 1. Inters - 11 to 14 years, Seniors 15 yrs upwards to early twenties.
- 2. Our meetings are:-
 - Saturday 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. with various social activities.

Sunday 9.50 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Youth Service (Bible Class)

After evening service Youth Fellowship.

- The Club continues to grow particularly in the Senior Section.
 - (a) Almost every week sees members bringing new friends along for the first time.
 - (b) Membership now exceeds 70 in both sections and continues to grow.
 - (c) The Saturday Social Evening attendance is now regularly exceeding 50.
 - (d) Sunday Morning Youth Service is currently averaging 30 to 35.
 - (e) Sunday Evening Fellowship sees 30 to 36 Youngsters who meet to chat, have coffee etc. sing and share some thoughts on the basics of our faith, based on the Worthing C.P.O. series. We have started at the beginning with Creation and the existance of God.
- 4. Of the 70 on the Club Roll only 13 could be said to be our own Young People (i.e. with family connected to the church). The remaining 57 either attend other churches or mainly have no church or Christian connection.
- 5. One of our biggest joys is that two young boys,
 Anthony and Stuart Payne, brought along mum and
 dad, and we now have Shirley & Chris Payne as two
 super new leaders of the Club. We very much welcome
 the whole family as they join all activities. We
 also have helping us with the leadership Henry Morgan
 and Julian Brewer with Christine Clark (when she is
 home from university).

Most of our problems (you are bound to have a few in a growing organization) stem from misunderstandings due to poor or non-communication. Could you help us bridge the gap between young and older friends with a few words of greeting or welcome? You may find a new friend. For more news please see our notice board in the Main Hall.

RAY J. CLOSE

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TO LET: Beach Hut near Sea Place, during summer Phone C. Webber 690334 for details JUNIOR CHURCH - 38 Children took part in the Scripture Lxam this year. It was encouraging to see quite a number of the older children. The after-exam refreshments provided by Jean Marsh and Olive Bushby were much appreciated. On Sunday, 18th March, the children were invited to bring packed lunches to church. Soup was provided by the teachers. After lunch activities included an entertainment by Julian Brewer. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon. The Scripture Awards Evening will take place in Shelley Road Church on Friday, 8th June at 7.00 p.m. (Worthing). The individual certificates will be presented on Sunday, 17th June in the Morning Service.

All members of the Congregation are warmly invited to the May Festival to be held on Sunday, 20th May at 3.0 p.m. in the Church Hall when you will have the opportunity of seeing the children enacting scenes from the 'Living Bible'.

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the Discussion Group has been arranged for 10th May at 3 Arun Close, at 8.00 p.m. In the words of the old chorus "Who-so-ever will may come".

PRAISE SERVICE & PRAISE TIME. Mrs. Joan Ellis has been invited to speak at our next 'Praise Service' on 27th May and we look forward to her message to us. Since Joan has been helping the Christopher household we have seen a wonderful improvement in Elspeth. Ron too has benefited by having been relieved of much of the day-to-day worry and commitment. Thank you, Joan. The Lord bless you in all your good works. RON JORDAN

Convenor

SITUATION VACANT

The need arises for a helping hand with the printing of the Church Hagazine, The Chronicle. If anyone feels they would like to learn about litho offset printing and could lend a hand even if only from time to time, please get in touch with the tric Popplestone Tel: 42906.

EVANGELISM AND THE LAITY (2) (This follows the article in the March Chronicle Page 13)

During my Bible Society ministry it was my privilege to know Dr. Niemöller, whose death was noted by the secular as well as the religious press. On one occasion he opened his address by quoting the words of Jesus: "ALL POWER is given unto me ..." I have not forgotten the conviction behind his voice as he quoted "ALL POWER ...". Our faith, our confidence, must always be in the power of Christ to reclaim the lost, and that WHOSOEVER comes to Him, He will in no wise cast out or refuse to accept. It is always the Holy Spirit that convinces and converts, and we are no more than the channels of His grace.

There can be no revival whereby the churches have satisfactory congregations Sunday by Sunday, there can be no revival of substantial numbers of people, committing themselves to the Christian Way of Life and personal allegiance to Jesus Christ, without an active witness to Christian Discipleship on the part of the Laity. Revival will come when Christian Discipleship is decisive and is expressed in conversation, in attitudes of mind and act, in befriending the youth in office and factory and encouraging them away from undesirable forms of speech, practices and attitudes. Revival will come when every church member makes it his or her concern to bring others into the Fellowship of the Church by personal invitation to the services and other activities and collecting neighbours' children and personally bringing them to the Junior Church. Without this conviction on the part of the Laity, and their active co-operation , our churches become little gardens walled around.

Evangelism is the showing forth of God in Christ, whether by word of mouth, written letter, by book or article, by tape or video. Effective evangelism depends on the prayers of those within the church, and it is significant that in recent years there has been renewed emphasis on the prayer-life within the Church. We must not separate evangelism from the week-by-week activity within the Church.

It will be generally agreed today that the Church must make contact with the world. The Church must go out into the community - this is why our church is behind the Durrington Community Centre Project. Let us be willing to go into the community and by our friendly service, demonstrate the Good News of Christ. It is in this situation that the witness of the Laity can be truly effective. The opportunities that may arise from a coffee bar in such a centre in conversation, in answering questions, and being helpful with those who are in distress or have a problem, may be golden ones, for spreading the Gospel. The deacons, elders, members of the churches in which I have been minister have without exception encouraged me to go out into the community, and, of course, this is also true of Goring U.R.C. In the Free Church tradition we have exalted the Laity, and emphasised the priesthood of all believers.

Dr. Azariah, the late Bishop of Dornakal, was not only a tireless evangelist himself, but he made it clear that he expected every Christian man and woman to be an evangelist too. "In the early Church", he said, "It was the common man who spread the Gospel - from slave to slave, from soldier to soldier, from artisan to artisan". And he hoped and prayed that he might see the same happen in India. He was greatly troubled that in his own diocese only three-quarters of the Christians took any part in active evangelism. When the Christians of a village were assembled he would ask the question: "Has every believer here won another?". He would then lead them in a simple, but impressive piece of ritual in which he himself took part. He would tell the baptised members to place their hands on their heads and to repeat after him: "I am a baptised Christian. Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel". It was something that the humblest villages understood and that they did not forget.

If you approached to become an Elder or to take up some other office within the church - weigh up your own hesitation with the confidence others have in you and whether this is God's Call to you. In children's and youth work within the church it is not children or young people that are a problem, but finding leaders and teachers. Happy is the church that has devoted leadership for the young, and teachers who take their task seriously in attending a training class and study of the Bible. The Christian Ministry itself is recruited from the Laity. It is the task of the Laity to evangelise the Laity, and the task of the Minister to build up the Laity into the Household of Faith.

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE . WEST WORTHING





FROM THE VESTRY

It seems strange to be in the vestry without our Minister who is now in America. Among our preachers in June we welcome one of our members, Mr. Lionel Knight who has served the church as a lay pastor in London and this year celebrates 50 years as a lay preacher and lay pastor. Congratulations, Lionel, on your record of service for the Lord.

On the first Sunday in July we welcome our Moderator, who will conduct the Morning Service and Communion. The Rev. Cyril C. Franks was minister of our church when the present building was opened.

I much appreciate all the support which has been given to me during our Minister's absence and especially the organised transport.

I much enjoyed my visit to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in May. First, because I was able to return to and stay in Tynemouth with a former Deacon of Stephenson Street North Shields (Congregational Church) where long ago I was minister. On the site of this church there now stands a block of offices - Stephenson House! I found that there are still friends who remember me and my ministry in the North East. Secondly, my reason for the journey was as a representative of our local district to the Assembly of the U.R.C. My impression was that it was not an exciting Assembly, yet one which showed care for our churches. The most outstanding event of the week was on the Wednesday evening when it

is estimated 1400 people joined in a Celebration of the Faith. Our church had taught me the choruses so I was able to sing them! We had testimonies from an Indian, an African and from a pastor from Hungary who had known what it was to suffer imprisonment and torture for his faith. This was a moving experience for those who listened. The celebration ended with a dramatic presentation of Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night using the Gospel narrative with lighting effects. This was presented by Radius (a Christian Drama Group) and made an effective ending to the evening with a Gospel appeal.

We shall have an opportunity of hearing more about our Assembly at our church meeting on 28th June when the Chairman of our District, Mrs. Nancy Welch, has kindly agreed to visit us to talk about the Assembly and answer any questions that may be raised by our members.

The holiday season is approaching and to those who are going on holiday I hope they will have a time of agreeable change from the ordinary days and return home and to our church refreshed in mind, body and spirit.

RON CHRISTOPHER Associate Minister

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Wills is now in The Huntley Nursing Home, Richmond Road; Mr. Robert Jones is in Worthing Hospital, and we assure the Medlycott family of our prayers during their father's weakness. Mark Tuley is restored after his bicycle accident and we give thanks with the family for his speedy recovery.

Do please let Mr. Christopher know of any visitation or prayer needs which you may discover.

MARRIAGES

Catherine Hary CULLING to Douglas Frank RECORD

28th April

Eileen Anne MADGWICK Philip GAMBLIN

28th April

to

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT JOHNSON

20th April

"So He giveth His beloved sleep"

VICTOR REGINALD GRICE

18th April

H.A.F.J. TUBBY LYNE

22nd April

A great scout, whose life enriched the lives of his family, friends and the Community

ARTHUR BARTON MERCER

3rd May

"I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my God"

ARTHUR MERCER d. 3.5. 1984

As the May issue of the Chronicle appeared, we learned of the death of Arthur Mercer. It was just over the year since Mrs. Mercer died, and at the time Arthur was still recovering in hospital from a stroke which had paralysed him on one side. It was his wish to return home, and Margaret, his daughter, wisely agreed to this. He had his bed brought downstairs, and he then set to and made various gadgets so that he could do most things for himself.

I found Arthur to be a great individualist, with lots of drive and initiative; at the time of his death he was negotiating with a company to manufacture a "Propagator" for gardeners, which he had patented and designed himself. Never once did I hear him complain and his was 'open house' to his friends, whom he was always pleased to entertain with cakes and scones which he had made.

As the Rev. Christopher mentioned at the funeral service, the Front Doors of the church are Arthur's Memorial, for the oak panels of these doors were made and fitted by him and are to be seen by all entering into this house of God.

FRAZER FINLAY



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We praise God and thank you all for the expressions of love and care that we have received, and for upholding us in prayer during Mark's recent accident, also when three of us had flu recently. In the midst of it all we have known the peace and strength of the Lord. To God be all the glory:

THE TULEY FAMILY

From the Church Meeting

The composition and terms of reference of all church committees are to be published. Mr. Colin Nodes has accepted the appointment of Acting Chairman of the House & Fabric Committee. In view of further thefts, a wall safe is to be installed in the vestibule. In reporting on the Synod 1984, Ken Irving said he was disappointed that only 6% of the church membership was present. (When did you last attend a church meeting?).

TED FOOTT

FINANCE

At the church meeting held on 26th April it was agreed to make a donation to St. Ninian's U.R.C., Pagham, and in acknowledging, The Rev. R.F. Boulter writes as follows:-

"The cheque of generous amount which you sent me for our Roof Repair Work was a lovely surprise, and a very heartwarming experience. It says a lot for a church which can reach out in this way and help a small church like this at a time of urgent need. Your very generous gift of £250 came just at a moment of vital need, and we wish to express our most sincere and warm thanks to all who helped in this way."

BIBLES-URGENT

"Send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared"

Nehemiah 8 v. 10

Have you heard of the Bible-a-Month Club? It is the Book Club where you don't get a book, you give one, every month, in countries like Malawi and Fiji, in languages like Amharic and Dangme.

In Mexico a Mayan farmer cried: "Now God speaks to us in our own language". In Pakistan a prisoner got a Bible

and wrote: "I have learned the Jesus secret of forgiveness." I may be in prison all my life, but in my heart I am free. Thanks for the wonderful gift of the Bible".

Requests for Scriptures are constantly coming from Eastern Europe and Asia, South America and Africa. In some African countries a Bible would cost over a week's wage - unless others help. Members of the Bible-a-Month Club (which is run by the British & Foreign Bible Society) give £1.50 per month, either individually, or as a group. For 5p per day for a year 12 people will be helped to have their own copy of the Scriptures.

Each month members receive a prayer card and learn about the country, the people, the Scripture project. There is a picture, a map, a language - sample and topics for prayer. Each quarter a Club Newsletter is sent out reporting on the various projects. I have copies of a pamphlet giving full details of the Bible-a-Month Club, together with an enrolment form. Please ask for one if you are interested.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

ST. PAUL'S, SOUTHSEA

Some time ago I wrote a short article on the work of St. Paul's House and I have now been asked to say something about the continuing work of the House, and to add a little more information to bring the interest up-to-date.

The work amongst women and girls, for various reasons finding themselves homeless, in the immediate neighbourhood and indeed much further afield, is still as urgent as ever. Although the House has been enlarged to accommodate more residents, the need has increased in other ways. As the years pass, so the situation changes, and long-term residents are now almost a thing of the past. Girls, and indeed older women, who find the stress and strain of present-day living more than they can cope with on their own, need a temporary home and shelter.

Someone to talk to who will listen and understand their problems and worries is their greatest need. Miss Patterson and her staff are willing to do this; but all things and situations change with the years and the great need at the moment is for "move on accommodation", and to extend the work of St. Paul's to help the girls and older women who

have gained confidence to live on their own and to manage their own lives again. Also to help, especially young mothers with their babies, who are living in bed-sitters with few, if any, cooking and laundry facilities.

The Portsmouth Housing Corporation has allocated a substantial grant to buy the property which will be made into flatlets and a day centre, but it will be the responsibility of the women's council, i.e. women members of the Free Churches of Portsmouth and District, to finance and run th day centre, including furnishing and equipping it. It is a need which is very great, not only for local girls but those from other areas as well - a pressing need.

In October, Dr. Mercy Plowright, Chairman of the Housing Committee, is coming to speak at the Women's Guild. This will be on 8th October, so then even more up-to-date information will be available to us.

KATHLEEN FLORY

CONTACT - YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

Fifteen mums and twenty five children enjoyed our Hot Cross Bun afternoon on Maundy Thursday! It was a good get-together and helped our funds, too, - thank you.

Dates:

7th	June	Contact Coffee Morning in the
	•	Cornwall Room 10.30 a.m.
21st	11	The second of our new Bible Studies.
		We are looking at the First Letter
		of Peter.
28th	11	An additional informal meeting, just
		for coffee and a chat - in the
		Cornwall Room 10.30 a.m.
5th	July	Our regular coffee morning with a
	•	visit from the Bible Bookshop,
		Chatsworth Road. There will be
		a selection of books to look at
		& buy.

So - all mums with Babies & Toddlers, we look forward to seeing you.

ANNE ROWLANDS & DIANE CLAY

		PREACHERS FOR JUNE
3rd	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Mr. Lionel Knight
	11.00 a.m.	Service conducted by the Elders with Preacher: Mr. Christopher
	6.30 p.m.	The Rev. R.C. Christopher
10th	8.00 a.m.	The Rev. R.C. Christopher
	11.00 a.m.	Parade Service conducted by the Girls' Brigade
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship conducted by Mr. L. Knight
17th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Mr. John Rowlands
	11.00 a.m.	Service: Preacher - Mr. R. Tuley with Mr. Christopher sharing.
	6.30 p.m.	The Rev. R.C. Christopher, Holy Communion
24th	8.00 a.m.	The Rev. R.C. Christopher - Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Service conducted by The Rev. Clifford Charlton, B.A., Minister of Sompting U.R.C.
	6.30 p.m.	Praise Evening: The Rev. C. Charlton. B.A.
		PREACHERS FOR JULY (1st & 8th)
lst	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion, The Rev. R.C. Christopher
	11.00 a.m.	The Rev. C.C. Franks, Moderator of the Southern Province
8th		The Rev. R.C. Christopher The Rev. George B. Hewitt, Minister of Bury Park, Luton

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. D. Weekes, "Selbourne", Cross Lane, Findon Tel:871-2093

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

flowers for June

3rd Mrs. Edmonds 10th Girls' Brigade 17th Mesdames Flory, Young & Miss Glue 24th Mr. & Mrs.Blackwood

FLOWER FUND

· £15 was received in May for which, many thanks.

REMINDER

Whilst The Rev. Connelly is away, please do not hesitate to let me know of anyone who would be cheered by flowers from the church.

DOROTHY TURNER



The Boys' Brigade

A good time was had by a group of us on the Narrow Boat Holiday during the Easter Week. On Easter Sunday we attended the Millmead Centre at Guildford for the 9.00 a.m. service. This was truly a charismatic experience as it surely blew away a few of my spiritual cobwebs. I hope it had its effect on the boys as it was a moving experience watching two people passing through the waters of baptism.

Coming out of the church we passed a place called Porridge Pot Alley and I hoped that this would give some indication to the rest of the group as to what to expect food-wise during the rest of the week. I am pleased to say that they all survived my cooking and with Michael Chatfield being responsible for the navigation, there were no serious mishaps. During the week we travelled from Guildford on the River Wey and then visited Hampton Court, Windsor, Staines and Marlow on the River Thames.

Although somewhat expensive, we do hope to repeat the exercise in the future. Please continue in your prayers for us as we struggle to maintain the Lord's work amongst these boys.

DONALD STEWART

WOMENS GUILD

The Easter Meeting on 17th April was shared with the Men's Fellowship. Members spoke about Christian Work and Witness in various parts of the world, asking God's blessing on that country and lighting a candle symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World.

The A.G.M. on 1st May was well attended. Mrs. Flory was in the Chair as our President, Miss Gilby was unfortunately absent owing to illness. Flowers were sent to Miss Gilby with good wishes for a speedy recovery, and in gratitude for her kindly help and guidance through the year. The new President, Mrs. Dearsley, was welcomed and wished a happy and successful year of office. An interestingly varied exhibition of "Treasures from Abroad" was provided by members and proved a great attraction.

We look forward to 5th June when an informal meeting will be held in the Cornwall Room at 2.30 p.m. for Guild Members.

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS are invited to join us on THURDAY, 5th JULY, for the "CREAM TEA" at 3 for 3.30 p.m. when we hope strawberries will be ripe. There will be a BRING & BUY STALL and tickets available from Guild Members will be on sale beforehand - price - 75p. Proceeds will be donated to The National Children's Home. This notice is well in advance, so please make a note of it and enjoy an afternoon with us.

BERYL STUTTER

THE CRECHE

As it seems it may be some long time before the new extension will be ready, we are pleased to say that the East Hall has been designated for the use of the Creche on Sunday mornings. We now have 14 little ones, under 3 years old in our care and find a great need for a few suitable toys to

Secretary

CHURCH CALENDAR -

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
Wednesdays:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
•	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
•	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays:		Youth Club (12 years & over)
Sundays:	09.50h	
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3rd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion - Mr. Lionel Knight
,	11.00h	
		elders, Preacher: Nev. Christopher
	18.30h	Divine Worship " " "
4th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Trevor
		White "Taking Good Photos"
5th Tuesday	14.45h	Informal Meeting of the Women's
John Lacaday		Guild to be held in the Cornwall
		Room
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
		•
7th Thursday	10.15h	'Contact' Coffee Morning to be held
•		in the Cornwall Room - All Welcome

9th Saturday 10.00 - GIRLS' BRIGADE COFFEE MORNING 12.00 noon

10th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion - Rev.R.C. Christopher 11.00h PARADE SERVICE conducted by the

Members of Girls' Brigade

18.30h Divine Worship - Mr. Lionel Knight

14th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion - The Rev.R.C. Christopher

14 30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

19 30h Flame! Mesting

19.30h <u>Elders' Meeting</u>

17th	Sunday	11.00h	Holy Communion - Mr. John Rowlands Divine Worship - Rev.R.C. Christopher Preacher: Mr. R. Tuley Divine Worship with Holy Communion Conducted by Rev.R.C. Christopher
18th	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - RAMBLE
19th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
21st	Thursday		CONTACT GROUP Bible Study
	Sunday	11.00h	Holy Communion - Rev. R.C. Christopher Divine Worship) - The Rev. Clifford Divine Worship) Charlton, Sompting U.R.C.

ADVANCE NOTICES

5th	July	10.30h CONTACT GROUP COFFEE MORNING with
		a visitor from the Bible Book Shop
		(with books to look at and buy)
		15.00h for
		15.30h WOMEN'S GUILD "CREAM TEA" Tickets
		available from members

19.30h CHURCH MEETING

PREACHERS FOR 1st July a.mThe Rev. C.C. Franks, Moderator of the Southern Province p.m. The Rev. R.C Christopher

8th " a.m.) The Rev. George B. Hewitt, p.m.) Minister of Bury Park, Luton

14.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

PLEASE NOTE: The July/August Chronicle should be available during the second week of July. Please deliver copy to 56 Bolsover Road by the usual date (12th June).

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interest and instruct them. The suggestion is to hold a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale on Wednesday, 13th June at 10.30 a.m. till 12.00 noon, the proceeds to be used for this purpose. Will you please come and support our effort?

DULCIE B. JENKINS & HELPERS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had two excellent meetings with which to end our Spring Programme. On 17th April we joined with the Women's Guild, and it was amazing how far we travelled. (See their page). Mr. J. Dicks, Mr. N. Prattent and Mr. F. Finlay represented us and spoke of the churches in Canada, Malawi and Ireland.

For the A.G.M. on 1st May, the business was a little longer than usual. Our President, The Rev. Connelly and Vice-President, The Rev. Christopher, not being able to attend, the meeting was very ably conducted by our new Chairman, Mr. J. Blackwood, to whom we give our thanks. Afterwards and for the first time, we had arranged a little tea party for all the members. This was to give the opportunity for all to sit and chat with one another for a reasonable period of time - a thing which normally doesn't happen at our meetings, when often there are guest speakers present.

Here we thank Mrs. N. Groves and Mrs. J. Finlay for arranging and preparing the repast. The general agreement was, it was a great success and should be repeated next year.

Arrangements forour Autumn Programme, starting in September, are well in hand, may we see some new faces?

FRAZER FINLAY & BERT GROVES

CHRISTIAN AID

Writing this at the beginning of Christian Aid Week, it is too early to report how well or otherwise you responded on this occasion. We do know that the number sitting down to the Austerity Lunch, organised by Family Circle, was disappointingly small for a 'caring' church of our size. However, trying to mask our disappointment (but hardly succeeding) we enjoyed the food tastefully displayed and each other's company.

Mr. Robert Wright was given a few minutes to engender interest in the over-all aspect of help for the under-nourished and under-privileged of the poor world by suggesting we form a World Development Movement Group. If this is a particular interest of yours too, give him a ring on Worthing 45805.

Our main Speaker, Miss Joan Strange, from St. Paul's Church, gave a very interesting talk, peppered with little stories - including one about ten birds demonstrating 'Christian Aid' in action! What a pity so few of us heard Miss Strange's message. However, the sum of £71.25 plus that taken out for cost of food and beverage, was donated, and so all in all it was worthwhile.

RON JURDAN

Amount received through Mrs. Hele £17.00 with many thanks.

I am interested in forming the above-mentioned Group for study and action to consider further ways in which we might champion the cause of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed and those unjustly treated in the poorer countries of the world. That such people are of central concern to God in His love, mercy and justice is clear in Biblical teaching. Part of our joyous commitment to the Lord is to help those in these and similar needs.

Such a group starting in a small way, would maintain links with Christian Aid, Tear Fund, World Development Movement, Oxfam, Oxfam 2000 and Feed the Minds Campaign.

I propose to hold the first meeting to discuss such a project initially at my flat (ground floor, 5 Valencia Hoad) on Saturday, 23rd June, 1984 at 3.00 p.m. in the garden if fine. Anyone who is interested is invited but this will not commit anyone to join such a group at this stage. Tea will be available with light refreshments.

ROBERT WRIGHT

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH NONTH

It is likely that not many members of the congregation will have read the February issue of our Church Magazine 'Reform' and so, I should like to quote from the Editorial of Norman Hart. The first two sentences say so much, and they are so simple in form that one can see how they are married to each other. May I quote (1)"It worries me, said the mother, that they simply live together, and don't seem interested in getting married". (2) "What is happening in our church, said the minister, is that we're getting more people coming to our services, but they are not interested in membership".

"A Gallup Poll in the U.S.A. reveals an increase in the number of adult Americans actively seeking God, but church membership declining from 73% of the population in 1965 to 67% today".

Membership in the U.R.C. is, of course, very important; since this is related to its contributions to central funds. So if our congregation membership is small, our giving to the general fund will be low also, and the small church meeting will decide on what can be done, even for those non-members who worship regularly and who could become greater in number than the membership.

I was intrigued when I read this Reform article, since it was in my mind - having heard from our Minister so often about "This Year of Evangelism" - that perhaps our elders' evangelistic efforts might be directed to those of our worshippers not yet committed to full membership. And, since the Editor puts it better than I can, I will quote again from Reform: "This answer to membership underlines the comparison with marriage quoted above. Those who see no point in marriage say, we will live together so long as our love lasts, not God's. Those who commit themselves to church membership say - we will worship together so long as God maintains the fellowship, not simply for the length of our own inclinations."

May we all prayerfully consider the point at issue, and especially, as it affects about a third of those listed in our Handbook) can we, the members, help! It could be helpful if others shared here their point of view.

FRAZER FINLAY

SMALL AD.

Upstairs Flat, 96 Sea Place, Goring, FOR SALE. 2 dble. bedrooms, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Small Ground at rear. View by Appointment Tel 504749. asking Price £26000.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Are we really nearly half-way through the year? June seemed such a long way away when we started our preparations for this month's Parade on 10th June. Once again we are to have the pleasure of conducting the morning's worship on that day and look forward to sharing our thoughts and prayers and songs with you.

On Saturday, 9th June, we hope to see you between 10.00 a.m. and noon at our Mini Summer Fayre and Coffee Morning, to be held in the Church Hall. The money raised will go towards this year's project, namely new blazers for our girls. The first ten are on order so a good start has been made.

Each year seems to have its special highlight and a few of us enjoyed a very unusual day recently - see what Doreen Norris says about it.

Do please continue to pray for us all and, God bless, JEAN WEBB

Celebration of Christian Heritage WESTMINSTER ABBEY

"You are good with words, you do the piece for the Chronicle", said Captain! WELL.... no words of mine can properly convey to you, who are reading this, just how we felt. We being - Captain, myself and six Brigaders - who were privileged to be among the congregation at Westminster Abbey on 9th May for the Celebration of Christian Heritage.

We were there in the first place because the girls were reserves (not needed, as it happened) for the Guard of Honour outside the Abbey. Captain naturally accompanied them, and I went along; not only for the ride but to share the experience with them - And what an experience it was! None of us would have missed it for the world. The music, pomp and pageantry - coupled with the atmosphere in that beautiful place - filled each one of us with a sense of awe and wonder ...

It was interesting too, to sit and watch the wellknown people file past; representatives of all Christian denominations, all political parties and all walks of life. Our dear friend, Cyril Franks, was one familiar face. Dr. David Owen, Len Murray and Dora Bryan were among the many others who were easily recognisable. Cliff Richard sang to us; as did a Gospel Choir. Then it was time (and how well

it was timed!) for Mrs. Thatcher to make her entrance, followed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

During the service: which was one of Thanksgiving, Repentance and Dedication, Viscount Tonypandy - former Speaker of the House of Commons, read the Lesson (Matthew 5 vv. 1-12). Various members of the Clergy led the prayers and His Grace the Archbishop, preached the sermon. The Choir sang- and we sang, with great and joyous feeling!

All too soon it was over and we were making our way out of the Abbey into the London sunshine. I know I speak for us all when I say that the memory of that day will be cherished for a long time to come and we are so very proud to have taken part as representatives of The Girls' Brigade.

DOREEN NORRIS

JUNIOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES — ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to Church Meeting on 26th January

Reading through the minutes of Junior Church meetings for 1983 we seem to have overcome the problems that have arisen through the year. Six teachers completed the N.C.E.C. course and found it very rewarding. They recommended the course to the rest of the teachers, but this was not possible for them because this would have meant another evening being taken up.

The whole of the Cornwall Room has been given to the Beginners Department as their numbers now stand at 24. This meant moving the Creche on to the stage. We have found a splendid permanent Auntie in Dulcie Jenkins, and numbers have now reached 12 in the Creche.

The Primary Department was provided with a large display board and make good use of it with their art to illustrate the scripture stories. They managed to survive a period without Julian, but it shows how competent the other teachers are, as the Department continued to run smoothly. There are 21 on the roll.

The Junior Department is working well and is now fully staffed, the number on the roll being 36.

The Bible Class has restarted, meeting at 11.00 a.m.

after a trial period combined with the Youth Club Bible It was at the request of the boys and girls of the Bible Class that they revert back, and none of them seem to have been lost to the church as a result of the exercise. There are 14 on the roll.

We had a very successful and happy outing to Arundel in July. The Christmas parties were well attended. group of children sang carols at the Priory Home in January. 36 children entered the scripture examination in March, and a Junior and Senior team entered the Area Bible Quiz in October.

We were very sorry to lose several members of our staff, Vernon Craghill, Matthew and Wilma Smith, but we welcomed Amanda Stewart, Hilary and Graham Redman, Tanya Hunt. Susan Clark and Mary Monnery, who is always willing to help out.

It is pleasing to note that the majority of children come with their parents, which means that there are a large number of young families in the church.

Total number on roll - 95 plus Creche - 12

JEAN MARSH Secretary

LETTER FROM SCOTLAND

Well, everyone, we are now settling into our new home very nicely. Things are now taking shape and we're starting to snatch a bit of free time to ourselves. We don't know whether too much free time is necessarily good for us, however, as it only serves to give us pause to think of all our many friends and the wonderful fellowship that we have left behind in Worthing. Rest assured that although separated by many miles, you are all so very close to our hearts and never from from our thoughts.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many cards and the lovely flowers which greeted us upon moving in. We have attached ourselves, a little loosely perhaps, to the local Church of Scotland. We have found a warm welcome there but as yet are not involved in anything. We haven't had any confirmation from the Lord yet that we are in the right place, but it's early days yet. We have heard of a Pentecostal Church which is some two or three

miles away where there seems to be a distinct movement of the Spirit, we hope to attend there soon, but whether on a full-time basis or just as regular visitors, remains to be seen.

Work is going well and is thoroughly enjoyable, both at the office and at home. We have transformed the back garden these past few weeks and thus made the most of the wonderful weather we have been enjoying.

David and Lesley have settled quickly into their new schools and have already made friends with a number of children. I think children adapt to things much quicker than we expect them to. We are all enjoying being so close to our family; it's lovely to pop in the car and see our parents within 10-15 minutes.

Well, I expect most of your thoughts will be turning to summer holidays. If by any chance any of you come in this direction don't hesitate to get in touch with us (Prestonpans 811 820) and you will find a warm welcome awaiting you. Meanwhile, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. All our love and blessings,

MATTHÉW, WILMA, DAVID & LESLEY

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Worthing & District Churches Sailing Weekend, 4th-6th May

We departed from Broadwater C. of E. School at 5.00 p.m. We arrived at Cobnor, near Portsmouth, and stayed at Cobnor Activities Centre which is a local trust. This comprises a purpose-built log cabin with 8 dormitories each sleeping 4 people, dining room, kitchen and drying room. A recent addition to the Centre has been the erection of the Jubilee Hall, which caters for the disabled.

The first time we went out on the water was Saturday morning, when we sailed down to East Head (which is approximately 3 miles) and back for lunch. In the afternoon we set off - destination Bosham, but due to lack of wind, most of the time was spent drifting backwards:

On Sunday we set off for Hayling Island THECHRONICLE: June 1984 a lot of wind we reached East Head and turned back in time forlunch. In the afternoon those who wished to sail went out into the harbour and the others started to clear up. In the evening we held a service and some of the youth club joined us. We set off for home and arrived back about 9.00 p.m.

For me, the most exciting part of the whole weekend was helming the boat on Sunday afternoon. Sunday had brought strong winds, strong enough to lift the boat about 45° out of the water. This happened to me and I got extremely worried as I saw the other side of the boat disappear under the water! Though the most worrying aspect of the situation was that my instructor seemed unduly concerned. (This doesn't boost one's confidence, since this was my first time sailing). To rebalance the boat you lean out over the water and so two of us, taking hold of available ropes, leant back until the boat was flat in the water. It was really great fun lean-

The only trouble with the sailing weekend was that it only lasted for a weekend.

JOHN B. GORDON

ing right out over the water so that you were only a few inches above the sea. Add to this waves breaking over the bow and soaking everyone with spray, you have the makings

of an enjoyable experience, not easily forgotten.

HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND SALVATION.

From the Editor.

EASTER AT SELMESTON

Good Friday dawned bright and sunny and many of us were glad that it was so for Cathy's Baptism to be held that afternoon. As Eric and I were to continue from this celebration to a weekend away in the caravan, and not knowing what Easter Horning would bring in the way of worship activity amongst our camping friends, I sang my allelujas at home accompanying myself on the piano.

TACY RIBY

As it happened, we were approached by some of our camping club friends on the Saturday evening with an invitation to join a group who were to attend morning service on Easter Day in the village church. We were delighted to go along with them, and in all, about thirty of us filled up the little church, much to the astonishment and obvious delight of the two elderly lady church wardens and the Vicar and his assistant. Needless to say, the church was decorated profusely with gorgeous Easter blooms which included cascades of flowering current plus the traditional daffodils and primroses.

As we settled down in our pews, wondering which Easter carols would be sung out here in the quiet countryside. we began to feel a deep peace surrounding us and a feeling of joyous anticipation. We were not disappointed, for The Rev. House, who entered from the rear of the chancel, made us feel welcome immediately, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many camping friends from the cricket ground, with his congregation that morning. His address, which was entitled 'GLORY', certainly was an uplifting and glorious message, in which he illustrated the various expressions of glory which we, as human beings, can make. Yehudi Menhuin and his violin, glorious paintings and sculptures, wonderful singers and all sorts of music were among his pictorial words which lifted us up and gave us a feeling that, although there is so much distress and bad news from the world at large, God is still in His Heaven, and there was plenty to rejoice about. Finally he told us to go back to the campsite, and be chestnut trees, little lambs or daffodils, or anything else we fancied, and eat, and drink, for our Heavenly Father wants us to enjoy these things to the full, and if we do this in excess, he has already forgiven us!

To crown the morning we shared in Holy Communion, and never has this celebration meant more to me personally than it did that morning. We sang our allelujas and I was not disappointed. In all, while feeling at one with you at home in Goring, our service on Easter Morning was an inspiration which we will never forget.

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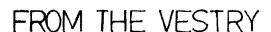
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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE . WEST WORTHING







I would like to write an enthusiastic word about our Outreach at Durrington. I was glad of the opportunity at the May church meeting to give a report on the present position, and I am encouraged by the interest shown at the meeting. When I was asked by our church to see what possibilities for witness there were in the new development of Durrington, I had no idea that it would work out to my undertaking the secretary-ship of the Durrington Community Centre Association.

The churches in which I have served as minister have encouraged me to go out into the local community. However, Durrington has been an experience on its own - at times a very difficult task - and now, full of possibilities for the future. Those possibilities involve finance.

As you will know, the building has become possible through the interest of the Worthing Borough Council who are meeting the building costs, and also the interest of the West Sussex County Council, providing a grant of £35,000 to the Borough Council (including £12,000 for the land). The Durrington Community Centre Association is making a contribution of £10,000 towards the finishings and equipment. Why then is the Association's Appeal for £25,000? The reason is that the Borough Council will give a licence to the Durrington Community Centre to be responsible for the opening of the Centre in the Autumn of this year, who will then be responsible for the day to day activities within the Centre.

I am anxious that by the opening DUCCA will have a bank balance of £15,000 with which to meet the cost and expenses of launching the Centre in the Community. The first twelve months may not make much in a financial return. We shall need to employ a responsible person to take care of the premises. For such reasons we need funds, and your practical help will be appreciated.

Two of our elders, Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor and Mr. Norman Dobson, serve on the Executive of DUCCA. I am particularly pleased that the plan of the interior of the building corresponds to the early "working party" discussions, when we considered what form, hall and rooms, a Community Centre should possess. The coffee lounge off the entrance hall, and a kitchen with serving hatches to both the main hall and the coffee lounge, were among our original ideas. This building is built to serve the Community.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

On behalf of the church, a sincere 'thank you' to the generous donors to our Gift Day, which amounted to £982. However, our treasurer informs me that the number of donors was about half the usual number. It will be remembered that Mr. Douglas Blakey's letter stated that half of the amount raised would go to the Durrington Community Centre. It may be that those who have not responded to the Gift Day may wish to contribute to the present need of the Community Centre. When it is opened I shall be organising Sunday Services to meet local needs, and as a witness to the Gospel.

May I draw your attention to our visiting preachers. I hope that during our Minister's absence we shall be loyal in our attenance at worship in our own church. At the 11.00 a.m. service on Sunday, 22nd July, we shall welcome Mrs. Rosalind Goodfellow, J.P., B.A., who was Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, 1982-83. Her father, The Rev. W. Griffith-Jones as Minister of Emmanuel Church, West Wickham, was my father-in-God to whom I owe much.

Those of you who are going on holiday during July and August - may you have every enjoyment of change from the daily round, and rest. Although holidays can be very active! I have already had a number of post cards from some of you on holiday. It is very kind of you to take the trouble, and a kind thought. Our Minister has sent me three and they

all sound most exciting! The one received today Shows July/August 1984 picture of an uninhabited desert of multi-coloured sands which changes in colours through the day and with climatic changes. On this card he mentions Oklahoma, a visit to the Indians, Las Vegas, and a Conference in California. It all sounds most exciting!

As I said at the Service, every church owes much to those whom the Apostle Paul called "helpers". Such a helper was our friend, Louie Beatrice Reynolds. Whether it was organising refreshments or looking after and answering the Minister's vestry telephone, Mrs. Reynolds was most willing to help. I assured her son, Mr. C.H. Reynolds, and the family, of the love and sympathy of our church.

Miss Yvonne Whyte and Miss Liz Dyer are recovering from their operations. Mrs. Grace Carnhill is back home at Westholme and these are in need of our prayers.

One of the present encouraging features of our church is our Youth Club which grows in numbers, and the accompanying Bible Class, which is well attended on Sunday Mornings. I sometimes slip in at the back and listen and join in the singing. Last Sunday morning, one of the young men was asked to take the prayer. This he did in a sincere and quiet manner and prayed that the Lord's peace would be upon us. I cannot do better than his short prayer and say:

"The peace of the Lord be with you".

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

IN MEMORIAM

"Death is not the end. There is life after death. Death is only putting out the lamp at the rise of a new dawn"

(from "Fear no evil" by David Watson)

GRACE DORIS SIMCOE	d. 7th May
ALFRED WILLIAM WYATT	17th May
ALLAN MITCHELL-CHARMAN	23rd May (funeral)
ELLA MARGARET DENNIS	24th May
LOUIE BEATRICE REYNOLDS	11th June

MARRIAGES

Julie Ann WORSFOLD to
Terence Arthur WILLCOCK 19th May

Nicola GREENFIELD to David Robert WILDS

16th June

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

"I would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who remembered us in their prayers during my operation and following treatment. Special thanks to Mr. Connelly, Irene Tuley, Olive Bushby, Mr. & Mrs. Marsh, Jean Webb & The Girls' Brigade, for their visits, gifts and transport, which have all contributed to my present state of good health. May God bless you all,"

MARCARET WISEMAN

To all members and friends - THANK YOU - for your prayers, cards, visits, during my recent spell in Ward 41 of Worthing Hospital. I am now home again and making good progress. The Lord has indeed laid His healing hand upon me. Please join with me in joyful thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

ROBERT E. JONES

Liz Dyer thanks all her friends at the church for the visits and loving greetings she has received during her stay in hospital. She hopes to be home again soon.

We offer our grateful thanks to you all for your loving thoughts and kind messages during our recent bereavement. Your love and prayerful support has meant a great deal to us both over the last few years when we experienced times of great stress. Special thanks to Ron Christopher, who called so regularly on Ella, and for his help at the funeral service. Bill, of course, is not forgotten as he always had a special spot in Ella's affections. May God bless you all,

ERIC & BARBARA

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Changes of Address:-

GILL, Mr. & Mrs. G., 36 Ontario Gardens WARD, Mr. & Mrs. C., 26 Raleigh Crescent

<u>Tel</u>. 67655 501949

WEEKÉS, Mr. & Mrs. D., "Selbourne", Cross Lane, Findon FINDO

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correction:-

Mrs. K. Green, 4 Wisley Court, 7 West Ave.

PREACHERS FOR JULY/AUGUST THE CHRONICLE: July/August 1984

- 1st 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion The Rev. R.C. Christopher 11.00 a.m. The Rev. C.C.Franks, Moderator of the Southern Province
 - 6.30 p.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher
- 8th 8.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher
 11.00 a.m.) The Rev. George B. Hewitt of Bury Park,
 6.30 p.m.) Luton
- 15th 8.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher
 11.00 a.m. The Rev. John Newton Holder
 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Fred Hudson
 Holy Communion with The Rev.R.C. Christopher
- 22nd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Mr. John Rowlands
 11.00 a.m. Preacher: Mrs. Rosalind Goodfellow, J.P.,B.A.
 Moderator of the General Assembly 1982/3
 - 6.30 p.m. Praise Evening conducted by
 The Rev. R.C. Christopher,
 Preacher: The Rev. Rodney Kingstone of
 The Broadwater Fellowship
- 29th 8.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher 11.00 a.m. The Rev. Edward Symmons, Minister of The Forest of Dean Group 6.30 p.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher

AUGUST

- 5th 8.00 a.m. Mr. John Rowlands 11.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher (Holy Communion) 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Ronald Batt, Minister at
 - 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Ronald Batt, Minister at St. Columba's, Worthing
- 12th 8.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher
 11.00 a.m.) The Rev. John Titlow, Minister of Rush Hill
 6.30 p.m.) and Larkhall, U.R.C., & Associate Minister
 of Argyle, Bath
- 19th 8.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher 11.00 a.m.) The Rev. D.A. Smith (a former Moderator
 - 6.30 p.m.) of the Southern Province) with The Rev. R.C. Christopher sharing
- 26th 8.00 a.m. Mr. Lionel Knight
 11.00 a.m. The Rev. R.C. Christopher
 6.30 p.m. Mr. John Rowlands

CONTACT - YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

Just to remind everyone that we will have a speaker from The Bible Book Shop with samples of books etc. at our next Contact meeting on Thursday, 5th July. There is a Bible Study Group on Thursday, 19th July at 10.15h at 16 Melbourne Avenue. Anyone who is interested will be very welcome to come along. It is not only for people who attend Contact meetings.

Chris Morgan is holding a Strawberry & Cream Tea in her garden on 19th July from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at 26 Chelwood Avenue. The cost per head is 15p for biscuits/tea/drink or 30p for tea/strawberries & cream.

Anne would like someone to help her run "Contact" from September, so if you feel this is the right thing for you to do (after a bit of thought and prayer!) give her a ring on Worthing 201070 - September is nearer than you think

DIANE CLAY
ANNE ROWLANDS

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

The Rev. Rodney Kingstone, of the Broadwater Fellowship, is to be the preacher at our Evening Praise on 22nd July, and we look forward to the message he will have for us.

As previously reported, there will be no separate "Praise Time" this month (or August) but we hope it can return in September - on 23rd. In the meantime, we would like to thank those who have prepared and led these happy occasions, also to record our appreciation of the quiet and efficient manner in which Mrs. Robin Bradley and her helpers have prepared and dispensed refreshments.

The Discussion Group will next meet on 6th September at 7.30 p.m. at 3. Arun Close. Have <u>you</u> any particular concern that you would like aired at this meeting?

RON JORDAN

(Convenor)

JUNIOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING Once again it has been agreed to take the children from Creche to Seniors, to Arundel Park on Saturday, 21st July. We shall meet in the Church Car Park at 10.45 a.m. and leave at 11.00 a.m. returning at 4.00 p.m. This is a family outing and parents and friends are welcome to join us especially those of children under five. Please bring a packed lunch and drink.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week in our church was quite eventful as the following details show:-

	£	1983
Austerity Lunch (13th May)	72.25	(£100)
Envelopes thro' the Church	106.25	(£140)
House to House Collection	738.55	(£571)
Loan/Covenant (anonymous)	3,000.00	(£200 gift)

The Austerity Lunch was reported on last month but a word or two about the other items would not be out of place.

The House to House Collection by our gallant band of collectors was £167 more than last year, mainly achieved by our covering nine more roads, and contributed to in no small measure by one person (not me!) collecting £136! It is worth reporting that a 100 peseta note and a 10 guilder note, received in envelopes were exchanged for 45p and £2.23 respectively, the 75p (minimum) commission being waived by the bank. There must be many such notes lying dormant because the payment of commission would not make the exchange worthwhile. PLEASE let me have your "worthless" foreign notes (and coins) and I will have them exchanged in favour of Christian Aid.

Have you thought of leaving some money to Christian Aid in your will? Better still, have you thought of taking out a loan covenant while you are still having to pay income tax? As noted above, one person in this church has and this £3,000 could be worth over £4,000 to Christian Aid after four years. I have the necessary forms (and now the 'know how') and would be pleased to pass on either or both to any interested person.

RON JORDAN

Tel: 503791

THE BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Society is holding a concert at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Shelley Road, on Wednesday, 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

TORCH FELLOWSHIP

The Worthing (Central) Torch Fellowship Group, which is an outreach of the Torch Trust for the Blind, is holding a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale at The United Reformed Church, Shelley Road, on Wednesday, 25th July from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All are welcome.

<u>u.n.a</u>.

Please support the U.N.A. Garden Party at The Friends' Meeting House, Mill Road, on Saturday 7th July from 2.30 p.m. 50p includes a good tea. There will be various stalls, i.e. cakes - garden produce - etc. also entertainment and side shows.

HYMN BOOKS

Over the years the hymn books have become worn and pages are missing in a number of these books. Mr. F.H. Latimer has kindly carried out repairs to the covers and inserted pages. In order to facilitate this work it would be most helpful if anyone notices a missing page to hand the book to one of the stewards. These books will be placed in one of the cupboards in the vestibule ready for collection by Mr. Latimer.

WANTED for the CRECHE

Toys, puzzles, lego etc. suitable for 2-3 year olds. Please bring anything suitable to the creche on Sunday mornings.

SMALL AD. Mr. Malcolm Nicholls wishes it to be known that he is available to do painting and decorating and other odd jobs. Phone: 43062.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Grateful thanks for centinued support and £23 received during May & June.

I shall be on holiday from 8th July until 22nd, so any enquiries regarding flowers should be made to Mrs. Pownall Tel: 63755.

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lst	Mrs. Cushing	5th	Mr. & Mrs. Luckin
8th	Miss M. Barnes	12th	Miss Mortimer
22nd	Mrs. R. Evans	19th	Flower Fund
29th	Mr. & Mrs. Stewart	26th	The Rev. & Mrs.
			Christopher

OBITUARY

Another old stager has passed to higher service on 11th June. I refer to Mrs. B. Reynolds.

"Bee" as she was affectionately known, died peacefully at Swandean Hospital to which she had been moved after a slight stroke. It was but a short time previously that Bee had sold her bungalow, where she lived alone since the passing of her husband Kim, whom she greatly missed, and moved to Holcombe Hotel, where she was near an old family friend and church member, Gordon Wraight.

My wife and I became members of the church about the time of Kim's death, and we became very good friends with Bee, transporting her to and from church most Sundays and to church meetings. We admired her indomitable spirit and determination, and at 85 she was still cutting the grass around the bungalow and tending her lovely flowers. For many years we understand, the church kitchen was her domain, and the flower arranging in church and at The Women's Guild. Thus she contributed her skills and

CHURCH CALENDAR -

PLEASE NOTE: Further details of preachers will be found on seperate page

		JULY
1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	conducted by The Associate Minister Divine Worship with Holy Communion -
		The Rev. C.C. Franks, Moderator of
	18.30h	The Southern Province of the U.R.C. Divine Worship - The Associate Minister
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2nd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship visit to Lancing Chapel (Ramble)
3rd Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
5th Thursday	10.15h	
	15.00h	for 15.30h WOMEN'S GUILD CREAM TEA
7th Saturday	14.30h	U.N.A. Garden Party at The Friends'
		Meeting House, Mill Road
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion - The Associate Minister Parade Service) The Rev. G.B. Hewitt
	11.00h 18.30h	
	10.3011	Luton
11th Wednesday	19.30h	British & Foreign Bible Society
		Concert at Holy Trinity Church
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion conducted by Mr. L. Knight
	14.15h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in Chapel
15th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion - The Associate Minister
	11.00h	Divine Worship - The Rev. Newton Holder Divine Worship with Holy Communion -
	18.30h	The Associate Minister
16th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship AGM & Supper
17th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

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19th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
22nd Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion - Mr. John Rowlands Divine Worship - Mrs. R. Goodfellow Divine Worship - The Associate Minister Preacher: The Rev. Rodney Kinstone
25th Wednesday	10.30h	Torch Fellowship Coffee Morning at Shelley Road U.R.C.
26th Thursday	14.30h 19.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in Chapel Church Meeting
29th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion - The Associate Minister Divine Worship - The Rev. E. Symmons Divine Worship - The Associate Minister
31st Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
		AUGUST
5th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h	Holy Communion - Mr. John Rowlands Divine Worship with Holy Communion The Associate Minister
	18.30h	Divine Worship - The Rev. R. Batt
9th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion - The Associate Minister
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in Chapel
12th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h) 18.30h)	Holy Communion - The Associate Minister The Rev. J. Titlow of Bath
14th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
19th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h)	Holy Communion - The Associate Minister The Associate Minister, Preacher: The
	18.30h)	Rev. Douglas Smith
23rd Thursday 26th Sunday	14.30h 08.00h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in Chapel Holy Communion - Mr. L. Knight
and one owner of	11.00h	Divine Worship - The Associate Minister
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28th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

knowledge to church life, and previously at Sutton, sang in the Choir; for she enjoyed singing.

Our sympathy at this time goes out to her son, Colin and family, and to her granddaughter whose wedding she was looking forward to attending later this year. FRAZER ETNI AY

FRED HUDSON - SPEAKER at the EVENING SERVICE on 15th July

Last year we were very privileged to share in a holiday with Fred who was the speaker at Herne Bay Court (an evangelical holiday centre). He and his family endeared themselves to all as he seemed to be completely available, displaying a wonderful ministry. Fred is a senior evangelist for the Pocket Testament League and his evangelistic gift was clear on holiday. His breakfast talks were most refreshing and set us up for the day. His message was always clear and easy to take away and reflect upon. The evening message was fuller, but finished too soon. We also attended a Sunday Service at a very full baptist church at which Fred was invited to speak that day (he lives in Gosport).

We would commend Fred to you, whether young or old in faith or age. Please do not miss an opportunity to hear him. He is coming 40 miles to share in our service on 15th July. PAUL & JANE ARCHER

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Junior Boys' Brigade Mondays: 18.00h

Girls' Brigade (Term ends 17th July) Tuesdays: 17.30h

Anchor Boys Wednesdays: 18.00h

Boys' Brigade 19.00h 19.30h Choir Practice

Boys' Brigade Fridays: 19.00h

Prayer & Praise in the Chapel 19.30h 19.00h Youth Club (12 yrs. & over)

Saturdays: Youth Club Bible Class Sundays: 09.50h

This being The Year of Evangelism, some thought is being given to personal preparation in our church. Some form of training is valuable, and the possibility of holding a Fishers' Fellowship 'Winning another School' 5 week training programme is being considered. Whether or not this takes place the following avenues and lines of activity merit serious consideration, there being room for a variety of approaches.

- Personal contacts with people we meet in day to day situations, such as colleagues, neighbours, tradespeople.
- 2. Offering of suitable literature. If done prayerfully & under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can be a way of presenting the message and of providing a lead in to speak about our faith. Samples of suitable literature will be found on the bookstand. Among these will be found the monthly family newspaper "Challenge" together with some very helpful hints on where and how to distribute.
- 3. Visitation (a) Challenge newspaper can be used in this way. (b) Visitation to make friendly contact, to share the church's care and concern for people in the neighbourhood, to witness for the Lord where this can be done naturally under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. People can be invited to a specific event, e.g. a coffee morning or to a special service for outsiders and be informed of the various activities of the church. Volunteers would be needed for this work.
- Open Air preaching with visual presentation and/or music, i.e. on the promenade.
- 5. Home groups to which neighbours and acquaintances may be invited. Existing groups prove to be of valuable benefit and further groups are desirable.

Well deserved tribute to the devoted workers in our own organisations should be expressed here, for these are important avenues of outreach and evangelism. The above are additional suggestions, some of which are already being carried out. Ask the Lord to guide you in His way and consider prayerfully whether He may want you to participate in one or more of these approaches.

ROBERT WRIGHT

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH



GIRLS' BRIGADE

SUNDAY, 10th JUNE, 1984

Yes! God is good! I give thanks that I could be part of such a beautiful service this morning. You may think I am a little biased, but any person visiting the church this morning could not fail to be moved by the wonderfully clear singing and beautiful prayers from such a loving and caring company of girls.

Now I can be really biased, because no-one can tell a story so well as my Mum, Doreen Norris. Always managing to bring a tear to the eye. Each and every one of us had a place in Margaret's prayers and Captain too, has such a lovely way of speaking. It made me feel she was speaking to each person alone. It was a loving message from a very loving person.

I want to thank you, Officers and Girls, for a lovely service and feel very proud and privileged to know you all, because a very large part of my heart is with you in 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade. God bless you all,

I was so pleased when so many of you said how much you enjoyed the story I told about "The King's Bell", that I thought I would like to share with you the wonderful way in which the story came to me. Whilst visiting my daughter and her family a few weeks ago, Rebecca, my four-year-old granddaughter selected me to read to her at bedtime. "Right" I said, "Go and find a book". Well - its no exaggeration to say that she has dozens of books with hundreds of stories in them, and from all of those books she picked a single slim volume, from which she chose the story of The King and his bell. As I read it to her I knew that here was my children's address. This was the story I wanted. God is indeed good. He surely guided that little girl's hand, and my prayer was answered.

DOREEN NORRIS

All swell the chorus "God is Good". So many of you helped to swell the chorus on 10th June and many of you have said since how much you enjoyed singing God is Good, particularly to the tune Williams. We would like to thank all who cooperated with us for our June Parade - the Choir, Mr. Bown,

and of course, The Rev. R. Christopher, and not least of all, our pianist, Mrs. Carpenter. We enjoyed the whole week-end of 9th/10th June. Our Coffee Morning/Summer Fayre was a happy occasion and £135 has now been added to our blazer fund. The Brigaders (14 years and over) are now proudly wearing their new blazers and we hope soon to be in a position to purchase enough for the Senior Section.

The next big event is, of course, Camp. August 4th -11th at West Cliff Baptist Church, Poole Road, Bournemouth. We were last there in 1979 and this year, of the 24 girls going to camp, 13 have not been away with us before and for one officer it will be a new experience also. We break up for the summer on 17th July and return on 11th September with a Jumble Sale on 13th Sept.

During the holiday period may we all experience afresh God's goodness and His everlasting love for us all.

Blessings.

JEAN WEBB

WOMENS GUILD

On Monday, 14th May, the Guild was well represented at the West Sussex Spring Meeting at Littlehampton U.R.C. when the address was given by The Rev. David Clarke. After group discussion we shared thoughts and experiences regarding methods of outreach. As we moved from the modernised church to a very comfortable dining area for tea, we were handed a helpful book mark of prayers and thoughts on Evangelism. B.F.S.

Damp, but not downhearted, was the spirit of the Guild and friends at their Outing to Exbury Gardens in the New Forest. It was unfortunate that after so many weeks of dry weather the rain decided to come down as we entered the coach, and continued. However, when we arrived, what a riot of colour met our eyes. As we wandered down the various paths of this wonderful garden, designed by the Rothschild family, there were fresh vistas on every side, from giant Rhododendron trees to small scented Azalea and Camellia bushes. Some of us could not resist buying one or two plants in the hope they would flower eventually. We then proceeded to Lyndhurst where an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the Baptist Church, who made us most welcome.

Our grateful thanks go to Miss Hillis who made all the arrangements for this happy day of fellowship.

On Wednesday, 30th May, we entertained othen Ladies/August 1984 from Sutton U.R.C. to tea. It had been a beautiful, sunny day and the tea and welcome given by Mrs. Jenkins and her helpers, was greatly appreciated. Thursday, 5th July we hope you will be enjoying a Cream Tea with us. Tickets - 75p, can be obtained from any Committee Member. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and proceeds will be given to the National Children's Home.

On Tuesday, 11th September, our Autumn Session starts at 2.45 p.m. with a talk from Mr. Connelly. We look forward to welcoming both old and new friends. In the meantime we wish you all happy and refreshing holidays and assure those of our friends who are unwell at home, or being cared for in nursing homes and hospitals, that we keep them in loving remembrance and pray God's blessing upon them.

BERYL E. STUTTER Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT - GIRLS' BRIGADE

1983 will be remembered as an outstanding year and of course it saw Captain's dream of a holiday in Switzerland become a reality. Since that wonderful time, the spiritual growth of the girls has been marvellous to see and Captain and all her Officers give thanks for the opportunities that were theirs, in bringing these girls to know and love their Lord.

Church Parades on the whole were well attended throughout the year. The Company also took part in a District Parade at Horsham during the summer, and in the Worthing Youth Parade in October.

Company nights have been excellent with a tremendous amount of work achieved. The Brigaders have been responsible for a number of very good devotional times.

Bible Study: in all Sections, the standard was very high

My Church: in Junior and Brigader Sections

Other Junior Work: Booklovers (Mary Jones and her Bible) Team Games. Handwork and Singing.

Other Senior Work: Verse Speaking. Hoop work. Singing. Babycare. Shellcraft and the making of Christmas gifts for the housebound and elderly.

Other Brigader Work: Illustrated Menu Planting, Plower Luly/August 1984 Arranging. Make-up and hairstyles and Graded Leadership.

Three exhibitions of work were put on display throughout the year and whilst on the subject of work we are grateful to our badge markers for 1983:—
The Rev. Connelly, The Rev. Christopher, Dr. Webb, Mrs. Turner Mrs. Dearsley, Mrs. Bruford and Mrs. Pritchard.

FUND RAISING - events during the year were good and due to all the hard work involved, the love and care scheme kept everyone busy. Under our care 100 elderly and housebound folk attached to our church, Swandean Hospital, The Blind Home, Belsize Road, The Cheshire Home, East Preston and The Handicapped Unit of West Park School. Over 200 cards have gone out during the year to those bereaved, special birthdays, baptisms, church membership, get well messages etc.

Up-keep of Love & Care Scheme during 1983	£320
Fees to Girls' Brigade Headquarters	£220
Badges and Uniforms	£370

Just some idea of where some of our money goes!
Our ‡p fund which supports our adopted girl
in India

£105

6 kneelers, for use in the Chapel, for private prayer, are on order and are to be our 1983 gift to the church.

All non-campers enjoyed a day at Butlins at Bognor in May and during July the Company entered the District Sports - our Brigader Section bringing back the Trophy for their Section.

Four of our Brigaders also made the finals in the West Sussex Youth Quizz early in the year.

A few girls have left during the year and new ones have joined, keeping our numbers at 84. There is a waiting list for girls between 5 and 8 years to join the Explorer Section. The Company has 8 Officers - a very dedicated and loving group and surely this is what makes us such a happy (large) family. Our efforts on behalf of the Blue Peter Weatherbeater Appeal raised £92. At our Display, which was another huge success, we launched a £600 Appeal for new blazers. To date we have received just over 300. What a wonderful start to 1984. The Rev. Roy Clark presented

our 1983 Awards and once again West Park was the venue. These are but a few facts of 1983 but at least the main points are recorded.

My beloved Company is very much 'my life'. After 12 years as its Captain, my love for the girls and my desire to serve my Lord is stronger than ever. I get tired. I get discouraged - although not often - but it is all so worth-My thanks to all who work alongside me, and in cooperation with me. I pray that I may be able to serve in Girls' Brigade for many more years to come. JEAN WEBB

5.1.84

ANNUAL REPORT-THE WOMEN'S GUILD

From a membership of 79 we report an average attendance of 56. We have managed to keep our subscription to 50p for the two sessions and the generous giving by our members is evident in the following donations made during the year.

To Torch work for the Blind	£21.50
Hard of Hearing locally	£42.25
Tear Fund Sales & Collection	£98.00
St. Barnabas our work this year	£272.00
To church	£40.00

In the Spring we learned that the debt on Hayward House had been cleared and that our stall at meetings had contributed over £1000.

Our programmes have been varied and full of interest and the Easter and Christmas meetings have been combined ones with the Men's Fellowship. Our outing in May, a drive through Sussex and Surrey to Walton-on-the-Hill Church, where a delightful tea was served by their Women's Guild, provided an opportunity to meet old friends whom we had entertained in our church previously. On 17th May we served tea to Andover Guild, the first time the Wiltshire folk had been to Worthing. In June our Strawberry Tea provided another happy afternoon for our church.

Our members have attended the West Sussex Rally in Chichester in the Spring, the Annual Meeting of West Sussex Guilds to plan events ahead, joined Sompting for their Anniversary service and Christmas festivities with St. Mary's and St. Lawrence.

We have kept in touch with sick members, and old August 1984 members who cannot get to the meetings, and with those who have moved away and joined other churches, and here the interchange of church magazines is very encouraging.

It is always sad when those of our Guild who have served so faithfully are called to higher service, sad only because we miss them but glad they are with their Saviour in whom they trusted, but it has been a joy to welcome new folk who have so readily joined in with our activities.

Transport is still a problem. Many wish to join us but are unable to do so. If anyone feels they can help please let me know.

ETHEL DEARSLEY HON. SEC.

THE CHANNEL 4 PROGRAMME

The following appeared in St. Symphorian's church magazine, written by The Vicar, The Rev. Anthony Freeman. I commend his comments as they would be my own. RON CHRISTOPHER

A number of people have been disturbed recently by a series of programmes on Channel 4 television casting doubts upon the life of Jesus. The programmes point out, for example, that the earliest records (the epistles of St. Paul) say hardly anything about the earthly life of Jesus, whereas the later writings (the four gospels) have many anecdotes which are strung together "like beads on a string" with no clear historical connection. These are facts we can accept, but what do they mean?

The programmes suggest (rightly) that they mean we cannot construct an accurate "diary" of Jesus' life. But the programmes also suggest (quite wrongly) that since we cannot reconstruct an accurate daily diary of Jesus, then he might not have existed! But that does not follow at all.

If I were to write an article in this magazine about Margaret Thatcher, there are lots of things about her which are so well-known that I would not bother to mention them. We all know that she is leader of the Conservative Party, and Prime Minister, and that her husband's name is Dennis and her son's, Mark. I would not waste valuable space stating such obvious facts. In just the same way St. Paul did not waste time on facts about Jesus which everybody knew perfectly well.

But if I were writing an article on Winston Churchill I should have to remember that many of my readers were not even born when Churchill died. I should need to give some basic information to provide the setting for his words: his position as Prime Minister, his years in the political wilderness, his early career as a soldier etc. This is the position of the four gospel writers: they gave just enough background to make sense of the teaching, teaching which they had learned from the eye-witness disciples, and which they now put back into the mouth of Jesus as a dramatic way of presenting it to the next generation.

What all Christians testify - today as much as in New Testament days - is that however little we know of Jesus' earthly life, we know he is alive now and is strong to save all who put their trust in him.



A committee working on the text of the New English Bible was stumped in its search for a modern version of the words "the fatted calf" in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Finally, Professor C.H. Dodd took the list of alternatives to London's Smithfield meat market. "Which of these terms would you use to describe an animal about to be slaughtered" he asked one of the men there.

The man read the list through and shook his head. "We wouldn't say any of them, guv," he replied. "We've got technical terms for these things. We always call 'em 'fatted calves'".







GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE . WEST WORTHING



FROM THE VESTRY



I am sure you with me will be waiting to welcome our minister, William Connelly, back from his leave of absence and holiday. He has completed ten years very active and far-reaching ministry among us. Our church is alive and growing in strength and numbers, among all ages. We pray that our minister, as he enters another decade of his ministry, may be granted strength of body, liveliness of mind, and serenity of spirit. Let us all give him our loyal support in prayer and encouragement.

Gwen Wills, as we all called her, will be remembered among us for her friendship sense of humour, and generosity. I shall remember her as a cheerful Christian, devoted to her Lord and Saviour & with a love for her church to which she was very generous.

My thanks are due to all who have been so helpful during our minister's absence, especially to those who have offered and supplied me with transport. This has not only meant a saving of time, it has also meant my being able to cope with pastoral care. I am also grateful to those who have shared in the conduct of our worship and preached for us.

I am looking forward to a holiday period in September. Mrs. Christopher and I are going to Arundel House, Brighton for a week. Then my sister is looking after her while I go away for a week with my son, David, to Grasmere and enjoy the lakeland scene and Wordsworth country.

May the Lord be with us all as we enter a reward september 1984 of witness in the life of our church. I shall much appreciate your prayers for the Durrington Outreach, as the Community Centre is nearly complete for taking over. I, with many others in DUCCA, will have problems to solve. I am particularly anxious that this Community Centre shall have a Christian presence and witness within it.

I wish to add a too brief word of appreciation for the gift to the Durrington Community Centre Association of £536 from our church GIFT DAY, and for a number of personal gifts from members of our congregation. These gifts have been a real encouragement to me.

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

MARRIAGES - Sarah Jane BALLARD to
Keith William WOODS 28th July
Jane Sandra GODDARD to
Edward Michael TAYLOR 18th August
Carole Susan Elizabeth BENNETT to
Simon John GROOM """
Gillian DOE to
Rocky John AYRES """

IN MEMORIAM

"Jesus stood on the shore" - John 21 v. 4
"I hope to see my Pilot face to face, when I have crosst the bar" - Tennyson.

Edgar RAYMOND
Lily Gwendoline WILLS
Herbert Bradley WISE
Ronald Sydney GRIFFIN
20th July

Services for the life of the following have been held in our church: Mrs. Nellie DAVIDSON, Mother of Mr. Donald Davidson, Mrs. Sophie Eleanor TERRY, Mother of Mrs. L. Smith and grandmother of Andrew - 24th August -



It was with sorrow that I learnt of the passing of Gwen Wills whilst I was on holiday in her beloved Tenby. I first met Gwen and Francis Wills when I joined the church choir over twenty years ago, and such loyal members were they; what a character was Gwen often mischeivously funny, always interested in her church and concerned for others. Hers was a quiet enduring faith in God. Generous in so many ways, never demanding and so grateful to those who visited her during her declining years. We will indeed miss dear Gwendoline. Our sympathy at this time goes out to her sons and their families.

DOROTHY TURNER

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. John & Anne Rowlands
4 Chancton View Road, Worthing Tel: 503242

Mrs. Brenda Lewis

20 Raleigh Crescent, Goring-by-Sea 501634

Mr. & Mrs. C. Patterson, Pittemzie House,

Pittemzie Street, Crieff, Perths.

MEMBERSHIP - At the Communion Service on the morning of Sunday, 5th August, we received into the Fellowship of our Church:

On letter of Transfer from the Whitehaven United Reformed Church: Mr. John GORDON

On Confession of Faith:

Mrs. Shirley PAYNE Mr. Christopher PAYNE

We welcome these three friends and trust that they
"will not be ashamed to confess their Lord,
or to defend his cause;
Maintain the honour of His word,
The glory of His cross".

CRUSE

the organisation for the Bereaved will be holding a 12-week course to train interested people in becoming Counsellors. A prospectus form is available in the church porch or you can phone Worthing 505887.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

May I, through The Chronicle, thank the various members and organisations of the church for their good wishes sent to me during my stay in Southlands Hospital. In particular, I should like to mention Mr. Christopher for his visits, concern and sympathy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Irving and Mrs. Turner for their visits and cheering flowers.

As I have only been a member of Goring Church for approximately a year, all the kindness shown to me is very much appreciated.

YVONNE WHYTE

JOHN & AILSA BLACKWOOD were delighted with the friendly greetings on their Golden Wedding Anniversary from Bill and Mary Connelly, Ron and Elspeth Christopher, The Women's Guild, the Men's Fellowship and the Girls' Brigade. They also thank those who arranged the beautiful floral display in the church on the following Sunday. A time for thanksgiving for all God's Blessings.

Our thanks to all our dear friends for their love and prayers throughout our recent unhappy weeks, now, thankfully at an end. Praise the Lord for His loving care and the strength he has given us.

CAROLE & WARWICK DAVIS
Stephen & Nicola

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

2nd Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones 16th Mrs. Hite 9th Mr. & Mrs. Beale 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Brunton 30th Mr. & Mrs. Calsteren

The Flower Fund - £20.50 was received during July/August for which many thanks.

Harvest Festial - 30th September - Assistance would be greatly appreciated on 28th and 29th September to decorate the church. Any offerings of greenery, fruit and flowers will also be most welcome (on Friday, 28th September if possible).

Flower Secretary

WANTED:- Additional subscribers to <u>The Free Will</u> Offering Scheme.

I am calling upon all new members of the congregation and indeed, any other members not yet attached to this regular system of giving. Do please seriously considergiving in this convenient and regular way. The benefit derived enables the financial commitments of the church to be assessed more clearly and accurately, and for the financial authority to budget expenditure in relation to potential income.

Since I took over the task of F.W.O. Treasurer, I have stressed how important it is for the congregation, that our yearly expenditure is covered by the income received from members and friends. If this is not to be, then the church gradually goes into debt as we whittle away our reserves.

This year we appear to be down on income, and so I am asking for support to this appeal. I do not know the addresses of new members so, will you contact me either at church or on the phone - Tel 501635 - and I will arrange for your envelopes. Thank you, FRAZER FINLAY

F.W.O. Treasurer

CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE PURCHASES

It will be greatly appreciated if members who purchase items on the church account at the Christian Book Centre, would in future kindly pay these promptly, not later than the Sunday following the purchase, to Roy Sonnex, the Church Bookstall Treasurer, 5 Smugglers Walk, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4DP (Tel: 48213) or to Robert Wright, 5 Valencia Road, Worthing (Tel: 45805).

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT since failure to do so means that we are unable to pay our monthly accounts with the Christian Book Centre. Please do not wait for reminders to be sent. Accounts should be paid immediately or at least within a few days. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

ROBERT WRIGHT

JUNIOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

On a lovely day towards the end of July, a party of 48 children plus teachers and some "Mums and Dads" set off in cars and a mini bus for Arundel. We stopped at the playground for an hour's fun and games, then, with healthy appetites, walked to the park for a picnic lunch.

Having spent the afternoon in races and games, each child receiving a sweet or two, we wound up with an ever-popular game of "rounders". Then at about 3.00 p.m. we packed up and walked to the lake and the final thrill for the children (but hard work for the teachers) was a boat ride.

It was a grand day of fresh air and freedom for all and a big 'thank you' is surely due to Mrs. Jean Marsh who works so hard for our Junior Church, not forgetting Uncle Fred, who is always in the background, keeping the 'wheels turning!'

DULCIE B. JENKINS

HARVEST SUPPER 1984

Last year the Family Circle tried out a new formula for the Harvest Supper. It included hot food, entertainment and comfortable seating arrangements. But most important of all, it was held on a Saturday evening. It was very successful, so successful indeed that, although they warned everyone to book early, they were in the embarrassing situation of turning down 'regulars' because they left it to the last minute.

So, if you are intending to go this year don't be disappointed - get your ticket early.

The date is SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, at - 6.30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the stewards or from Mrs. JOAN FOOTT Tel 45570.

A COFFEE MORNING is to be held at Home Farm House, Church Lane, Ferring, on Saturday, 15th September at 10.0 a.m. Proceeds for The Bible Society.

GREETINGS FROM SCOTLAND

While staying with friends at Perth in July, I went to Crieff, a few miles away, to see our friends Mr. & Mrs. Patterson, who in June went there to live. They are both well and very happy in their new home, especially as their daughter, her husband, and son aged 6 are living about two miles away, having recently returned permanently from Ascension Island. Mr. & Mrs. Patterson have a lovely flat, with small garden, and near to shops and buses, with a beautiful panoramic view of the mountains from their sitting room.

Mrs. Patterson said how much she missed the Women's Guild, and wanted me to say how sorry she was not to be able to say goodbye to her church friends before she and her husband left for Crieff, and she sent their greetings to everyone.

THE ORGAN

At the Church Meeting held on 26th July 1984, it was agreed to accept an estimate from Messrs. Morgan & Smith Ltd. of Hove, for the complete overhaul of the organ in accordance with recommendations of The Federation of Master Organ Builders. The estimate/specification amounts to £6288 including V.A.T. The work is due to start on Monday, 7th January 1985 and it will take about 8 weeks to complete. During that time the church should be kept locked, and organ parts will be stored in the East Transept so as to give protection from loss or damage.

In the tuning and finishing period the building shall be of equable temperature and quietness.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have checked the specification - in particular Mr. Edwin Bown, A.R.C.O. (CHM) A.Mus.TCL., our Choirmaster who has made some useful suggestions about the overhaul of the organ. Mr. Bown has kindly agreed to inspect the work during its progress. The Grand Piano will be used in the period that the organ is being repaired.

We look forward to an organ recital once the work is completed.

Yours sincerely, COLIN NODES

CHRISTIANS FOR PEACE

invite you to attend one or more of the meetings held in the home of David Poole, 80 Park Road, Worthing at 10.45 a.m. on Saturdays, 14th July, 8th September, 10th November. etc. (2nd Saturdays in odd-number months)

This is not another organisation. It is an opportunity for Christian people who trust in Our Lord's promise - Blessed are the Peacemakers - to meet for prayer and discussion about the many ways in which ordinary people can share in the processes of reconciliation which lead to peace.

If you would like to come to a meeting, it would be kind to ring David Poole - W. 36850 during the preceding week.

SUBMITTED BY D. BLAKEY

IF YOU ARE FOR PEACE, DO NOT WEAR THIS EMBLEM!

(Selected & translated from a French church magazine)

Many people think that this emblem was created on 21st February, 1958 on the occasion of the Aldermaston March for Peace in England. Hugh Brock and Pat Arrowsmith used it for their "Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament." Others believe that it was used for the first time by the "Ban the Bomb" movement created to fight the use of atomic weapons. Bertrand Russel, the British mathematician and philosopher who founded the movement and is well known for his atheistic and pro-communist stand, acknowledged himself on one occasion that he had made a pact with Satan. He did not however invent this emblem himself, but took up the old well-known satanic symbol and incited well-meaning peace marchers to put it on their banners.

The origin of this upside-down cross goes back to the first century of our era. It is called the "Cross of St. Peter", with its arms drooping, or "Rune of Death". The emperor Nero, who had it designed, wanted thus to show his spite for God when St. Peter was crucified. It has since been known as "Nero's Cross", or "The Sign of the Defeated Jews", or again as the symbol of the Antichrist.

When in 711 the Moors conquered Spain and established their AntiChristian empire, the conqueror's shield bore this cross, and it was still under that emblem that the Saraceans fought the Crusaders in 1099. This sign is still found on the 16 century wood engravings preserved in the Bayonnne, France, museum. John Knox, the Scottish reformer, used it to represent the eyes of Satan. He reported that Middle-Ages men living in Satanic darkness wore it and called it "The Sign of the Beast".

The Marquess of Concressault tells that the Bolsheviks painted that emblem upon the doors of the churches they had forcibly closed. During the Spanish Civil War it was imprinted with a hot iron on the flesh of Gypsies and Jews, in order to brand them as in the days of the Inquisition.

Dr. Gerard Encausse indicates in his "Treaty on Occult Sciences" that it is the favourite symbol of Satanists right through the ages. This cross is meant as an insult to the Almighty God and a symbol of faith in Satan. Anton Lavey, a Devil-worshipper, declared in November 1968: "Those who belong to the Evil One repeat the Lord's Prayer backwards and mix it with obscenities. They trample down the cross of Christ or turn it upside down".

Right now the Jews are fighting in the Middle East against Palestinian guerillas who wear a red armband marked with the "Sign of the Conquered Jews".

If you want peace, do not rebel against the Prince of Peace. The desire for peace is never satisfied when the cross of Christ is rejected, on which He died to give us peace. Do you want to march for peace? Then wear as a badge the Cross of Christ. It will tell you: "Your self must die and your life be given up to the Lordship of the Prince of Peace". Do this today, then go into the world to fight under the banner "Jesus is victorious", testifying to others that it is truly your own experience.

contributed by JANE & PAUL ARCHER

FOR SALE

A twin Baby Belling Electric Cooker, with stand, having shelf and castors: £25. Proceeds for the Torch Trust tape equipment (Tel: W. 41366).

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Term starts on 11th)
Wednesdays:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
•	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
Sundays:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class
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OTHER SERVICES	The Min:	ister will preach at all services
& ACTIVITIES:		
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2nd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
6th Thursday	10.15h	"Contact" Coffee Morning in the Cornwall Room
	19.30h	Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Close
9th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
7 Cir Sanday	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
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llth Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Mr. Connelly
•	19.30h	The Rev. The Lord Donald Soper, Speaks at West Worthing Baptist Church - all welcome
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
13th Thursday	Evening 10.30h	Girls' Brigade JUMBLE SALE Monthly Prayer Service with

Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER 1984

16th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
•	11.00h	•
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
20th Thursday	10.15h	"Contact" Bible Study Group at 4 Chancton View Road. all mothers and toddlers warmly invited
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
	19.30h	ELDERS' MEETING
23rd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
•	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship - Praise Service
25th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "Treasures from Abroad" Members' Afternoon
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Mr. Connelly
27th Thursday	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING
30th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

N.B. Closing Date for Chronicle Copy remains the 12th of each month. Please start the new Session with punctuality! EDITOR

18.30h Divine Worship



A rather belated 'thank you' to all who, with gifts and their support, helped raise £40 for new toys for our babes. Most of the money is now spent although we have kept a little in hand for future use. If you would like to see them, call in for a brief visit any Sunday after church. We are in the East Hall.

WOMENS GUILD

Our Autumn Session commences on Tuesday September 11th at 2.45 p.m. when we look forward to a message from our Minister, Mr. Connelly. We look forward to renewing friendships with former members and welcoming new ones.

Meetings are held fortnightly and the programme commences with:- llth Sept. Mr. Connelly

further details on Calendar Page 9th Oct. The Work at St. Paul's House, Portsmouth 23rd "Our Anniversary

Our thanks go to all who supported the Cream Tea in July. As a result of your generosity a cheque for £82 was sent to The National Children's Home at Horsham.

CONTACT - YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

BERYL E. STUTTER Secretary

We are pleased to have Julie Ward taking part in the leadership with Anne, and we thank Diane Clay for all she has contributed to the Group. To both Julie and Diane - thank you, and may God bless you.

Congratulations to Cherry and Graham Legg on the birth of Jennifer Ann - a lovely sister for Mark and Christopher.

Our Coffee Mornings - Thurs. 6th Sept.

4th Oct. both in the

Cornwall Room at 10.15 a.m.

Bible Studies - Thurs. 20th Sept.

18th Oct. at 10.15 a.m. at

Anne's new address:

4 Chancton View Road(Tel: 503242.)

All young mothers are warmly invited to Coffee Mornings and Bible Studies. Please bring the children with you - they are also very welcome!

ANNE ROWLANDS

Autumn Session will begin on 25th September (Tuesday) at 2.45 p.m. with a talk by our President on his Sabbatical - His Quest and Achievement! I have no doubt this will be very interesting to hear, and we shall welcome him back to our midst after a period of four month's absence. programme, which was originally complete months ago, has had to be revised due to late withdrawals from arranged dates. At time of writing this note we are working at alternative arrangements, but trust to have the programme ready before the middle of September. In the meantime, an invitation is extended to all new members to the congregation and any others who may be free on a Tuesday afternoon, to come and join us for our fortnightly meetings. These coincide with the Women's Guild, so that husbands and wives may attend their separate meetings. Our membership charge is just 50p per Session.

FRAZER FINLAY
BERT GROVES

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Soon after the last church meeting the following two extracts appeared in the religious press concerning "follow-up" after Mission: England: - from the 'Baptist Times".

'Those who come from a non-church background will probably question some of the churches' practices - the churches must be willing to respond positivity to the challenge. 'We find it hard to deal with change in our churches. Many of the tensions and difficulties arise because we find change difficult to cope with. "Our patterns of worship, structures of church life, our methodsof witness and mission, must be open to change'.

From 'Reform' 'We have also had to face up to the quality of life of this local church that we are hoping new people will want to join. In the Acts 10 story of Peter taking the Gospel to Cornelius and his household, it was the Church, not the newcomers, who had to change to accommodate the work of God'.

In this Year of Evangelism shouldn't we be thinking on these lines? Not change for changes sake, but aware

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that the Church must move forward if it is not to stagnate, or, even further, as The Rev. Ronald Batt said to us in his sermon, 'the Church must not go backwards into the future'.

The next meeting of our Worship Discussion Group has been arranged for 6th September at 7.30 p.m. at 3 Arun Close and is open to anyone. Have you a concern for the worship and witness of your church?

Our monthly Praise Service returns in full measure on 23rd September when our Minister will be conducting the service. A further hour of praise and devotion will follow with our own young people leading the singing.

> RON JORDAN Convenor

GIRLS' BRIGADE

This year, Captain, Dr. Webb, three Lieutenants and twenty-four girls set up camp at West Cliff Baptist Church, Poole Road, Bournemouth. For many it was their first camp and we had viewed the prospect with some slight trepidation. However, we needn't have worried, for they soon settled happily into the routine helped without doubt by the older girls. What a great bunch of children they all were.

We have learned such a lot from one another. We have seen what infinite patience Dr. Webb has. He cheerfully entertained twenty-four children for the whole week - they loved him. From beginning to end there was fun, fellowship and much laughter and altogether a most successful week. All due as usual to our Captain's hard work and forward planning. Once again, thank you dear Jean and roll on G.B. Camp 1985.

THE LIEUTENANTS

This is just a very short account of a super week we spent at West Cliff Baptist Church, Poole Road, Bournemouth.

We visited Brownsea Island, Poole pottery, Arndale Shopping Centre, Poole and spent happy hours on the beach in lovely sunshine. We swam in the sea and buried each other in the sand and built sandcastles. Wherever we went we couldn't escape the sea and sand, so when we were on Brownsea Island, we admired the wildlife, shrubs and trees and then spent a couple of hours on the beach searching for shells and crabs. We then continued our walk across the Island and returned eventually to the quay and took the ferry ride back to Sandbanks and then an open top bus to West Cliff and supper!

The highlight of the week finally arrived on Friday evening when we were taken to the Aqua-circus at the Pier Baths Bournemouth. This was followed by a small party, where Dr. Webb joined us for the last time before returning home. Now we look forward to looking at our photos and reading our log books and remembering always Bournemouth 84.

At the time of writing, camp at Bournemouth is fast drawing to a close. Oh! what we crammed into just seven days. We being 4 Officers, 24 girls and Dr. Webb. For 13 girls and myself it has been a week full of fun and fellowship. We have never experienced camp before and we were not disappointed. We have enjoyed the beach and visits as mentioned above, and we thank the Lord for making it all possible for us to have been part of such a wonderful camp. May God Bless you Captain, Lieutenants and girls.

Lt. JACKIE MEDLYCOTT

Everybody has said nice things about how they enjoyed having me at G.B. Camp 1984. I write to say how very much I enjoyed going. I was able to indulge in photography so much, that by the end of the week no-one took any notice of my lens! I relaxed playing Happy Families, Jack Straws, Guess Who; dispensed advice on broken shoe straps, sticking corks together, how three Guides might find the Baden Powell Memorial Stone on Brownsea Island; ran emergency errands to buy two frying pans, to collect a bus timetable and post innumerable postcards on my way back to my bed and breakfast in a hideaway hotel in the evening. (Golden Sands Private Hotel - thoroughly recommended for a family holiday. Quiet, near the beach at £9.50 b. & b. £13.50 b. & B. and Evening Meal) No doubt about it, a good time was had by all. Parents, you can be proud of your daughters; wherever we went their happy laughter, singing and behaviour were admired by all. Thanks for having me, Captain.

(Captain's Camp Memories next Month) Ed.

ROY WEBB

MINISTRY IN LONDON

Dear Friends at Goring,

As many of you know already, I have now completed my Ministerial training at Northern College, Manchester, and said Goodbye to Park U.R.C. near Bury, where I did ten months practical work as Assistant Minister. I am grateful to Tutors, Ministers and Churches for all they have taught me.

At the end of September I move to a new and challenging situation when I become the Minister of Streatham Hill and Stockwell Green United Reformed Churches, in London. Subject to District confirmation, my Ordination and Induction will take place on Sunday, September 30th at 4.0 p.m. at Stockwell Green U.R.C. This unfortuantely clashes with Harvest Festival at Goring and I am sorry, but I have had great difficulty in finding a day and time to suit the Provincial Moderator, the two churches, the Interim Moderator and other friends. September 30th is about the only possible date in the early autumn, so I have had to accept it as the best in the circumstances. Those of you at Goring who are able to come will be very welcome, but I shall quite understand that some folk who would have come on a week-day will decide not to on this occasion.

Streatham Hill is the bigger of the two churches, but at present meets in a prefabricated hall because the church itself had to be demolished several years ago. Plans for a new church are on the drawing-board and are backed by the Province. Stockwell Green has an attractive church though rather tucked away behind a row of houses. The Manse is at 108 Downton Avenue, Streatham Hill, SW2 3TT, and has been empty for four years, but is being modernised and redecorated, partly before and partly after I move in:

Thank you for the support, interest and prayers you have given me over the past four years. Each year has brought different experiences, new situations and friends and much to think about. God has blessed me in many ways and taught me much. The next twelve months will no doubt

test both me and my training. I go forward trusting September 1984 in the continuing grace and guidance of God and would value your continued prayers for myself and for these two churches, both of which might be said to be in a 'missionary' situation. The first few months will be a time of getting acquainted and seeking to discover together where God is leading. Opportunities are many, but prayerful preparation is essential and the timing must be God's. I shall be keeping my house in Worthing so I shall still see many of you from time to

May God bless Goring U.R.C. as its minister and people together begin a new session of work and worship to His glory.

Peace and joy to you all,

time and will keep in touch.

BERYL CHATETELD

CHRISTIAN AIN

There was such a splendid response to the Famine in Africa Appeal, when £361.80 was given through our retiring collections in July, that I almost hesitate to remind you of our traditional thank offering at Harvest-time for the work of Christian Aid.

However, envelopes will again be available on 30th September and it seems right that we should, this year, once more designate your gifts to the relief of suffering and starvation in the famine-hit parts of Africa. I am sure you will give as generously as you are able. RON JORDAN

Amount collected in June £44.00 received with thanks. " July £13.00 HILDA HELE

West Worthing Baptist Church South Street, Tarring.

Dr. Donald Soper, MA. PhD

We are invited to attend on Tuesday, 11th September, 1984

when The Rev. The Lord Soper, MA PhD will speak at 7.30 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity of hearing Lord Soper in Worthing.

This invitation comes by kindness of The Rev. Bernard J. Monk, and we hope as many of you as possible will go.

This summer we have all been particularly blessed with fine weather for the most part, which has enabled holidaymakers to enjoy themselves to the full, both here in Worthing, and also everywhere in the British Isles. The Girls' and Boys' Brigade have enjoyed their camps, and those who are travelling northwards to share in the Green Belt Festival will, we hope, have continued good weather to bless their gathering.

Eric and I have been fortunate in going away rather more than has been possible in the past, and enjoyed a very happy weekend celebrating the marriage of a nephew down in Swansea at the end of June, and then sharing in the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Eric's parents up in Leeds at the beginning of August. While in Yorkshire our friends took us up to Aysgarth to see the falls, and this was a delight in spite of the drought, for there was still a substantial flow over the rocks, which dear Harry Rushby was so fond of, and painted in one of his lovely pictures. We thought of him a great deal that day, and our friends also showed us some of the spots in the dales where the programme "All Creatures Great and Small" was filmed. This was quite exciting, and brought to life the series which so many of us have enjoyed watching on Television.

We trust that dear William has been blessed with as many blessings as we have truly experienced during the summer months, and we look forward to hearing some of his adventures in due course. Meanwhile, we take this opportunity of thanking Ron Christopher and Elspeth for all they have done for us over the last few months. It has been a time of considerable strain for Ron, and we hope he will enjoy a well earned respite soon. also hope that the new Session of our various organisations within the church will bring renewed growth and renewed fellowship amongst all our church friends and the young folks. May we work together for the extension of Christ's work here in Goring, and go forward in faith to new ventures, seeking His Grace and Guidance in all we undertake. God bless you all, Barbara

They call it a 'Busman's Holiday' - doing all the same things on holiday as you do for the rest of the year. So what am I doing? Surrounded by children - or so it seems - I'm answering innumerable questions, reading stories, making puppets, playing games, spelling and number, sorting out fights, finding out the reason for loud bawls; taking cuttings of plants, re-potting, doing some gardening. No, I'm not at school. I'm with the grand-children! I did make a swift visit to the school garden to cut and treat the grass and do a few other essential jobs, and found a self-sown sunflower reaching to the sky.

I hope to move on to get some rest soon - or a change, at least, which may be as good as! The new term will begin only too soon, when I shall have a class of 3rd & 4th year Juniors - new horizons and new perspectives. I shall still have responsibility for Science and Environmental Studies, taking charge of School Journeys - and the garden is always there!

We had a good time on the Isle of Wight, despite the rainy days and many of the children are looking forward to going again next year. We have a visit in October to a Rural Centre in Kent where a party of 4th years will be 'stretched' - we will be looking at rocks, fossils and a quarry; at autumn fungi and a country park with the Country Code.

Another party of younger children will be going to the Surrey Rural Centre in November and we'll start preparing for the Isle of Wight again next year. We had a good gardening year, despite the lack of time to do things in the kind of organised way I prefer. We had many visitors including some from America and Germany and two television crews. So it was all "Action":

One television programme for schools called 'Zig-Zag' will be showing some of our children at work in the garden as part of a series on Growing Things. That will be screened next Summer Term. 'Songs of Praise' recorded hymn singing from St. Pancras Church just before Easter, then came back later to interview people in different parts of the St. Pancras area. A representative cross-section

of our school population worked in the garden again with me - Vietnamese, Bengali, African, Chinese etc. I was also interviewed.

There should then be a couple of minutes in the programme when Argyle School and its garden can be seen.

The programme will be broadcast on Sunday, 7th October and I believe is repeated on the following day. The children thoroughly enjoyed being "in the limelight" even though half a day's filming will be cut down to a couple of minutes! Our old second hand (?!?) lawn mower managed to cut once more, and the weedy-looking tomato plants which were being planted into gro-bags now have tomatoes on them. Our blackberry bushes have a finecrop of blackberries (I hope there will still be some in September). Many of the plants seen in the programme came into flower a few days later - and the garden has grown well.

I hope to mount a lot of photographs and possibly show them in Goring before the programme is broadcast (7th Oct.)

The judge came from The London Children's Flower Society for the garden competition and was very pleased. He was also impressed with the amount of nature study work which has been done by children of all ages. We had to send back our Worshipful Company of Gardeners' Challenge Cup, so wait with baited breath to see which cup we get this year. Only two to go! The Duchess of Gloucester's and The Queen Elizabeth Cup. We heard a whisper that next year we may be in line for a visit from The Queen Mother!

Hope all your holidays are restful: MARY CONNELLY





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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING-

FROM THE VESTRY



"From many ways and wide apart,
Obedient to thy call,
Hither we turn with loyal heart,
Dear mother of us all"

We walk the well-known paths once more Amid the summer's bloom; We pass familiar thresholds o'er, And breath the air of home".

To come home to you all is great happiness and your welcome kind and gracious. The Rev. R.C. Christopher and all who have helped him leave us in their debt; may Ronald's holiday with Elspeth bring them both refreshment.

The lonliest time on my travels was in the Nevada Desert, but even there, standing on a lonely hill overlooking 'Death Valley' is a CROSS ... the Man of Sorrows is close to us in loneliness, and one likes to think that in years gone by, the now forsaken ghost town of CALICO had more than mineral gold to be discovered, since evangelists followed the gold prospectors to bring the gospel of love to men far from home.

Church I am most grateful. Their fellowship and the joy of worshipping in Fiona's church was fine. The Rev. Oral Roberts of Tulsa in Oklahoma gave much time and help in tracing the American Pentecostal Movement's progress over the past forty years, and the University and Hospital which bears his name stand as witness to God's achievement in and through him.

But now to go on into the eleventh year of ministry here. Once more, any passer by on George V. Avenue, may hear early in the morning the music of Elgar's string quartet or violin sonata awakening your minister to praise, and if you listen carefully you may just hear Linda Ronstadt singing "What's New?".

with love and blessings,

William onnelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We remember with thanksgiving BERYL CHATFIELD who is to be Ordained to the Christian ministry and Inducted to the churches of Streatham Hill and Stockwell Green on 30th September. May her ministry be blessed.

MISS W. HIGGINS is far from well and both she and her sister are in need of our prayers.

Kindly communicate requests for sick visits to the minister or to Mr. F. Marsh without delay.

MRS. JEAN MARSH is giving up the leadership of Junior Church after a most successful stewardship in which Junior Church has grown and been strengthened. Our warmest thanks, Jean, and God bless you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. W. Freeman on the celebration of their Golden Wedding recently, and also to Mr. & Mrs. Julian Brewer who have served us for many years in Junior Church and were married on 15th September. God bless you all.



EDIFOR'S PAGE



Thank you for your comments of appreciation of my September Editorial. It is nice to know that one's writing is appreciated.

It would be a great help to the Church Secretary, Hr. R. Newell, if all folks with dates to advertise in the magazine were to contact him direct and not me. This applies more particularly to functions within our own organisations, but outside matters of interest may also be put in the Calendar Page through this means. Recent members may not be aware that this is the correct procedure for submission to the 'Chronicle'.

We all give thanks for the work done in Junior Church and the Youth Organisations, and offer our support to all the leaders concerned for the coming months when we shall prepare for Harvest Festival and then soon afterwards, start preparing for the Nativity. These two occasions in our Church Life come very close together, and we need to remember each other as we arrange our various activities, and try to work together for the sharing of our joy in the celebration of God's gifts to us in so many ways.

This Autumn we have elected several new Elders to take office amongst us, and as they seek to serve Christ in our church and to make decisions which affect us all, may we offer our prayers continually for them and for Bill, and ask God's uniting Grace amongst us, so that we may further extend His Kingdom here in Goring.

Yours, in His love,

Barbara.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our thanks to all dear friends for the help they have given us in so many ways in preparing for Christine and Julian's Wedding, with especial thanks to Fred and Gwen. Paul and Jane, Hary and Tania.

SANDY & SUE CLARK

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL: October 1984

(BRIGHTON, CENTRAL & WEST SUSSEX)

It may not be well known but our Junior Church is affiliated to the National Christian Education Council, and at the present time it is my privilege to represent this church at the area Council Meetings. The Council is responsible for the Annual Scripture Examination, which is held in March. It is also responsible for other projects within our area (Brighton, Central & West Sussex). For example, on 13th October, 1984 (2.0 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.) there will be a festival entitled 'Hands & Voices' at which our young people will have been invited to prepare items for competition. There will be Choral Reading, Nime Choral Singing, Painting, Handiwork, Creative Writing. The theme: Jesus, Teacher and Healer. If you would like more details about this please contact me.

The local Area Council now faces the urgent need to find someone who would be willing to take over the duties of Secretary. The new appointment is due to be made at the Hovember Heeting. For your guidance, here is an extract from a letter which I have received from Mr. Buckingham who is shortly to resign.

"I would explain that for each of the four council meetings each year the secretary sends to each church a notice of date, time and place of meeting together with a copy of the agenda and also minutes of previous meeting. He or she then attends and prepares the minutes of the meeting, also brings to the meeting any correspondence which has been received - mainly from Denholm House.

With the notice for the November meeting the secretary will enclose a form (sent by Denhom House) on which each church will enter up to date names and addresses of minister and C.E.C. representative, etc. These forms should be returned to the secretary together with the annual affiliation fee, and at the end of January all cheques received are forwarded to the council treasurer. The treasurer will then let the secretary have one cheque covering the total from all the member churches for the amount needed by H.Q. The secretary then sends this to benholm House with the up to date list of

addresses based on the details received from the various churches. A receipt is prepared and sent to each church when the secretary next has occasion to write. If a receipt is needed more quickly the church will send a stamped, addressed envelope with their cheque.

In recent years there have been no meetings of the Jubilee Trustees and the council secretary has also been Jubilee Trust Secretary. This simply means that when an application for a grant from the trust fund is made, the secretary sends to the church an application form and then presents the details given on the form to the next council meeting. The payment of any grant agreed is made by the treasurer. Usually only one or two applications are received each year".

If you have any time or skill to give to this matter, perhaps you would be kind enough to contact me soon, so that I can put forward a recommendation. It is important to note, that the council meets in this area only 4 times a year, and anyone who is interested in the Education of our young people, whether or not they are on the Junior Church Staff, is welcome to attend. Again, if you feel you could become a representative, please let me know.

HILARY REDMAN
Junior Church













GIRLS' BRIGADE

CAPTAIN WEBB'S SPECIAL MEMORIES OF CAMP, 1984

August 4th Wet morning! Oh dear.

That same evening - the lovely organist of West Cliff who gave us a run through of Sunday's music so that our colour party could feel happy about it. The look on the faces of the girls when the introductory music for evening prayers was played - Captain Beaky and his Band! - the joy I found all week in reading to the girls, the Woodland Gospels according to Captain Beaky. Everyone should read it!

Sunday August 5th A wonderful service with glorious organ music and the joy of taking communion for the first time with three of the girls.

Monday August 6th A stranger who gave me £5. to buy the girls an ice-cream because he said "they have made my day". We were all on the beach at the time and he had enjoyed watching them play and had laughed and talked with them.

<u>Tuesday August 7th</u> The bus driver, going in the opposite direction, who, seeing us all lined up at the stop, asked "how many" and spoke to his mate over the two way radio to see if he had room for us all and if not to ask for another bus to be put on.

Wednesday August 8th The singing as they walked through Alum Chine to the sea. A mixture of camp songs, choruses and new songs. Playing ring a ring of roses in the sea.

Thursday August 9th The Birthday girl and the love and thought that went into making sure she had a good day. All sitting on upturned boats at Poole eating lunch and later all sitting in Macdonalds with large cold drinks of orange.

Friday August 10th Their faces when told we were going to the Aqua Circus and their laughter and chatter at the party later.

Saturday August 11th The tears of the Brigaders as younger members of their squids gave them 'thankyou' cards.

And all week the singing, and the feeling of love and care. Doreen's morning devotions, and a few words from one particular new song which sums up the whole time for one very lucky and much loved Captain -

"Praise the Lord we'll pull together in a love for one another As we seek to follow Jesus faithfully".

May we indeed continue to follow Him all the days of our lives.

The new session is now in full swing and we are, as is usual, at this time of the year, preparing for our Display to be held in December.

We started with a good Jumble Sale (£143) and we hope that during October you will enjoy our latest exhibition of work in the East Transept (3rd - 18th).

We are grateful too for all the $\frac{1}{2}p$ pieces you collect and give to us. Up to the end of this year they will be used to support our little Indian friend 'Santhi'. After that, when the $\frac{1}{2}p$ pieces are no longer legal tender, we shall support 'Santhi' with lp pieces. Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

It Makes You Think...

HAVE you noticed how people freeze when

they're afraid? It happens especially when people are faced with the challenge of placing their lives in God's hands.

So they do nothing. Even if it means having a watered down version of life, they argue, that's better than no water at all,

It reminds me of the wedding Jesus went to when all the wine had been drunk. All they had left were empty jars. The reception looked like ending on a low note.

Not that they were ordinary jars — there were six of their capable of holding 20 or 30 gallons each. When Jesus saw the problem, he told the servants to fill these great jars with water.



The man organising the feast was amazed to taste from these jars the best wine he'd ever had.

The Bible calls this a "sign" — a clear indication of what Jesus will do with our lives, if we'll let him.

Not only will he fill them with something new, but it will be the very best.

There really is nothing to fear in bringing our lives to Jesus!

• Read about it in St John's Gospel, ch.2, verses 1-11.

Did the miracles really happen?



You often get the feeling these days that no one believes in traditional Christianity any more — or that the facts it was based on have somehow been "disproved".

Professor F.F. Bruce, one of the world's renowned Bible scholars, shares some of the fruits of a life-time's study and reflection on the Christian message.

THAT Jesus performed miracles was acknowledged by his opponents as well as by his followers — they differed in the explanation they gave of them.

His followers said (as he himself said) that he performed them by the power of God; his opponents said that he performed them by satanic power, or by magical means. In Jewish tradition he is said to have practised magic which he learned in Egypt; a similar account was given by some Gentiles who wrote against Christianity.

It is plain that Jesus did not perform miracles to order, neither did he perform them in order to impress people with his supernatural power. He refused to be tempted to create a sensation by throwing himself down from the highest point of the temple into the Kidron ravine and arriving unharmed at the bottom. More often than not, when he had done some healing work of exceptional power, he forbade the spectators to say anything about it. His works of mercy and power were part and parcel of the gospel which he preached. They were, so to speak, visible parables, illustrating his message. They were done out of compassion, and they were done specially in response to faith.

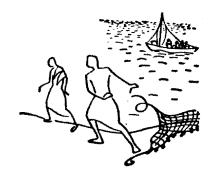
He could not withhold his healing power in the presence of faith that would not take No for an answer: on the other hand, in his home town of Nazareth his healing works were few because of the people's unbelief.

When his disciples preached the good news in his name after his death and resurrection, they reminded their hearers in Jerusalem of the "mighty works and wonders and signs" which God had accomplished through Jesus, for they knew that their hearers were as familiar with them as they themselves were.

One of the words which they used was "signs" — the word which Jesus himself preferred as a description of his wonderful works. They were signs

Is it really TRUE?





that with him the kingdom of God had drawn near; they were signs that God was at work among them; they were signs, in fact, of the character of God.

The miracles were never arbitrary and never mischievous. The strange conduct of the "Gadarene swine" was somehow connected with the cure of the man possessed by a legion of demons, but the sign was the healing of the man, not the drowning of the pigs!

The cursing of the fruitless fig tree was not a venting of spite on a tree which provided no food for a hungry man. The fact that at that time of year there was nothing but leaves on the tree — no vestige of the little edible knobs (called tagsh by the Arabs) which should have been present as precursors of the real figs—showed that there was something sadly wrong with it, no wonder that it quickly withered away. In Jesus eyes the tree was a parable of the city of Jerusalem, producing no fruit for God

The nature miracles—the stilling of the storm, the multipleation of the loaves, the turning of the water into wine—were signs that the God of creation was at work in Jesus. They were, as CS Lewis called them, "miracles of the old creation".

The healing miracles were signs that the God of redemption was at work in Jesus. They (and above all the raising of the dead) were, as Lewis called them, "miracles of the new creation". They were symbols of the new life and new power that Jesus brought into being when he accomplished his saving work.

But by far the greatest "miracle of the new creation" was Jesus' own resurrection. We have already considered the factuality of that; it carries all the preceding miracles of Jesus with it — and supplies their confirmation and crown.

Professor F.F. Bruce

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEVEN ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY ACTIVIT	IES:	
Mondays:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
Tuesdays:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade ($\frac{1}{2}$ Term 23rd Oct.)
Wednesdays:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
•	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
Fridays:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
Saturdays:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
Sundays:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class
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unless otherwi		
2nd Tuesday		
4th Thursday	10.15h	Contact Group Coffee Morning in the Cornwall Room
	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
	19.30h	Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Cl.
7th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
8th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr.Everett "Walk about Old Tarring" Talk with slides
9th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Dr. M. Plowright of St. Paul's House, Portsmouth
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - Visit to Lancing College Chapel
llth Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
14th Sunday		Holy Communion in the Chapel
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11.00h Divine Worship PARADE SERVICE

18.30h Divine Worship

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16th	Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
18th	Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in The Chapel
		19.30h	Elders' Meeting
19th	Friday	15.00h	BIBLE SOCIETY AUTUMN RALLY in St. Paul's Church Hall, Speaker: The Rev. Bob Earnshaw
21st	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Chapel Divine Worship Divine Worship with Holy Communion & The Ministry of Healing
22nd	Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - "Oriflame" Makeup Demonstration
23rd	Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild ANNIVERSARY SERVICE Preacher: Miss Lois Clarke
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship combined with above
24th	Wednesday	19.30h	U.N. Day Meeting in the Gordon Room Speaker - Lord Banks Elder & Former President of the Liberal Party
25th	Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
28th	Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Chapel Divine Worship: Preacher: The Rev. David Webb of the Bethany Fellowship UNITED NATIONS ASSOC. SERVICE combined with PRAISE SERVICE
			All welcome to join in 'Praise Time' in the Hall following Evening Worship and to meet The Rev. Webb

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

An Excerpt from an article in CHRISTIAN WOMAN last year.

Today's Christians have little time for silence. We play background music or chatter before worship begins. A prayer meeting where everyone prays out loud is a success; a prayer meeting with long gaps is a failure! We bustle about, doing and saying as much as we can fit in, taking our cue from the world. What we call a "Quiet Time" too often becomes a time to bombard God with information; if we shut up for a moment we might just hear him answer, and that would be far too frightening.

Previous generations weren't half so afraid of silence. Perhaps it was because they didn't have broadcasting to shield them from it. They even thought that silence might be a sign of God's activity, or a way to get in touch with Him. Look at how often it comes up in well-known hymns:-

"O Sabbath rest by Galilee
O calm of hills above
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love"

and "Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And in fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly-minded
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand".

I wonder whether there's a special connection between silence and the events of Christmas. Mary was a woman of few words who nevertheless thought a great deal (or broke her silence to come out with the first great theological statement of the New Testament - The Magnificat). And being a shepherd is a quiet business. Wasn't it because 'the world in solemn stillness lay' that it could hear "The glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold"?

(with acknowledgments to the writer, not given)

REPORTS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Praise Service this month, on 28th October at 6.30 p.m., will be addressed by The Rev. David Webb of The Bethany Fellowship. He will be with us for the whole day - speaking to our Youth Club Bible Class at 9.50 a.m., at our Morning Service at 11.00 a.m. and, following the Evening Service, joining in our Praise Time which will be led by our talented young people.

From another contributor to this magazine you will learn that this particular evening has also been set aside for the annual service, in our church, of the United Nations Association. We have thought it right that the one should harmonize with the other and are sure that all present will be blessed seeking peace and the joy of praising together.

The next meeting of the Worship Discussion Group has been arranged for 4th October at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Marsh, 3 Arun Close. (see Calendar Page).



RON JORDAN Convenor



THE KESTRO CLUB

The Club, which is a social one for people recovering from a stroke, is looking for one or two people who would be willing to help generally or with an offer of transport. We meet on Friday afternoons in the church hall between 2-4.15 p.m. Anyone interested, please contact - Hrs. Sylvia Batchelor on 67961.

ROBIN BRADLEY

We opened our Autumn Programme on Monday, 10th September with 'Members' Holiday Reflections'. Their experiences were varied, humorous and not without incidents. Especially enjoyed was Robin's account of the visit to Oberammergau. We meet on alternate Mondays at 8.00 p.m. with Bobby Hitchin our Chairman. With a variety of subjects in our programme ahead, a welcome will await both old and new friends to come along an join us.

OLIVE JONES

CHRISTIAN AID

Amount Received for September - £8.00 with thanks, HILDA HELE

SUPPORT NEEDED <u>NOW!</u>

The Boys' Brigade



You may be concerned to learn that your B.B. Company has now only one officer - me! I have promised the Company Section members that I will endeavour to keep thingsgoing for at least another session, but it is not going to be easy. Someone suggested that I should give up entirely and then the church would have to do something about it. I would like to retire on a better note, seeing that it is my 50th year in the Brigade and my 25th year with the 5th Worthing. It would be very nice to hear from one or more persons regarding offers of help and what can be done to perhaps salvage the situation. Please keep praying,

Yours sincerely,

DOMALD STEWART Captain Flowers for October

7th Mr. & Mrs. E. Young 21st Mr. C.S. Nodes

14th Dr. & Mrs. R. Webb 28th Mr. & Mrs. S. Bradley

The Flower Fund - Sincere thanks for £5.00 received during August and September.

DOROTHY TURNER Flower Secretary

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

As our church is a corporate member of the Worthing U.N.A. please support the U.N. Day service at $6.30 \, \text{p.m.}$ on $28 \text{th} \, 0 \text{ctober}$ at our church. The Rev. David Webb from the Bethany Fellowship will be our preacher.

On $\underline{24th\ October}$ (Wednesday) at 7.30 p.m. in the GURDON ROOM, Stoke Abbott Road, Lord Banks (an elder of the U.R.C. and former President of the Liberal Party) will be speaking on "The U.N. - 40 years on".

FAY BLAKEY

CRUSE

This is the Silver Jubilee year of Cruse, the National Organisation for the bereaved - the year in which Her Majesty, The Queen, has graciously agreed to become our Patron. From a very small band of people we have progressed to 100 branches, our local branch having been in operation for five years.

To coincide with Thanksgiving services all over the country, an ecumenical service has been organised at St. Paul's Church, Richmond Road, Worthing, on Sunday 7th October next at 3.00 p.m. His Worship The Mayor will be present, along with other local dignitaries, and we would so very much like you to come along.

SHEILA LERWILL Chairman

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LORD, GIVE THE MINISTER PATIENCE

If he is energetic, he is considered highly strung,

If he is calm, he is lazy,

If his hair is white he's too old,

If he is young, he lacks experience.

If he introduces changes, he is revolutionary,

If he does not, he has no initiative.

If he preaches against sin, he's a fanatic,

If he does not, he is worldly.

If he gesticulates when he preaches, he is theatrical,

If he stands still he is wooden.

If he raises his voice, he shouts too much,

If he doesn't, he's monotonous.

If he stays at home working, he should be visiting,

If he is seen in the street he should be preparing a sermon.

If he visits those who do not attend church, he's a wandering busybody.

If he visits the poor, he's a socialist,

If he visits the rich, he's currying favour -

Lord, give the Minister patience!

(from the magazine of Broadwater Baptist Church via that of Victoria Park Methodist Church, Bournemouth)

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH CONTH

THE DONOR

A lot is neard and read these days about the successful transplant operations being carried out by Surgeons, in hospitals all over the world. We are frequently being encouraged to donate some of our body organs, so that this great work may continue, and perhaps as a result, a life saved or improved.

It is requested that, if we agree to donate any body organs after we die, a card is carried on our person, stipulating what may be done. Perhaps the attached verse might be appropriate for all Christians to carry with them instead:-

If I should die, think only this of me
That my eyes may be used, that someone else may see.
And, if my lungs and heart can be of use in
transplant surgery,

Then let the surgeon go to work,
Don't think that I will shirk
As immobile on the table I lie dead;
My soul, - I pray, - from my body long hath fled.
And, if a part of me, a useful function can supply
For others, does this compare to Christ, whom we
did crucify?

FRAZER FINLAY

NOTE: If you would like to carry a DONOR CARD, you can obtain one free from the COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL whose offices are at 1, Victoria Buildings, York Road, Worthing.

A LONDON 'NOTELET'

A little reminder about 'Songs of Praise' on 7th October, when the area around the Argyle School, Euston and St. Pancras - and some of the children and staff, will be seen in St. Pancras Church and interviewed at work in the garden.

Though going quite well, we are still not self-sufficient (our award money was used up for the pond) and need pots and compost and bulb fibre for a plant stall to bring in more revenue for tools and for the daffodil competition. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

MARY CONNELLY

TOPICAL ORGAN NOTE THE CHRONICLE: October 1984

During the debate on the decision to incur expense on the organ, the following may not be common knowledge.

The musical activity at Chichester Cathedral has for the past 10 years or so been served by a large eletronic organ and those who have heard it may have been impressed by its tonal quality.

However, the Cathedral Authorities have now approved a scheme for the rebuilding of the original Cathedral organ and the work has been entrusted to Mr. N.P. Mander of London.

It is expected that the work will be completed in time for the 1985 Christmas Services; - 1 have seen no mention of the probable cost:

C.S. STEPHENS

READING MATTER



REFORM 1985

I expect to receive shortly the order form for the 1985 "Reform", and shall therefore be very glad to have the names of any new subscribers as soon as possible. I do hope there will be no cancellations, as every year 1 am urged by Headquarters to obtain more orders.

The above remarks also apply to the Prayer Fellowship Handbooks. MOLLIF HAWKE

P.S. I can thoroughly recommend the latter, especially for use with young people. So think it over and let Mollie know - EDITOR

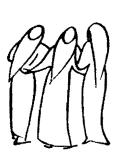
BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

As from 1st January, 1985 the B.R.F. are introducing two new booklets:"DAYLIGHT" The Natural Successor to "Awake" and "Brief Notes" giving daily readings from the Bible and lively commentaries which interpret them in the terms of Christian living today. Price: £2.55 per annum.
"GUIDELINES" a new concept in devotional study which has more profound and continuous commentary designed to be read alongside your own Bible, with the option of weekly or occasional study. Price £2.85 per annum.
Unless I hear differently, I will be ordering "DAYLIGHT" in place of "AWAKE", and should be glad to receive new members as soon as possible. I have one sample-copy of "DAYLIGHT" and GUIDELINES" if anyone would like to look at them.

I. B. R. A.

"Notes on Bible Readings" - giving fairly detailed comment on daily readings with short prayers and ideas for meditation - Price £1.25 per annum. "LIGHT FOR OUR PATH" - giving Bible Verses printed in full each day from modern version and a short comment - suitable for older teenagers and adults - Price £1.25 per annum. New members will be welcome, also please let me know if existing members would like to alter their orders.

Donations would be gratefully received for the Annual Missionary Fund Appeal. Please contact - Mrs. B. Barnett, 11 Twyford Road, Durrington Tel: 62217. (Choir member).





"Thank you for your sermon, Vicarit's one of my favourites!"

What do you know THE CHRONICLE: October 1984

about being born again?

- 1. Being "Born again" is something a) invented by American religious enthusiasts; b) a kind of special experience for a few people; c) vital for anyone who wants to find God.
- 2. Being born again happens at to everyone at some stage in life; b) to those who let God make them spiritually new people in his Church; c) to anyone who goes through a ceremony of baptism.
- You can be born again by a) putting your trust in Jesus and his death for your sins; b) believing the right things and going to church; c) trusting in the power of experience.
- 4. The whole reason Jesus came was because a) God wanted to show us how much holier he is than us; b) God loved us all so much that he sent Jesus to rescue us; c) God wanted to punish someone and that was Jesus.
- 5. The result of Jesus' coming is that a) everyone can be saved whatever they believe: b) everyone will automatically want to follow him; c) those who come to him in obedience will find eternal life.



- 6. Being born again depends on a) who your parents were; b) your own efforts; c) God's action in your life.
- 7. Being born again happens when a person a) gets a religious "high"; b) learns a lot about the Bible; c) understands the Christian message and believes it.
- 8. The heart of the Christian message is a) that the world needs love; b) that Jesus died so that we can find forgiveness for our sins; c) that God will only accept those who do enough good deeds.
- When people are born again they want a) the pure food of God's word;
 to hear more and more opinions on everything;
 only the kind of things they agree with.
- 10. Born-again people will aim to, live in a way that a) is always looking down on other people; b) is good, honest and loving; c) is going to get them people's admiration.

ANSWERS

1 (c) 2 (b), 3 (a), 4 (b) 5 (c), 6 (c), 7

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE . WEST WORTHING-



FROM THE VESTRY

Christian Scope

The writer of Proverbs observes that 'Hope deferred maketh the heart sick' and in Psalm 42 we read 'why art thou cast down, O my soul and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.'

Here is a competition. Not a million pounds for the winner but a mention with thanks in next months Chronicle. "TAKE OUT YOUR BIBLE WITH OR WITHOUT CONCORDANCE, AND FIND THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE WORD HOPE APPEARS IN THE TEXT, AND SAY WHY YOU HAVE CHOSEN A PARTICULAR TEXT TO DESCRIBE CHRISTIAN HOPE." I expect at least one hundred entries. Please address the entries to me at the vestry - closing date is November 10th.

Now, of course there is false hope, as there can be vain hope, but the Christian mind ought to be able to identify these two imposters whilst at the same time becoming part of that hope in Christ and in His purposes to which the whole of God's creation looks. At the risk of giving you extra marks in the 'Hope Competition', look at St Paul as he writes in Romans 5 vvl-8 - 'let us hope in the Glory of God' - and again especially for any who have lost hope in God's purposes in creation; Colossians 1 v23.

One of the experiences I shall remember from my American tour is that of an outburst of Hope in Christian Worship, Service, Attitudes and Ambitions... many churches are overflowing in Hope.

To the whole Church may I address these words as we enter a vigorous season in the life of the Church.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Every blessing

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

ERNEST MUNDAY rejoices in another birthday as also do Mrs M. Hurt and Mrs C. West. Our blessing and love to them and to all those with birthdays recently.

We send love to all who are unwell.

Grace Carnhill has now returned home from
Southlands hospital.

Congratulations to:-

The Rev. and Mrs. Symmons on the birth of their daughter Ruth - 15th October

Lionel and Trudie Knight on their Golden Wedding Anniversary - 20th October

The Minister

In Memoriam

Michael Alan FORRESTER

aged eight weeks 15th September

'for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven'

Sybil Beatrice BRISTOW

'in heavenly love abiding'

Winifred Elizabeth BETHELL

'Lord with me abide'

Ada LEDUC

'At rest'

<u>Marriages</u>

Christine Margaret Clark to Julian Kindred BREWER

Virginia Kilpatrick to Robert Geoffrey MITCHELL

Eva Violet Sawyer to Stephen Greville SHARP

Infant Baptism

Rachel Lesley Hood Andrew Brian Hood en'

28th September

26th September

29th September

15th September

15th September

29th September

14th October

14th October

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Baptisms in the Sea (7th October)

Michael Donnelly
Andrew David Close
Simon Anthony Close
Clare Saskia Cunningham
John Boyd Gordon
Pamela Ann Jackson
Alison Elizabeth Salmon
Christopher Richard Brown

This is the day - Sunday 7th October, 1984

The day started quietly enough. A handful people gathered in the little Chapel at 8 o'clock. reading, a prayer, a few words from Minister, the sharing of the bread, the drinking from the common cup and the opportunity given Michael Donnelly quietly to share something of his faith in his Lord. Michael was later that morning repeat his testimony and be received membership of the Church. Those who were able then at the seafront on this assembled grey October joggers gave no second glance morning. The Michael after a short prayer was assisted by Minister and an Elder into the uninviting sea was baptised. From the water the strains of 'This the day that the Lord has made' could just heard over the noise of the sea. A concerned bystander enquired what was happening which provided an opportunity to witness to the Lord.

There was something different about the 11 o'clock service. Was there an air of expectancy? Was there greater desire to worship the Lord? Perhaps there was. At the point in the service usually Sermon, the occupied by the Minister invited 7 young people to give testimony to their in the Lord Jesus. One by one microphone to speak to a approached the very different testimonies. Seven Bible quotations, and yet embracing a offer him or herself to God in desire to way: to ask God to bury the old life, lacking in meaning and reality and be raised to

new life in Christ; a new life trusting in God and his purposes. Whatever those in the congregation felt about believers Baptism, one thing was clear. the 7 had testified with great conviction that they belived God was calling them to this step of faith in obedience to Him. One quotation from Acts Chapter 8 seemed so relevant to this occasion, 'the Ethiopian official said "Here is some water, what is to keep me from being Baptised?" Philip said to him "You may be Baptised if you believe with all your heart." "I do," he answered, " I beleive that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."'

At the end of the Service, a crowded mini-bus and a stream of cars headed for the seafront. Quite a crowd gathered before the Minister, Youth Club leader Ray Close, and Paul Rush of Worthing Youth for Christ waded into the choppy sea, with its backdrop of leaden sky and wet-suit clad windsurfers. The young people strode purposefully, one after the other, to be immersed in water and return joyfully to the shore where the scene was one of radiant faces and wet embraces. As the last of the cars left the seafront, it began to rain.

The evening service provided a fitting end to the day with a Sermon on the Household of Faith. The 7 young people, John Gordon, Alison Salmon, Simon Close, Saskia Cunningham, Chris Brown, Pamela Jackson and Andrew Close were each presented with a concordance and given a personal word of scripture.

Surely, this was the day that the Lord had made. We all rejoiced and were glad in it.



RICHARD TULEY

Christian Aid

Harvest Thanksgiving 'Famine in Africa' Appeal £160

Monthly donations - September - £27.00 received with thanks

HILDA HELE & RON JORDAN



GIRLS' BRIGADE

I wonder if you realized that the 'houses' in our recent exhibition were all made from the cereal and crispbread boxes you saved for us. The collages were also made with wools and materials and various odds and ends donated by many of you. You will have seen that nothing is wasted.

May we now ask for empty Smartie tubes? Captain needs 90 to carry through her latest idea! Don't forget to make a note of 'Highlight Time', our awards and display evening Saturday, 8th December from 7.00 p.m. at West Park School. It's a very special occasion for us all and we hope to see you there. God Bless, JEAN WEBB



The Boys' Brigade

- ANCHOR BOYS

With renewed vigour and enthusiasm the Anchor Boys and their leaders have commenced another Session. This term there are 15 boys between the ages of 5 and 8 and each week they are learning a little about Bangladesh, in particular the problems connected with the shortage of food and how TEAR FUND is helping.

The boys would like to invite all interested friends and parents to their Open Evening on Wednesday, 14th November from 6.30-8.00 p.m, The theme will be the food problems in Bangladesh, and the Worthing TEAR FUND Representatives will show the film strip "TERRY FLIES EAST'. There will be refreshments at 6.30 p.m, and a TEAR FUND gift stall, and a collection will be taken for the work of TEAR FUND. Your support would be much appreciated.

The Autumn Session has got off to a good start with nearly sixty members present at every meeting. Already we have welcomed nine new members. We rejoice that this should be and warmly invite others to come and enjoy an afternoon with us. Our November meetings are listed in the calendar.

The afternoon conducted by our own members about 'Treasures from Abroad' proved to be most interesting and informative. The treasures, some brought back from holidays, others by friends and relatives from abroad, all had stories of their own. We learnt a great deal:— that a platypus still exists (some of us thought it was extinct):—what a chop is and how exquisitely it is decorated. Some of us even went home with treasure in the form of a seedling bottle brush tree! In conclusion we thanked God for much happiness and sweet memories.

On 9th October we listened with great interest and concern as Dr. Plowright unfolded the story of St. Paul's House, Portsmouth from its initiation in 1911 until the present day. Here the Portsmouth Division of the Free Church Women's Council seeks to provide shelter and house homeless women. These vary from young adolescents who have left home for various reasons, to unmarried mothers, women who have served prison sentences, to older women whose marriages have suddenly broken down. All these, through lack of a loving, caring home and their own inadequacy, have found themselves without friends and without shelter.

It was indeed a sad story. We were thankful for our own homes and upbringing. We were grateful that people like Dr. Plowright and her helpers seek to provide for these women who would otherwise have been destitute.

An offering of £25 was given Dr. Plowright, towards the work of St. Paul's House.

BERYL STUTTER Hon. Secretary

IMPRESSIONS OF A 'SPECIAL' GARDEN

On a recent visit to London, we decided to visit the Argyle Primary School to view the garden Mary has spoken about from time to time. What a surprise awaited us in this old school playground, surrounded by derelict offices and Peabody-type tenement buildings. We entered this miniature park by way of a crazy paved path, passing shrubs, small trees and flowers of many varieties, to the first of two fish ponds. One must also mention the vegetable plot for potatoes, cabbages, lettuce, etc.

You could visualise the mammoth task in getting broken paving slabs, weighing many tons, and obtaining soil in this part of London, along with sufficient willing hands to help in the project. Unfortunately, we chose this visit on a wet and miserable day in late September, but in spite of this the garden was still alive with colour and runner beans ready for picking!

Thank you, Mary, for taking us into your garden and showing us what can be achieved. May God bless the efforts of all concerned in this enterprise and may it have further success next year.

NORA & BERT GROVES

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Captain Leslie Tennant of the Church Army is to be the preacher at our Praise Service on 25th November, 1984. There will be a Praise Time led by our young people but, at the time of writing, it has not been decided whether it will be included in, or will follow, the service! Come at 6.30 p.m., and make sure!

The next meeting of the Discussion Group, when such a decision will be made, has been arranged for Thursday, 8th November. Usual time and place, 7.30 p.m. at 3 Arun Close.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

4th Miss Dudley Chapel - Mrs. Stredwick

11th Mrs. Ross, Miss Mannix & Mrs. Green

18th The Boys' Brigade

25th Mrs. Dorothy Turner

THE FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £2.00 received during October

HARVEST GIFTS

Grateful thanks also for forty two pounds received during the Festival.
HARVEST FESTIVAL

May I say a special 'thank you' to Gill, Norah, Bert, Bobby, The Girls' Brigade and the Anchor Boys, for helping to decorate the church. We missed Alec, but quite understood why he could not be present. Thanks also to Amanda, Nicola, Kirsty, Sarah and Rachel for the loan of musical instruments, and to the Youth Club and others, who assisted in the dismantling of the decorations. Over 100 harvest gifts were made up and distributed to local folk. My sincere thanks are due to all who came along to help with this. It was pleasing to see some new faces on this occasaion. The Lord certainly showed His guiding hand in all that was done.

DOROTHY TURNER Flower Sec.

MISSION PRAISE

The following paragraphs are to be found in the music copies of MISSION PRAISE - the hymn /song book that was recommended to those who met together to discuss the merits of a book to help us in our corporate worship and praise.

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITES:

Hondays: 18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade

Tuesdays: 17.30h Girls' Brigade

Wednesdays: 18.00h Anchor Boys

19.00h Boys' Brigade 19.30h Choir Practice

Fridays: 19.00h Boys' Brigade

19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

Saturdays: 19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)

Sundays: 09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

FORTNIGHTLY ACTIVITIES:

Thursdays: 14.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

Tuesdays: 20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

Wednesdays: 10.30h Bible Study Group at the Manse

20.15h Bible Study Group at 38 Trent Road

Thursdays: 14.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel

OTHER SERVICES AND ACTIVITES: The Minister will preach unless otherwise stated.

1st Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise

4th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel

11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion

18.30h Divine Worship

5th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship "Members'

Evening" with Bring & Buy Stall

6th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - Mrs. D. Turner

Illustrated Talk about France

14.45h Men's Fellowship "The Bible Society" Mr. W. Wildman, former Area Secretary

20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close

5th Thursday 10.15h "Contact" Coffee Morning in the

Corrwall Room

19.30h Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Close

llth Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	
14th Wednesday	15.30h	- 20.00h Anchor Boys Open Evening With Tear Fund Film Strip on BANGLADESH. Gift Stall, Refreshments, Collection
15th Thursday	14.30h 19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel District Council Meeting
18th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	
19th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Bacon "The Salvation Army"
20th Tuesday	14.45h 14.45h 20.00h	Women's Guild - Mrs. Fay Blakey - "Homeopathy" Men's Fellowship - "Old Broadwater" Illustrated Talk by Mr. Richards Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
22nd Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
25th Sunday	08.00h 11.00h 18.30h	Holy Communion in the Chapel Divine Worship "PRAISE SERVICE" with Captain Leslie Tennant
29th Thursday	14.45h 19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel CHURCH MEETING Please come if you can

II.B. Closing Date for Chronicle Copy is 12th November. Due to new arrangements it is essential to get your submission in in GOOD TIME

"This book has been compiled for a purpose: to unite Christians of all denominations in praise worship as they work together in evangelism. anticipate, however, that many churches fellowships will also find this compilation meets for a suitable supplement to their need "We have sought to represent in usual hymn book. the contents the many different strands of musical tradition found in today's Christian music, whilst the same time to include a substantial number traditional hymns which will be familiar o f territory, both to regular church-goers and those singing hymns is only an occasional experience! We ask all who use this book to echo prayer that, as people sing from its pages, Christians will be drawn closer to their Lord".

Those present at that meeting (and an invitation was extended to all) unanimously agreed that copies of Mission Praise, as a complement to both Congregational Praise and Scripture in Song, should be purchased. We thank the memory of Harry Rushby for making this possible.

We are convinced that all who use this song book WILL be drawn closer to their Lord.

RON JORDAN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the first meeting of our Autumn Session a talk was given by our President, The Rev. Connelly, about his Sabbatical. It was indeed interesting to hear, at first hand, his reactions to the American scene.

Whilst we were very pleased to welcome Bill on his return home, we were equally delighted to receive seven new members to the Fellowship, four of whom were present for this opening meeting. The second meeting was also a very interesting one which took us to Lancing College Chapel. One of our organist members was permitted to play on their electronic organ, which is a very large instrument indeed. The College hopes to raise about a quarter of a million pounds eventually to install a pipe organ and site it on a gallery. Many of us visited the crypt where the original services were held prior to the Chapel being built. It is a most impressive building, and we all enjoyed the visit.

A. GROVES & F. FINLAY

To Mrs. Dorothy Turner (Flower Secretary) and friends at Goring United Reformed Church

In my Rochester days, I sang in the Choir of the Congregational Church, known as "The Vines". On at least one occasion we gave, on Harvest Sunday, J.H. Maunder's Harvest Cantata, the "Song of Thanksgiving". Words from this cantata would express the feelings I entertained when I received a gift from your Harvest Festival, but I observed that the words are copyright. I resort, therefore, to a simple, but hearty "Thank you" for your kind remembrance.

With the Editor's consent I am adding an unusual incident:

When on holiday some years ago in Scotland, I watched a Bowls match between Kirn Bowling Club and a team from Cornwall. Half way through the match, as is customary, the players adjourned for tea. Whilst I waited for the resumption of the game I was both astonished and delighted to hear from the Clubhouse the strains of

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above, Then thank the Lord, 0 thank the Lord, For all His love.

GORDON WRAIGHT

Amy Hopkins writes to thank the church for the Harvest gifts received by Miss Hilda Lowman and herself. As Hilda cannot write, she asked Amy to include her in this thank you. God bless you both,

We would like to thank all our friends who helped to make our wedding day so very special. It was really lovely to see so many of you at the church, and we only wish we could have spoken to you all.

We are now settling into our new home at No. 1 Durrington Gardens (near Durrington Station), and are always delighted to welcome any visitors. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

JULIAN & CHRISTINE BREWER

A DREAM COMES TRUE....

from the associate minister

I know that you will all rejoice with me that the COMMUNITY CENTRE at Durrington has been built and that on 2nd November the Worthing Borough Council will be handing over the building to the Durrington Community Assocn. for the use of the Durrington Community. I am grateful to Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor for taking on the responsibility of receiving applications for the use



of the Hall and rooms, and for being in charge of the office when the Centre is opened. Another of our elders, Mr. N.A. Dobson, is a member of the Executive. When I became the Associate Minister I was asked to look at our Durrington Outreach. I found co-operation from the then Vicar and Curate of St. Symphorian's Church. Also that the Residents' Association had made a very full survey of the needs of Durrington, which led to my being a member of a working party which resulted in the formation of the Durrington Community Centre Association to which I was elected as Secretary.

We considered what a community centre should look like with an attractive entrance and coffee bar to hand. A young architect, Mr. Roger Elkins, put our dream on paper. There were times when it all seemed only a dream. Eventually, however, after discussions, the Worthing Borough Council and the West Sussex County Council came to an arrangement and the building of the Centre was undertaken by the Borough.

Today it is no longer a dream - the building stands ready for the service of and use by the Durrington and Salvington Wards. Throughout the years, the Durrington Community Centre, under the chairmanship of Councillor John Cotton, has worked at raising funds and will be contributing over £10000 towards the furnishings of the Centre. A small band of enthusiasts kept the dream alive.

On Wednesday, 7th November at 7.30 p.m. there will be a Members' Evening at the Centre to which we invite any who would consider becoming members (membership is 50p per annum). At this meeting we shall consider voluntary help in the Centre

and what activities members would like to organise in the Centre. From the working party days it has always been the intention to hold Sunday Services of an ecumenical nature in the Centre. The two churches that have been prepared to sponsor the Community Centre Church are the Offington Park Methodist Church and our own. The Rev. Valerie Chapman and I will be responsible for these services with the help of a representative committee from the two churches and DUCCA. The services will commence on 1st December at 10.30 a.m. and will take the form of a Family Service followed by coffee and a get together. Please remember this venture in your prayers that the guidance of the Holy Spirit may be given for the furtherance of the Gospel

I shall be glad to hear from anyone with knowledge of a good piano for sale, as one is needed for these services.

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

SYNOD REPORT

Our Church Secretary, Mr. Ray Newell, accompanied me to the Synod held at Ashford, Kent, on Saturday, 13th October. As is usual, the agenda for the day was a very full one. We heard a prophetic address from The Rev. Dr. Philip Morgan, Moderator of the Assembly of the U.R.C. and Secretary of The British Council of Churches. He spoke of the role of the Church in Society which often appears to be dominated by violence. The Rev. Dr. R.J. McKelvey, of the Northern College Manchester, revealed to us developments in the training of our students for the Christian ministry. These developments bring the student into a practical relationship with the local church and the community. Of course, this is in addition to the traditional theological and academic teaching. From the World Church and Mission Department we learnt that the Church of Christ in CHINA in spite of the years of persecution, and with all the set backs and difficulties, reveals growth in the Christian Faith, membership and influence. The reliability of the workers who are Christians has been noted by those in authority. We were asked to note PROVINCIAL DAY firmly in our diaries: - 22nd June, 1985 at Chichester.

I should be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in the formation of a group to study the B.C.C. Report "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry". Local churches are being asked for their views on this Report.

Have you any old tools in the garage or attic? Tools you no longer use. These could become Tools for Self Reliance. T.S.R. collects and refurbishes hand tools (including typewriters) and dispatches them to working people in developing countries. Carpenters, metalworkers and other artisans in many third world countries have difficulty in getting good quality tools. If you are able to help tools may be sent to Netley Marsh Workshops, Southampton, SO4 2GY, or left at the Synod Office, East Croydon U.R. Church Addiscombe Grove, Croydon.

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER

May I, through the Chronicle, thank the various members and organisations for their good wishes and prayers during my accident, also for the visits of our minister and members of the church. Also, thank you for the many letters and cards, especially greetings from the Youth Club whilst at Greenbelt, together with the Girls' Brigade. Special thanks too, to Norah & Bert Groves for their practical help. The many tokens of love by flowers and plants have been much appreciated.

God bless you all,

ELLEN MUNDAY

My thanks to all concerned who enabled me to join in the joys of Harvest Thanksgiving; for transport to and from the enjoyable supper and for the "goodies" so kindly delivered to my door. It was such a lovely surprise, all much appreciated.

LOUIE STILL

We should like to thank all who shared with us in the joys of our recent Golden Wedding celebrations. We received beautiful flowers from the church and many cards, including one from the Girls' Brigade. These very real tokens of the love and affection of so many, added greatly to the joys of the day. We can together look back over the years and trace the goodness and the love of God, and we thank Him for His patience and guidance, and "we trust Him for all that is to come".

WILL & FLORRIE FREEMAN

EDITOR'S PAGE



Many of you will know already that our dear friend, Ernest Munday, celebrated his 93rd Birthday last month, and we rejoice with him and dear Ellen as he enters his 94th year. Ernest has served the Chronicle team for many years with his careful work as Treasurer of the magazine. We thank him now for his love and loyalty and ask God's blessing upon him and also on Joan Finlay, who now carries on the good work.

The magazine is quite a complex project each month, involving several people in its production. After closing date I get all the 'copy' together and put it into an acceptable order for typing. Then Eric does the printing. When it comes to pinning the copies together and folding them, all of which take time, we now have the help of Phyllis Wheeler, and an offer of further help from Eric Bond. We appreciate that he will be very busy in his new role as Junior Church Leader; (did I hear a whisper of 007 or Super-Bond!?) We wish him every joy and blessing as he helps with our younger young people.

Further help has been offered by Andrew Smith on the production side, and so things are changing rapidly and it is gratifying to find that, even when we began to wonder whether help would come, God had already planned this for us.

Another valued member of our Chronicle team is Mr. Stephens. He continues to send out between 30 and 40 copies each month. These reach all corners of our land and also sometimes go abroad. We pray God's blessing on this channel of witness, and ask that it may always be worthy of Him, who is the provider and giver of all good things.

Please don't be shy about giving an article for printing. We would like your holiday news, thoughts on other articles in previous editions, and any other item you may be able to offer. The magazine is always in need of fresh inspiration and new contributors. I hope the young people will read this and think about giving us some of their news.

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Envelopes	9544	M.M.F. 8802
Cash	3542	Ministerial
Donations	433	Expenses 1735
Rents	2125	Cleaners' Wages 990
I/T Fund	31	Church Overheads 4959
Dividends	565	Sundries 2980
Gift Day	528	Durrington Outreach 812
Cong. Ins. Trust	267	Unified Appeal 1500
	17035	21778
Expenditure in Excess of Income	4743	
	£21778	£21778

The above is a summary of the church General Account as at 30th September, 1984, from which it will be seen that there was a large deficit. Our average weekly collection amounts to £335 but in order to meet out commitments it should be averaging £360. The position is not quite as bad as it looks as the Income Tax refund, amounting to about £3000, has not yet been received. However, it is hoped all members will seriously consider increasing their offerings in the light of the above figures in order that our accounts may be balanced at the end of the year.

Church organisations are reminded that contributions towards the cost of heating and lighting help substantially and are gratefully received.

In accordance with the decision of the Church Meeting, the Harris Trust Fund, together with accumulating interest, is to be used entirely for church development purposes. Plans have been approved by the Church Meeting and matters are being pushed ahead as quickly as possible.

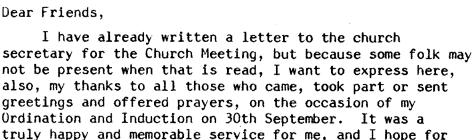
DOUGLAS BLAKEY CHURCH TREASURER

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH CONTH

LONDON LETTERS

A NOTE FROM STREATHAM...

others.



I am gradually getting my Manse in order and look forward to welcoming some of you here later on.

> Every good wish, BERYL CHATETELD

THE CHRONICLE: Novemb

....AND ONE FROM KINGS CROSS

"Let not Thy worship blind us to the claims of love". (George Caird) (C.P. 564)

Many thanks for your kind remarks and encouragement after our "Songs of Praise" appearance. Yes, the children did look happy, and yes, they sang quite well and yes, I had a good sing - the best one I have had since being in Kings Cross!

I am sorry there was only a climpse of the garden, as they had taken several shots which would have given you a very good idea of the rayout - but they cut most of it! Perhaps they should have cut out the shot of the very exhausted looking teacher! The hymns from the church were recorded before Easter; the interviews in the garden, in the middle of May after a period of extremely hard work. Fighting against illness and preparing to go off with 36 children to the Isle of Wight for a week; and the necessarily detailed preparation, that all contributed to the haggard look. I tell you - it frightened me to see myself!

Encouragement and your prayers are badly needed. Sometimes we are so frustrated and exhausted that we are tempted to give up and I often wonder whether I can stand that part of London much longer. The T.V. programme showed the best of us. What you did not see is that which takes the will and the heart and the love to the limit - or is there a limit?

The difficulties of race, culture, temperament, discipline and ill-discipline; the non-caring attitudes, all place a severe strain on physical and mental well-being. Please pray for us - unceasingly!

Many thanks to the friends who have given me gifts of money. I can go ahead now and by the time you read this there will be a large number of daffodil bulbs planted. I shall be able to provide bulbs, plus pot and soil/fibre. Often in the past some children have found it difficult to grow the daffodils though they are good strong bulbs. The main reason is that many never even got them into a pot! The effort and expense of buying flower pot and bag of compost is usually too much for some of the families. This year they may have the pleasure of seeing the plant grow to its full beauty. Maybe there is a lesson for me here-keep on working - keep on nurturing, keep on caring - keep on loving. Sometime, something good will grow!



Who giveth love to all, Pays kindness for unkindness, Smiles for tears And lendeth new hope to each fainting heart -He is a son of God.

ANON.

A verse my mother gave me while teaching me the Christian Way. EDITOR

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GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

FROM THE VESTRY

"And is it true? And is it true, This most tremendous tale of all. A Baby in an ox's stall? The Maker of the stars and sea

Seen in a stained-glass window's hue, Become a Child on earth for me?" BETJEMAN'S poem on CHRISTMAS poses the

great question which hangs over the world of time and space. Has Eternity really broken in upon us? The answer to this question has been attempted by Prophets, Evangelists, Martyrs, Saints, and many, many lowly and humble men and women down the ages. The Bible affirms the truth of it - the Church lives or dies by the truth of it. And yet, Christmas comes and goes, presents are carols are sung and in the lives of millions hope burns, flickers and dies.

How then can we, who bear the Name Christ in our souls and upon our lips, help to answer the question? It will not do to dilute the Gospel. The INCARNATION "And the Word was made flesh, and among us". The CRUCIFIXION finished", and the RESURRECTION "He is not here, is Risen", will not admit of any dilution their meaning. Christmas must either celebrate the whole gospel or it is not part of the gospel at all, and will be relegated into Yuletide or other legends of the winter solstice.

Let the Church celebrate Christmas as the answer to the question "and is it true?" The year of Evangelism finds its climax in Christmas which when truly celebrated by Christian people, is the greatest evangelistic opportunity for us all.

With every blessing for a Happy & Holy Christmas,

William Jonaelly

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP A R THECHRONICLE December 1984

MARRIAGES

Rilla Brownlee to
Anthony William DUDLEY 20.10.84

IN MEMORIAM

in our prayers.

Walter Claude INGS 19.10.84

A faithful worshipper with us when health permitted.

We send love and sympathy to his wife and family.

Eva Ruth PRATT 26.10.84 Given to love in Christ expressed through her care of those weaker than herself.

Evelyn Phyllis TULEY 4.11.84

A faithful mother and grandmother whose work for charity andd care among her family and neighbours spoke of her love for Christ.

We remember Richard, his brother Michael and

MR. RAY NEWELL will be home again by the time this goes to print, and we rejoice with him and Dora in his speedy recovery after his sudden need of

sister Brenda and their families in our prayers.

hospital help last month.

MRS. DOREEN NORRIS is now home again after treatment on her hands and we remember her needs

MRS. BETTY RAZZELL is happily recovering following a motoring accident, as are also MR. & MRS. BOB LUCKIN who were involved in an accident away from Worthing, and we are glad that they are safe at home again.

MRS. J. BYASS, Brenda Lewis's mother, is making progress after an illness in Southlands Hospital. MISS YVONNE WHYTE is improving and patiently gathering strength in her Storrington home.

It has been good to see many old friends during rounds of visitation including MRS. E. GREGORY;, MRS. E. PULLINGER, MISS H. LOWMAN, MRS. CUTHBERT, MISS A.D. MADDEN, MRS. G. WOOD, MR. A. WHITE. We remember all our sick, elderly or bereaved and lonely friends in our prayers and thoughts at Christmas.



New Members:

9 GORDON, Mr. J. Adversane Road Tel: 38106 15a ASHBURNER;, Mr. & Mrs. H., 74 Ivydore Avenue

Tel: 68207

2 HALLIDAY, Rev. & Mrs. A. 25 Wadhurst Drive Tel:43934

5a JACQUES, Rev & Mrs. A., Lomas House,

Wordsworth Rd. Tel: 200400

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30185

Elders' Visitation Areas:-

8 West Tarring Area - Delete - Mrs. J. Ellis

Acknowledgments



We give thanks to God for the prayers and the very many expressions of love and care for the family, both during my mother's time in hospital and after her death. The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ has been ours as a reality and we rejoice that mother, Mrs. Evelyn Tuley, is at peace.

RICHARD TULEY

Many thanks to all church members for whom I have had the pleasure of doing business this year. I look forward to being of service to you again in the New Year, and also to anybody else who may require my services. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

MALCOLM A. NICHOLLS

I should like to thank all my good friends in the church for their prayers, cards, gifts and get well messages - Mr. Connelly and Mr.Christopher for their welcome visit, Mrs. Turner for the lovely flowers - but most of all, my dear Girls Brigade colleagues for their love, support and very practical help during the time I was out of action. Love and every blessing,



Bob and I would like to thank every control of 1984 prayers, the flowers from the church, card from the Girls Brigade, and enquiring telephone calls and flowers, received from individual friends in the church. Bruises are gradually fading, and we hope the horror will too, eventually. Our thanks to everyone,

We do appreciate the many friends in the church who sent us good wishes and flowers on the occasion of our recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

LIONEL & TRUDY KNIGHT

Our thanks to all members and organisations for their prayers, good wishes and help during Chris's recent stay in hospital. Thank you also for the visits, gifts and cards - yet more experience of the love of Jesus. God bless you all.

CHRIS, SHIRLEY, ANTHONY & STUART PAYNE

My wife and I would like to express our hanks for the warm welcome given to us on the occasion of our being received into membership. We first became members of the Congregational Church in the late 1920's, me at East Hill, Wandsworth, London, and my wife at Sutton, Surrey. I have been associated with that church, more recently the U.R.C., in different parts of the country ever since.

Now that we have settled down in Worthing we look forward to a happy fellowship with you all and in the worship and witness of Goring U.R.C.

ALBERT & GLADYS JACQUES

Message from Gordon Wraight



I regret that I can no longer undertake to send Christmas cards to all my friends, near and far. However, through the medium of the church Chronicle, I trust that this wonderful season of the year may bring to Goring United Reformed Church, members and adherents, happiness and peace. May the 1984 Christmas provide you with a greater realisation of the "Tidings of Great Joy".



This, being the Christmas issue, is full of little messages and 'thank yous' from various members and friends. We wish to add the good wishes of the Chronicle Team, and to express the hope that, in a time of difficulty nationally, we at home may be able to spread joy abroad at this very special time. There will be those of you who entertain friends who might otherwise have been lonely; there will be the family gatherings, and there will, most important of all, be the services in our church.

It is the hope of the minister and elders that everyone connected with our fellowship will find a service in which they can worship the new born King in their own particular way, and be able not only to give love, but also to receive it. There will, unfortunately, be some readers who will be spending Christmas day on their own, but we hope this will not be through the neglect of neighbours or friends. May they find solace in the company of television and radio, and be able to feel at one with the family of God at His birth.

There is a matter which is of great concern to us all, and that is world poverty and the gap between us in the west and those who are suffering in other parts. I am sure we are not meant to feel guilty because we are warm, well fed and comfortable. Equally, I feel that we are required to search our hearts and find ways of helping the situation generally. We can pray, and this does more than we can dream of (St. Paul); we can give, even a little will help someone, and we can thank God for the blessings which we so richly receive through our good fortune, as members of a reasonably prosperous society.

However, let us not blame those in authority for negligence. Let us not condemn the innocent.

Let us not throw out accusing E Coronton 1984 thoughts when this is an unfair world and always will remain so while selfishness exists in human hearts. The country we live in is in a dilemma. We still owe the International Bank considerable sums, and should we give away funds which we do not, strictly speaking, have available? "Think on these things."

May the love of Christmas spread through Goring, Worthing, and throughout the whole world this winter. Then may it go on through the year of 1985, giving us courage to face the issues which seem to get more challenging as time goes on.



At the time of writing there are rumours that the Government proposes to cut £160 million off its overseas aid programme. At a time when the public has responded so magnificently to appeals for the Ethiopian famine victims this must be a matter of very deep concern for Christians, since it involves a matter of life or death for millions of suffering people.

Overseas aid exists to help people who are starving and desperately poor in the developing world and to operate long-term measures to eradicate hunger and poverty. To make any cut at all in this is to turn our backs on those who are in the very greatest need and would be a serious reflection on the Government's sense of priorities.

In her speech last Christmas, the Queen spoke of the gap between the rich and the poor nations as the greatest problem in the world today. Some of us feel that the aid budget should be increased, not decreased since its present level, a mere 0.3% G.N.P. (Gross National Product)(1/3 of 1%) fails to measure up to the magnitude of the problem. The Government has a responsibility in

this and should be giving a lead. THE CHRONICLE: December 1984
The Brandt Report recommended "a massive

transfer of resources". If you are concerned about this and can write a letter, may I appeal to you to write either to our M.P., The Rt. Hon. Terence Higgins, or to one of the ministers, expressing your concern as a Christian.

If you need any guidelines I have available a model letter, and can provide you with appropriate names and addresses.

Remember Jesus' words: In so far as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me ... In so far as ye did it not unto one of these, ye did it not unto me (Matt. 25 vv. 40-45). This was spoken of the hungry, thirsty, sick, naked and imprisoned.

ROBERT WRIGHT

The great problem of our time must be faced. We are rapidly overpopulating the world, without any reference to maintaining the lives of those in backward areas. Daily the total number of human beings is increasing. The food production is not. You may consider it selfish of the producers of food, not to give it all to those who, through lack of knowledge or control, produce large numbers of children they cannot support. But if those producers also have large families (and why not?) then there will be no food for the non-producers and they will then have very short lives. Nature has its own way of producing equilibrium - cruel though it is.

Our task is more long-term. We must educate the backward nations to restrict the population growth to what they can sustain before they cause a world famine. Whatever we do now, we can only save a few of the victims. We must, of course, do what we can. We must do what WE can. That means you and me. Not the Government, nor Church, nor Unions, just you and me. Jesus said "give to the poor" not "get someone else to give to the poor". Do it now, even though it is nearly too late.



Christian Aid



ETHIOPIAN FAMINE RELIEF APPEAL

Anon

At the October church meeting it was unanimously agreed that, following the harrowing scenes on television, a retiring collection should be taken at each of our services for the following two Sundays. The response was heartwarming as can be judged by the following detail:
Retiring collections 24th Oct. & 4th Nov. £796

Donated by Youth Club Bible Class 100

"Junior Church 30

Total £2426

1500

Received by Mrs. Hele during October £18 with thanks.



THE 10th ANNUAL PRAYER VIGIL ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Prayer prepares the ground for the seed - The Word of God - to be sown. Will YOU join us in praying for the life, work and witness of the people of this church, our town, our nation and the world? PLEASE COME - To the Little Chapel in the church on NEW YEAR'S DAY, Tuesday, 1st January, 1985. ANY TIME between 08.00 and 22.00 hrs. You may share in this privilege and time of blessing in a number of ways, e.g.

- Join us for a while in the Chapel any time during the Vigil
- 2. Be responsible for a particular hour or half hour during the period (I shall be delighted to receive names particularly from any newer folk amongst us).
- 3. Pray at home using the church Handbook, if unable to join the Vigil in person. (Handbooks available from stewards).

"Don't be weary in prayer, keep at it, watch for God's answers and remember to be thankful when they come" Colossians 4.2

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

DECEMBER FLOWERS

2nd Mrs. Bulstrode 9th Mrs. Brunton 16th Mrs. Cozens-Walker & Mrs. Turton 23rd The Rev. & Mrs. Connelly 30th The Flower Fund

FLOWER FUND - Grateful thanks for £11 received during Oct/Nov.

Flower Rota for 1985 - Our thanks are due to those who entered their names on the flower rota for the Sundays of this year and to those who gave through the Flower Fund and at major Church Festivals.

The new list for 1985 will be placed upon the notice board in the vestibule, please enter your name upon it if you wish to donate flowers for a special date. In case of any difficulties please centact me on Worthing 43843.

A very warm thank you to my 'ladies' who help throughout the year, both arranging and delivering to sick, sorrowing, and often lonely folk. God bless you, DOROTHY TURNER and Christmas Blessings to you all, Flower Secretary

Your Toy Service

Can you give up a favourite toy
to comfort a lonely girl or boy?
Do you think Jesus will give you another
To replace your gift to a sister or brother?

Is the cold stable really near,
And can we find the Babe so dear?
Yes! we can, we love him so He will follow us where we go.

Thank you, God, for this great Joy, Your Son, our Friend, the Holy Boy.



CHURCH CALENDAR

WERKLY ACTIVITIES

18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade MONDAYS:

Girls' Brigade 17.30h TUESDAYS :

18.00h Anchor Boys WEDNESDAYS:

19.00h Choir Practice

Prayer & Praise in Chapel 19.30h FRIDAYS: Youth Club (12 yrs & over) SATURDAYS: 19.00h

Youth Club Bible Class 09.50h SUNDAYS:

FORNIGHTLY ACTIVITIES:

THESDAYS: 20.00h 'Bible Study Group

at 1 Arun Close

WEDNESDAY: 10.30h Bible Study Group at

Manse

20.15h Bible Study Group 38

Trent Rd.

THURSDAYS: 14.30h Prayer & Praise í n the

Chapel

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd	0 8.0 0h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
3rd	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Wyn

Funnell - "Bits & Pices"

Women's Guild - Mrs. B. Green 4th 14.45h "St. Bridget's Cheshire Home"

> 14.45h Men's Fellowship - "Members'

Afternoon"

20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

6th 10.15h Contact Coffee Morning in Cornwall

Room

8th 19,00h Awards & Display Evening (venue to be announced)

9th	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Parade & Children's Toy & Gift
		Service
`.	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		& Ministry of Healing
12th	13.00h	Inland Revenue Carol Service
		(limited space for us)
13th	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy
		Communion
-	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in
		Chapel
14th -	14.15h	West Sussex Federation of
	4	Townswomen's Guild's Carol Service
16th	08.00h	Holy Communion
•	11.00h	Divine Worship
	16.30h	Family Circle Tea Party for all
		friends in the church fellowship
		followed by
	18.30h	Advent Carol Service
17th	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship -
		Christmas Evening
18th	14.45h	Women's Guild Christmas Meeting
		Men's Fellowship together
	19.30h	Durrington High School Carol
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10.5	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
19th	19.30h	Durrington High School Carol
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) 23rd	08.00h 11.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
,	18.00h	
	10.0011	Service of Preparation for Christmas
24th	23.30h	CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
	08.00h	Holy Communion .
e Cocii	11.00h	Family CHRISTMAS DAY Service
27th	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in the
4 / L II	14.7011	Chapel
30rh	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

On 2nd November the Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Bob Clare, handed the keys of the Durrington Community Centre to Councillor John Cotton, Chairman of the Durrington Community Association, who then requested me to dedicate the building. The building was dedicated to the Glory of God and for the promotion of the quality of life for the individual and within the community. We thanked God for the skills of the Architects and of the Builders, and commended to God the Wards of Durrington and of Salvington.

The Ceremony was followed by a reception attended by members of the Worthing Borough Council Staff and Council, and the Executive of the Assoication. Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor has had a busy time in the office with visitors, enquiries and booking of the use of the premises. The Centre is open mornings and afternoons (Mondays to Fridays) for you to visit us. We are now looking forward with prayer and expectation to the first service of worship to be held at the Centre on the first Sunday in Advent - 2nd December, 1984 at 10.30 a.m. I shall miss my regular attendance and participation in the services at Goring, although I hope to conduct the worship from time to time. know I have your support and prayers in the Durrington Outreach.

Advent and Christmas approach and our Church will resound to the carol services and our homes to joyful preparations for welcoming family and Christmas is the Festival of the HOME. friends. Jesus was born into a family; the gospel speaks of His brothers and sisters. The churches of all denominations are today concerned about the family life and the homes of our nation. Within family, growth and development are nurtured. Family life today is experiencing change and challenge. We are informed that marriage remains popular, whilst one in three marriages ends in divorce; one in three involves a remarriage and often a reconstituted family. One in four households is a single person household Friendship and community networks therefore are an

important part of family life. Changing patterns of employment and cultural values have their effect on family life. It is said that there are more homes with an elderly person to care for than there are families with children under sixteen years of age. I recently attended a meeting representing our Church and Society Department with other denominational representatives from Sussex and Surrey, to hear about the Family Life Educational Project which has the support of the Free Church Federal Council. I would be grateful for any comments on the need for such a project, and such comments will be treated with the utmost confidence.

Elspeth and I send to all our friends in our church good wishes and greetings that your Christmas may be a happy and blessed one, and that you may enter the New Year with confidence in our God, who changes not, and in Jesus Christ our Saviour who remains the same, yesterday, today and forever.

RON CHRISTOPHER

TOWARDS PEACE OF MIND

A year or so ago our Minister inserted in the Chronicle a replica of a form which he desired members to complete and return to him for safe keeping in the vestry. This form provides information which would help him or doctor and friends in the event of one's demise. He has copies which he will gladly give out as requested. This especially applies to the elderly, like myself, who now have few, if any, relatives. It is a most simple form, which I was only too glad to fill in as soon as I saw the details in the Chronicle, and it has given me considerable peace of mind.

A week or two ago I spent the week-end with my next of kin, a cousin who lives in Dunmow, Essex, and when I told him what I had done he said how glad he was. For your own sake and that of the Minister, I DO urge you to give this your consideration.

The response to my invitation to look up the word HOPE and enter into all its meanings has been encouraging and I am grateful to those who have written in time to be included in this month's Chronicle.

I am writing in response to your November letter from the vestry in which you stated that you anticipated 100 entries for the 'Hope' competition. Whether the 100 entries was an indirect 'clue', I know not, however I can only account for 76 references, and of these I think that my most valued one is in Psalm 42, verse 5. This has on a number of occasions in my life been a source of strength and provided me with confidence for the future. Reading this verse quietened my anxieties and helped me live purposefully, strong in the knowledge that He was with me and was guiding me.

With best wishes.

Eric Bond

Regarding the Minister's invitation in last month's "Chronicle", concerning Christian Hope, I would like to break the cardinal rule of all examinations and competitions, and fail to answer the question.!

It seems to me that Christian "Hope" is a word different in kind from our common everyday use of the word, which is so often a half-doubting aspiration, or, at best, merely a persistent optimism in the face of contrary experience or evidence.

The text of Corinthians I. Ch.13, v.13, is so familiar, and invariably presages a sermon on Love, when the specific Greek word of this context is contrasted with other words commonly translated as "love", but so different in inference. C.S. Lewis"s "The Four Loves" is, for me, the finest exposition of this contrast. Similarly "Faith"

context of Hebrews, Ch.11.

What then of "Hope"? To me, Hope is a fact, not an aspiration based on fact. Thus Christ is our Hope. To change the juxtaposition, but

so often been textually expounded in the

without intending to alter the meaning:

Hope is the fact that Christ is....and that He can.... Faith is the belief that He can and that He will..... Love (Charity) is the

evidence that He will....and that He does!

In other passages, however, "hope" is often alternatively translated as "trust". Should we therefore prefer to express the text as showing that:

Faith is the belief that God can. Hope is the trust (i.e.confidence) that God will?

I am sure that it would be helpful therefore to receive the Minister's help on the place and meaning of Hope in the Corinthian trilogy of eternal verities, and his guidance on the O.T. Hebrew and N.T. Greek words variously translated as "hope".

Don Weekes



"UP IN SMOKE"

Was it right to spend so much money on gunpowder in a time when we are so aware of needs worldwide? This was the question we discussed at some length at our Youth Club leaders' meeting before deciding, as one, that, yes, we must go ahead with the firework evening.

What we believed would happen, did. Many friends from the church, and of church friends, came. Many who had not been on our premises before came. Everyone enjoyed a full evening which began with entertainment for the younger ones, then the fireworks with a few surprises — this year — including two small bonfires (which were quickly dealt with)! and nearly the first Worthing man on the moon, as one leader nearly sat on a firework! Plenty of sparklers in the middle of the display and then to refreshments and food. Popping into the hall, I was made very aware of the numbers who came (200 plus) and the fact that all ages were still enjoying the evening. Thank you so much for the help, Ted and

Family Circle and everyone else who helped in an evening where one leader was heard to say "God enjoyed that". So many new friends came that night and we hope that the way is now open for them to come and join us again at the Church.

It is quite clear that God wishes (as He says in the Bible) that all men should be saved and we give thanks for the opportunity given that night to reach out in the name of Jesus.

JANE ARCHER

A Little puzzle for you all!

In the last issue of the "Chronicle" the Editor made reference to the distribution arrangements for distant friends. It may be of interest to readers to scan the following list of destinations mailed each month. How many of the recipients can you identify by name?

Hassocks, Buxton, Norwich, Edgware Middx., Streatham Hill, Kersal, Salford, Lancing, Dorking, Sanderstead, Otford Kent, Ruislip Middx., Herne Bay, Birchington, Prestonpans E. Lothian, Littledean Glos., Park Gate Southampton, Combe Down Bath, Horsham, Emsworth, New Plymouth N.Z.

Three copies are sent to home addresses (Kindly Forward).

Copies are also sent to

Local Ministers Local Radio Local Press Central Library

and to friends and members living in Worthing, who, for various reasons, are not able to come to the church for their copies.

Do you know of any other deserving cases?

CHARLES STEPHENS

WANTED - USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please help our Christian brethren in Communist countries by saving all used postage stamps. There will be a box to receive them in the church vestibule during December,

This is the caption under the picture of an African baby in the latest Bulletin from ECHO (Equipment for Charity Hospitals Overseas). ECHO is the brain-child of Dr. James Burton, who with his wife, served with the Baptist Missionary Society in Congo (now Zaire). They saw the chronic shortage of equipment in the hospitals and the primitive conditions. Eventually, through ECHO, vast quantities of equipment (discarded by

Now the total of hospitals, clinics and medical relief programmes served is over 1900 in 119 countries of the Third World.

British hospitals in favour of high technology) were bought cheaply and shipped around the world.

The story is told in Mrs. Burton's books, "Flying Forceps" and "Cheaper by the Million" (The latter about the supply of drugs).

The first of three shipments of medical supplies, which will value nearly half a million pounds was packed by ECHO staff in just 2 days (27 tons in all) and is already meeting desperate needs in the Tigray area of Ethiopia.

Now about the title of this article! Thousands of multi-coloured vests have been knitted by ladies throughout the UK and are used as soft packing for delicate medical equuipment and drugs. They are greatly appreciated by Missionary nurses and midwives, as sometimes the baby of a poor family has no other article of clothing. The vests therefore play an extremely important role in infantile health care in the Third World.

Patterns for baby vests are available now and those for toddlers later. Unpicked wool quite suitable. In a recent letter Dr. Burton says:

"Some groups go to jumble sales and pick up old woolen jumpers for a few pence and then get their husbands to unpick them so that the ladies can knit them up again as vests for the Third World"!

I shall be pleased to supply further information.

ECHO, Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, CR3 2HR.

LETTER FROM 140 GEORGE V. AVENUE, WORTHING

REMEMBRANCE DAY, 1984

Yes, I am there sometimes! and with just enough time today to write before driving back to London for another week's hard labour! We have been singing this morning 'Bind us together with chords that cannot be broken' and thanking God for the remembrance of those gone and for those still alive but not always near us.

I spent part of last week (half-term holiday) in Cornwall and went to our annual Family Reunion, started 9 years ago in remembrance of my grandmother. There were 85 adults and 35 children and many absentees! My father was a blacksmith who learned welding when he was in the R.A.F. during the war. I can still hear the clink and clang of the hammer on his anvil early in the morning before he went to work(!!) sharpening tools for the stonemasons in the granite quarry or mending ploughshares for a farmer. But what I remember most about my father and mother too, is that they were always reading! Father gathered a considerably large wide-ranging library over the years from when he left school at 14. He educated himself and became a Methodist local preacher of some repute and was invited onto various committees, including the governors of the local comprehensive school.

The love of books permeated through his children to grand-children and great-grandchildren. How proud he would have been to browse through James' bookshop and to learn that James (Mark) Connelly, his grandson, had submitted a huge, bound volume to the Department of Politics in the Faculty of Social Science in Southampton University. This thesis, entitled "Metaphysics, Method and Politics: Unity in the Political Philosophy of R.G. Collingwood" is beyond my limited comprehension, but gained him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on 7th November. His daughter, $2\frac{1}{2}$, is already a book worm! Helen, our eldest child, married with 3 small children, has had a hard time with husband out of work for long periods and has struggled hard to keep the family going.

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH HONTH

Books have been solace and strength to her. She has made use of them to fashion a mini-career of her own as the children are growing up. How many nights I stayed awake, wondering what time Fiona would arrive home from Brighton's night-spots!

We look forward to her coming home for Christmas from Los Angeles - by then she will have been dedicated as a deacon of Westwood Presbyterian Church, and married on 12th December!

We thank God for the remembrance and ties that cannot be broken.

All good wishes and blessings at Christmas,

MARY CONNELLY



SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER, WEST PARK SCHOOL - 7.00 p.m.

'Highlight Time' - A look back over 1984, coupled with presentation of Awards and Prizes to the girls. Admission is free although a collection will be taken during the evening. Christmas cards and gift paper will also be on sale and we hope to see YOU there. It promises to be a good evening and a happy start to the Festive Seasion.

Thank you for your support during the past year; for the many acts of love and kindness which have come our way. We have had a super year and a full report will be available from 1st January, 1985.

Two-thirds of the girls are now wearing their new blazers and we shall hope to see the remaining girls in theirs by the end of next year.

As this goes to print, we are so happy to know that Lt. Norris is recovering from her recent operation. We trust, dear Doreen, that it won't be long before your hands are fully healed.

From one very happy Captain, six equally happy Lieutenants, and 60 lovely girls - "HAPPY CHRISTMAS" and "GOD BLESS YOU ALL".

JEAN WEBB

MISSIONS

Each year our church is assessed for the amount of support to be given to the U.R.C. Unified Appeal and contributions towards this are invited through the mauve envelopes. Our Quota for 1984 is £2830, but present indications are that our contributions, through the mission envelopes will be in the region of only £150, leaving a large balance to come from the Church's General Fund. The Assessment for 1985 is likely to be at least £3000.

Would you therefore please give prayerful consideration to your participation in the mission envelope Scheme in 1985. For your guidance - the mauve envelopes merely serve as a means of identifying your gift, not meaning to signify any commitment regarding amount. HARRY KING





CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN LONDON!

CEDAR TRANSPORT is providing special a minibus service to London for Christmas Shopping on 8th December and 15th. This will be a door-todoor service, picking you up at your home and setting as required in Central down London. Departure from Worthing will be at 9.00 a.m. returning from London at 5.00 p.m. Return fare will be £6. To book a seat of please ring Atherton on Worthing 37352 during office hours. CHRIS CHATFIELD

LAUGHLINE!

With acknowledgment to:- The Parish Church Magazine, Stoke Damerel, Devonport.

A patient from a nearby Mental Institution walked into the local branch of Lloyds Bank, Epsom and said that God had sent him to pick up a million pounds. The unflappable cashier's response was immediate - "I'm sorry sir, God banks with Barclays!"